

THE CONNECTION

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NOVEMBER'S NOTABLE EVENTS

TUESDAY TRIVIA NIGHT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

SYNAPLEX!
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

FALL SHOPPING SPREE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

SHABBAT OF GIVING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

WESTCHESTER SYMPHONIC WINDS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

THANKSGIVING FEAST FOR THE COACHMAN
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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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*

Saturday Morning Services

Shabbat Morning Spiritual Lift

with Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Schulman Chapel

9:00am

Coffee and Community

9:30 - 10:30am

Study

11:00am

Shabbat Service in the Woods

Kabbalat Shabbat Services Including

Shabbat Stories

6:15pm *in the Main Sanctuary*

JOIN US FOR OUR SECOND ANNUAL SHABBAT OF GIVING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH.

If you have had a meaningful volunteer experience as a Kol Ami volunteer, please share your story with Ginny Ruder ginnyruder@gmail.com or Betsy McCormack betsymc@gmail.com by November 1. Your story may be included in the evening's booklet.

WEEKLY TORAH PORTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

Week ending November 7, 2015

Parashat Chayei Sarah Genesis 23:1-25:18

The first words of this parashah translate as "the life of Sarah," but it begins with her death. Abraham purchases land in which to bury her, and then sends his servant to the village of his brother to acquire a wife for his son Isaac. The servant observes Rebekah, who offers water to him and to his camels to drink. Rebekah follows Abraham's servant back home and becomes Isaac's wife.

Week ending November 14, 2015

Parashat Toldot Genesis 25:19-28:9

Isaac marries Rebekah, and after 20 childless years they become parents to twin boys, Esau and Jacob. The brothers are quite different from one another and are at odds with each other well into adulthood. Rebekah favors Jacob, whereas Isaac seems aligned with Esau. Rebekah and Jacob conspire to deceive Isaac into giving the blessing due his firstborn son Esau, to Jacob. The sibling rivalry between Esau and Jacob reaches a feverish pitch, and becomes a recurring theme in Genesis.

Week ending November 21, 2015

Parashat Vayetze Genesis 28:10-32:3

Vayetze, meaning "and he went out," refers to Jacob's journey to Haran, his mother Rebekah's birthplace, to escape his brother Esau's wrath. On his journey, he dreams of a ladder reaching from earth to heaven and is given the same promise that God gave Abraham and Isaac, i.e., that he will inherit the land and be blessed. Jacob meets Rachel at the well and works for her father (his uncle Laban) for seven years in order to marry her. Jacob, who deceived his brother Esau, is himself the victim of deception. Laban substitutes Leah (his older daughter) for Rachel. Jacob must serve Laban an additional seven years in order to wed his intended spouse Rachel. Jacob eventually has a total of twelve sons and decides to return to his homeland.

Week ending November 28, 2015

Parashat Vayishlach Genesis 32:4-36:43

Jacob is now ready to return home after fleeing twenty years earlier, and realizes he will have to reconcile with his brother Esau. On the way, he has a dream and encounters a divine messenger. After the dream, Jacob is renamed Israel, meaning "struggles with God." Our narrative leaps forward in time to the moment when Jacob's children are now adults and his daughter, Dina is raped. Two of Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi, avenge the crime.

B'NAI MITZVAH

We will be celebrating the following children's bar & bat mitzvot this month. Mazal Tov!



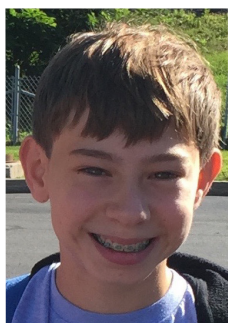
Conner Aaron Raff, son of Jodie and Kenneth Raff and brother of Ethan Raff, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on **Saturday**,

November 14, 2015. Conner is an 8th grader at Scarsdale Middle School. He enjoys playing football, wrestling and baseball. He competes for the school's Science Olympiad team where he has helped design bottle rockets; studied fossils and rocks and minerals. Conner enjoys helping others and has volunteered the past two years at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at Manhattanville College. He has been instrumental in fund raising to help put an end to Breast Cancer.



Samuel Isaac Hutter, son of Dana Ross and Adam Hutter and big brother to Sarah, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on

November 28, 2015. Sam is in the 8th grade at Ardsley Middle School. Sam is a great athlete and very competitive. He is an avid NY Rangers fan, and loves to play hockey, football, swimming, and lacrosse. He is funny, caring, and considerate. He enjoys spending time with his family and hanging out with his friends.



Brett Zachary Goldstein, son of Amy and Jonathan Goldstein, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 21, 2015. Brett is an eighth grader at Scarsdale Middle School. He enjoys

playing soccer and tennis, traveling and biking. For his Mitzvah project, Brett is volunteering at the Coachman Family Center in White Plains. He is looking forward to sharing this special day with family and friends from near and far.



Gillian Melissa Zitrin, daughter of Debra and Anthony Zitrin and the older sister to Eliana and Adena will be called to the Torah on November 14, 2015. Gillian is an 8th grader at Scarsdale

Middle School. She enjoys everything she possibly can with her sisters, as well as dancing, playing her flute, swimming, reading and her new love, cross country. For her mitzvah project, Gillian spent the past year planning and enjoying arts and crafts projects side by side with children ages 5-12 at the Coachman Family Shelter in White Plains. It has been a special experience for her and she plans to continue into the future.

A collection bin will be set up at Kol Ami during her service where arts and crafts supplies will be donated by her friends and family and later delivered by Gillian to the Coachman. Also, the centerpieces for her celebration are a collection of new arts and crafts supplies arranged in a decorative manner which will be dismantled and donated to the Coachman as well. Gillian is all smiles as she anticipates her special day.



Azalea Heyman, daughter of Paul Heyman and Marla J Moss, sister to Jacob Zelig Heyman, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 7, 2015. Azalea is

in the 8th grade in Edgemont Jr/ Sr High School. Azalea is also the granddaughter of a Holocaust Survivor, the late Sulamita Szarf Heyman, who survived the Lodz Ghetto, Auschwitz and Bergen Belsen. The significance of Azalea becoming a Bat Mitzvah has not been lost on Azalea, who honors her family with pride.



Lauren Skye Formica, daughter of Stephen and Dena Formica and sister to Samantha, Jesse and Harley, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

on November 21, 2015. Lauren is in 8th grade at the White Plains Highland Middle school where she excels in academics and swims for the modified team. In the summer, Lauren chooses to spend her time in Montreal with family and attends Camp Kanawana in St. Sauveur, Quebec. Lauren possesses an amazing personality of wit, humor, compassion and has a huge devotion to family and friends. The accomplishment of her Bat Mitzvah will be carried with pride forever.

A Message From Our Rabbi

TOM WEINER



LGBTQ INCLUSION, "HOW'RE WE DOIN'?"

A vital synagogue community always has to be moving forward. The world changes, often for the better, and we have to grow and adapt to fully be there for each other. Working to be ever more welcoming to our LGBTQ members is one key area of ongoing growth.

With that in mind, I am looking for your help. To paraphrase my favorite New York City Mayor, "How're we doin'?" I'd really appreciate hearing your thoughts and ideas on how effective we are in our inclusion work. In the past few years we have done the following:

- Reviewed all Synagogue documents, applications, etc. to try to make sure our language is welcoming and embracing of all of our members.
- Physically added a prayer of celebration of "All The Ways We Love" into our green siddur (prayerbook).
- Offered High Holiday sermons exploring LGBT issues.
- Presented several Synaplex keynote programs with gay and transgender themes.
- Celebrated Gay Pride Shabbat.
- We are applying to for a grant to create a team of our clergy, educators and lay leaders to join a cohort of 8 leading institutions committed to enhancing LGBTQ inclusion in our teen community. (Sponsored by The Jewish Education Project and Keshet.)

I know this is only the beginning of the work. But if you have ideas you'd like to share or suggestions on how the work can be even more productive, please get in touch with me and let me know at RabbiWeiner@nykolami.org Our minds and hearts are open to what you have to offer.

Thanks,
Tom

Rabbi Tom Connecting with our Community

Do you have a child in college or graduate school?

If you haven't already, please send in their contact information as soon as possible to stacikrantz@nykolami.org. We don't want them to miss out on holiday greetings or contact with Rabbi Tom when he is making plans to get together with our students. Please provide your child's/children's:

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 School name and expected date of graduation _____
 Email address and Cell phone _____

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A Message from our Rabbi

SHIRA MILGROM



Some of us were together just a few weeks ago as the Torah was unfurled around the entire sanctuary. The entire exquisite scroll, gently and lovingly held and suspended in the air in the hands of adults and teens as children sat on the floor in the middle. We read the last words of the closing verses of Deuteronomy – and the opening words of the book of Genesis. The Torah is the gift of the Jewish people to all humanity. But the Torah doesn't open with a story about the Jews; it opens with a story of the universe, and a story about all human beings. All of us created, equally, in the divine image.

It is not until three weeks and twelve chapters later that we hear the beginnings of the Jewish story. Lech l'cha. God said to Sarai and Avram – to Abraham and Sarah – Lech l'cha. Go forth. "Go forth from your native land, from the place of your birth and the land of your ancestors, to the land that I will show you. I will make from you a great nation, and I will bless you. I will curse those who curse you, and bless those who bless you – and through you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

In the story of our origins as a people, God asks us to leave the comforts of home and known civilization (the Tigris and Euphrates valley was the cradle of civilization) – to head out for the desert and for the unknown. "It is a great experiment," says God. (This is an imagined paraphrase.) "Being part of the Jewish people will bring curse and blessing – it has great risk and opportunity. But if you do it right, if you will partner with me," says God, "then through you, all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Being Jewish means not remaining satisfied with the status quo. It means heading out for the unknown and taking risks. It means being a blessing.

It is difficult these days to follow the news about Israel. It is difficult to see the violence against innocent men, women and children. It is also difficult when we find ourselves in serious and worried disagreement with the policies of the government of Israel. Many of you were in our sanctuary on Yom Kippur day, as Bassam Aramin, a Palestinian Muslim man, and Robi Damelin, a Jewish Israeli woman, stood side by side on our bima. They spoke as two bereaved parents, as two who have faced the chasm of pain left by the violent deaths of their children – and they want peace. They are not alone – not in their bereavements and losses, nor in their passion for peace.

Those of us who want peace must speak.

This past week, I, too, was in the desert. Not the desert of the Ancient Near East – no – the high desert and canyons of northern Arizona. On occasion, David and I connected to the internet, and we learned that the Jewish Federations of North America declared the Shabbat of October 16/17 for congregations across the country a Shabbat of Solidarity with Israel.

A Shabbat of Solidarity with which Israel?

There are many possible Israels. There is an Israel of fundamentalism, of haredi ultra-Orthodoxy, of occupation, of continued war. There is also an Israel of hope, of democratic and progressive values, of tolerance, of working for peace, an Israel of blessing.

There are extraordinary people – some of whom we've met – and some whom we will – (both here and when we travel to Israel) – who are defying the status quo, who are taking risks for peace. This is the journey of blessing. "L'chi lach – to a land that I will show you. Lech l'cha, to a place you do not know. L'chi lach, on your journey I will bless you – and you shall be a blessing."

Warmly,
Shira

A Message from our Cantor

DAVID ROSEN



Life's a Journey not a Destination

A few weeks ago during Sukkot, I found myself with fellow Kol Ami staff sitting around Rabbi Milgrom and her husband David's dining room table for a delicious breakfast, celebrating the end of another High Holiday season. David and Shira had asked each of us at the table to share our personal story of how we

came to this table, in other words, what was the path that led our family to come to White Plains and to be a part of Kol Ami.

It was fascinating to hear from many of our staff about the journeys and often risks taken by their ancestors that allowed them to be here today. It made us realize that each and every one of us has an interesting story (whether or not we consider it to be) and no matter how different that story is from each other we all have something in common.

As I sat down to plan my curriculum for the 11th and 12th grade class for the coming year, I had this breakfast and journey sharing exercise in my head. How fortunate I was to be facilitating a classroom of 21 post-confirmands all who chose to continue their Jewish education beyond what is typically expected of them. What is it about this group of teenagers that brought them all together? What was unique about their journeys that led them to be sitting in a classroom in a synagogue when they could be at the mall or hanging out with each other in some other environment?

One of the highlights of a service celebrating Bar/Bat Mitzvah at Kol Ami is when the Torah is passed through the generations of a particular family. It is at that moment where Rabbi Weiner often refers to the personal journeys that were travelled by members of the family, which has resulted

in the Bar/Bat Mitzvah student reaching their special day. That student's journey is intertwined with an intergenerational story that is so unique and special to an individual family and its members. Each journey is filled with struggles and achievements and each journey is left with a story still to be told.

Our journeys are what shape our lives. Our journeys help to strengthen our identities and how we relate to each other.

As I write this article, it is this coming Shabbat that we will chant from the Torah portion Lech L'cha. If there is any Torah portion that highlights the concept of journeys, Lech L'cha is the quintessential journey story of the beginning of our people. Abraham's journey was unknown and he could have never known or imagined how it could have changed his life, the life of his family and the destiny of an entire people.

As we reflect upon our journeys, remember to celebrate what is unique and special about your own. There is a beautiful quote by author John Steinbeck that reads:

"A journey is a person in itself; no two are alike. And all plans, safeguards, policing, and coercion are fruitless. We find that after years of struggle that we do not take a trip; a trip takes us."

May we all continue to share our journeys with each other and remember to enjoy the ride in the process...

Warmly,
David

A Message From Our Religious School Director

FELICE MILLER BARITZ



It has been such a busy start of the year. As we settle into routines and plan our participation in all that lies ahead, I look forward to getting to know our new families and reconnecting with parents, students and teachers.

The air is cool, the leaves are changing and it really feels like Fall. After weeks of celebrating

Withhold judgment, and just listen. When we hear each others stories we can better understand each of our places in the world. We all construct meaning through inquiry, problem solving and discovery. We have so much to learn from each other!

This prayer inspires me to find that place of gratitude. Open my eyes, God. Help me to perceive what I have ignored, to uncover what I have forsaken, to find what I have been searching for. Remind me that I don't have to journey far to discover something new, for miracles surround me, blessing and holiness abound. And You are near. Amen. A prayer for Daily Insight (Rabbi Naomi Levy)

So, as the leaves begin to fall from the trees and we feel the physical changes around us, take a moment to listen. To your children, your partner, your friends. Then, take a moment to listen to your own heart.

Wishing us all a season filled with the opportunity to feel gratitude.

our fall holidays, for me, November is the month of Thanksgiving. I am often acutely aware of my personal desire to express gratitude. To feel thankful. Life is so full of challenges for most of us... so finding that space in which to feel grateful is often not easy. Usually, for me it involves stepping away from the daily stress and pressure and taking a broader view of my life. When I'm able to get past the pile of work on my desk, or the pile of bills at home, I can see with some clarity the blessings in my life. A family who I love and who love me, and the care and support of friends. A Jewish community, where I both work and live, that provides me with constant ways to learn and grow, to both give and receive.

One of the things I know is that when we take the time to listen to one another, something changes in the dynamic of our interactions.

Felice

Religious School Events & Reminders

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Rosenthal at joshrosenthal@nykolami.org

Kol Ami 4th - 7th Grade Retreat November 13-15

The weekend will be filled with Shabbat...Friday night service, Saturday morning worship with a hike and singing, and a Havdallah campfire! The rest of the retreat will include games, bonding activities, leadership and team building, a challenge and adventure program and other camp-like activities. This weekend offers a great way to forge friendships and get your child involved in Youth Group and the Kol Ami community.

We hope your child can join us for this fun weekend!

For more information or to register please contact
Felice at felicemillerbaritz@nykolami.org.



A Message from Our ECP Director NAN BLANK

One doesn't have to walk too far to hear the sounds of laughter coming from the children and staff of our Early Childhood Program. It's everywhere - on our playgrounds, in our classrooms and with each of our special instruction activities. Our curriculum is full and enriching with learning and exploration and opportunities in Gym, Israeli Dance, Music, Art, Teva, Garden and Torah Alive!

This month the ECP is once again pleased to host our annual Book Fair from November 16-20. You are invited with your children to our annual Story Hour on Monday, November 16 at 4:00pm. This year we are particularly thrilled to welcome Jacky Davis and David Soman authors of the children's books Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy series. Autographed copies of these books will be available for purchase at our Book Fair. Please see our flyer in this month's Connection.

Our 8th Annual Family 2K Turkey Trot will be held on Sunday morning November 15th beginning at 9:15 am. We'll be there rain or shine in the front entrance of the Temple and hope you will be too! Admission for this fabulous family morning is smiles, sneakers, frozen turkeys, bags of apples, bags of

potatoes, boxes of stuffing, cans of pumpkin, or cans of cranberry. Please look for our flyer in this month's Connection, 'Don't be Chicken 'cause we need Turkeys!'

Our 4's will be hosting their annual Intergenerational Thanksgiving Feast on Wednesday, November 25th - this is always a very special event here at the early childhood program. Our 5's will be hosting their families, our 3's will be feasting as one community and our 2's will enjoy some delicious treats in their individual classrooms.

This month also marks the beginning of our Pre-Registration for the 2016-2017 school year. Next year, we will again be offering our very popular First Friends, a toddler program for children 14-22 months; 2, 3, 4 and 5-day, 2's classes; 3, 4 and 5-day 3's classes; a 4's morning program; and a 3-full and 2 half-day program for 4's; an extended day choice for 4's and 5's; and our A Step Ahead! Kindergarten Readiness Program specifically designed for children turning 5 from September to December.

Please feel free to call the ECP office for more information about any of our programs and our nursery school - we look forward to talking with you and touring you around our school.

Warmly,
Nan

Early Childhood Program Events & Reminders

November 1
ECP Registration for
2016-2017 begins

November 4 at 9:15am
4's and Pre-K Parents
coffee with Nan

November 5 at 7:30pm
Evening Speaker - Sarah
Rowen LCSW - When
to Worry About Your
Kid's Worries (and
when not to) The entire
community is welcome!

November 11
Closed for Veteran's day

November 15 at 9:15am
2K Turkey Trot 9:15

November 16
ECP Book Fair begins

November 17 at 4:00pm
Book Fair Story Hour

November 18 at 9:15am
3's Coffee with Nan

November 19 at 5:00pm
ECP Evening Conferences
for all children

November 20
Shabbat Dinner for
Families with Young
Children. **Advance
registration is required.**

November 27 and 28
Closed for Thanksgiving

New Program from the Membership Committee Shabbat in My Home – Come Say Shalom

Become a Shabbat host and begin the cycle of connection!! Hosts are encouraged to invite people they do not know well or at all, along with those they do know to share a Shabbat meal. Then we hope that guests who have been invited to the first

dinner will become hosts and invite other congregants they know and don't know the next time around, and so on. **The first of the series of Shabbat in My Home – Come Say Shalom dinners was held on Friday evening, October 2, after services.** Eight congregants hosted with approximately 60 guests attending, including some brand new members. Participants included a true cross section of our community – singles, couples and families with kids of all ages. Hosts received gift bags filled with challah, Shabbat candles, homemade cookies, prayers and a logo to be displayed in group photos. Please



Let Susan Davis (susanhopedavis@hotmail.com) or Lisa Hochman (lisahochman@mac.com) know if you would like to participate as a host or a guest. There are also signup sheets at the temple. The next scheduled date for Shabbat in My Home - Come Say Shalom is December 4.

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A Message from Our Executive Director

JESS LORDEN



My Jewish Journey

Everyone has a story.

Each of us has a reason for being a part of Kol Ami.

Each of us has our own unique connection to Judaism.

Commencing in December, we will be featuring a monthly column entitled "Jewish Journeys". This column will be devoted to sharing congregant journeys to Judaism, the importance of religion in

their lives, and the events which brought them to our community.

This is my Jewish Journey.

I was born and raised in Great Neck, NY, where my great grandparents and grandparents were founding members of Temple Israel, a conservative temple in Great Neck, and where I received my Jewish education. My immediate family was culturally Jewish, enjoying a Shabbat meal every Friday night and celebrating all the Jewish holidays with our extended family, however our synagogue attendance occurred only "three times a year". Nevertheless, I have wonderful memories sitting with my Nana during services (she always carried Mentos and other candy for us), sitting next to my Dad and playing with the tzitzit on his tallit, and attending Hebrew School with my best friend. I don't know exactly why, but I did not celebrate becoming a bat mitzvah as a teenager. My formal Jewish education ended after seventh grade.

Fast forward to my college years at Binghamton University where I met and fell in love with Dave. By the time we both graduated, we realized we had each found "the one". As we seriously considered marriage, we discussed religion. Marrying someone Catholic was never a concern to me, but it was vitally important to me to raise our children as Jews. At one point Dave and I met with a conservative Rabbi who looked me in the eye and told me that a good Jew does not marry out of the faith. We also met with a young Priest who was new to Dave's church. Thankfully that Priest was more supportive of our marriage, and he remains a friend to this day.

Dave and I were married in 1985 while we were in graduate school. A Rabbi and a Priest performed our ceremony combining the most beautiful aspects of each religion. It may sound strange to those not in an interfaith marriage, but marrying Dave made me a better, more committed Jew. Why? It didn't seem fair to so fervently insist upon raising children Jewish if we were not going to be active and engaged members of a temple.

Positions with IBM brought us to Westchester and we settled in White Plains. We joined Kol Ami in 1994 thanks to Bonnie

Eilen, my doctor and friend, and John Laemle, an IBM colleague and neighbor. When we first started attending services, we joined the Lift on Saturday mornings as that time worked best for our family. In fact, we so enjoyed the Lift service that for my 40th birthday, I celebrated my bat mitzvah with the Lift service with Rabbi Shira's help and support.

We have been blessed with two children, Sarah and Robby, who are Jewish and are very much a part of the Kol Ami family. We have also been blessed with wonderful extended family all of whom embrace our blended family.

Five years ago Dave and I renewed our wedding vows. Both Rabbi Tom and our friend, Father Paul, joined us to share blessings. Both signed our wedding ketubah, definitely a first for Father Paul. We continue to blend religion with every aspect of our life as I now work at Kol Ami and Dave now teaches at The Ursuline School, a girl's Catholic school.

When Sarah and Robby were young and attending religious school I was asked to join the Religious School Committee. Participation on the committee led to co-chairing the committee. I then became a Trustee on the Kol Ami Board and ultimately an Executive Officer on the Board. After years of service as a volunteer at Kol Ami I realized that the Kol Ami community was my passion, and now feel quite fortunate to have followed Jane in being Kol Ami's Executive Director.

When I was younger I could not have anticipated that my Jewish journey would take me to a leadership position at Kol Ami. I am not sure exactly what lies in my future, but I look forward to sharing it with you. Mostly, I look forward to making your Jewish journey a meaningful one.

That's my Jewish journey, what's yours?

Fondly, Jess

*If you would like to share your Jewish journey, please contact Susan Ross at havilands122@yahoo.com.

"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 ones' 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 December, Myrna Barzellatto and Sara Elkin will be our "guides" as they describe their religious passages at Kol Ami.

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

Women of Reform Judaism Events & Reminders

Fall Shopping Spree!



Congregation Kol Ami

252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606

Sunday, November 15, 2015
9am - 4pm

Jewelry, handbags, accessories, crafts, skincare, candles,
kitchenware, home organization, raffles, food...
and much, much more!

*Start your holiday shopping early and support
the Kol Ami Sisterhood!*

 WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM | Stronger Together

The Kol Ami Sisterhood Havdallah Series Presents

Wine & Wisdom with Rabbi Shira Milgrom



Saturday November 21st, 4-6pm
at the home of Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Advance Registration: \$18 members/\$25 non-members
After November 14th or at the door \$20

Register online at www.NYKolAmi.org/Sisterhood or mail
your check payable to Sisterhood to the main office.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit us at www.NYKolAmi.org

KABRO (Men's Council) Events & Reminders

FAMILY CHANUKAH PARTY



*Crafts for Kids
Latkes and Doughnuts
Dreidel Spinning
Chanukah Music
Storytelling*

Sunday, December 13, 2015 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Kol Ami Men's Council Invites You to
Join us for a fun filled event.

Everyone's welcome! Activities for children (2-10)
A pizza lunch and refreshments will be served

Admission is free . . . Tzadakah, by choice: an unwrapped children's
toy to be donated to charity

Please RSVP by Friday, December 4th

To: Anthony Zitrin (anthonyzitrin@aol.com) or

Leave with Office: Kol Ami—Attention: Men's Council

Family Name: _____

of adults (13 & older) _____

of children (2-12) _____

of children under 2 years _____

Kol Ami Cares

Opportunities for Volunteering

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

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

Ginny Ruder (ginnyruder@gmail.com) and
Betsy McCormack (betsyrmc@aol.com)

Social Action

Cooking for the Homeless

In the Kol Ami kitchen
Sundays at 11:15 am:
Nov 8, Dec 13, Jan 10,
Feb 7, Mar 20, Apr 17, May 22
and
Mondays at 12 pm:
Nov 2, Dec 7, Feb 1,
Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, June 6

The Cabin Group - Alcoholics Anonymous

Weekly (closed) Tuesday meetings at 5:45 pm
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.
Nov 10 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

King Street Nursing Home

Wednesday Nov. 11th at 2:30pm
787 King St, Rye Brook

Kol Ami Pantry Hours

Tuesday 9:30am – 11:00am
Thursday 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Sunday 11:30am – 1:00pm

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 and separate teenage outings

Thanksgiving Feast at Kol Ami

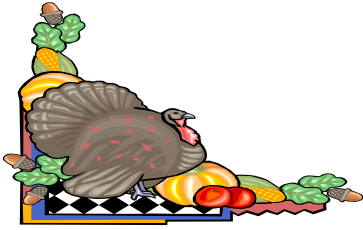
Memorial Day Bar-B-Q at Kol Ami

Knitting blankets for the Coachman children

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



COACHMAN CORNER, CON'T...



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

HELP US MAKE THANKSGIVING A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY FOR OUR COACHMAN FAMILIES

On Sunday, November 22nd at 5PM we will be hosting families from the Coachman Family Center for a Thanksgiving Feast. We need congregants to:

Shop

Cook

Set-up

Lead Arts & Crafts Activities and Games for Children

Serve

Clean-up

If you would like to be involved in our Thanksgiving dinner project, please contact:

Jess Lorden, 914-949-4717, ext. 101 or jessicalorden@nykolami.org or

Ellen Kurtz, 914-522-0677 or ekurtzinc@verizon.net

Kol Ami Pantry: A Response To Hunger Close To Home

Over 507,000 Jewish households in the eight county New York region, including Westchester, are in financial difficulty. Struggling with uncertain budgets, people can be left hungry.

The Kol Ami Food Pantry enables us to address the hunger problem in our own community of congregants, staff and guests of both. During each of the last two months, our Food Pantry has served 125 individuals with shelf-stable, non-perishable goods.

If you would like to utilize the Pantry but are hesitant, please know that we are considering many different options for providing groceries to congregant households in need. Please tell us how we can get food to you!

Executive Director Jess Lorden welcomes suggestions on alternative methods for placing and delivering food orders. Please call Jess at 914-949-4717 ext. 101 or send an email to: JessicaLorden@nykolami.org.

Your input is valued and necessary.

Kol Ami Blood Drive

Sunday, December 13, 2015

8:30 AM to 2:30 PM at Congregation Kol Ami

Please make sure there will be blood available when someone needs it. YOU can save lives. Students returning from College are welcome. Give the GIFT OF LIFE. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with written parental/guardian permission) and weigh 110 pounds. People over 75 can contribute to donate blood if they meet all donor criteria and present a physician's letter allowing them to donate. There are, however, some medical conditions that can keep someone from giving blood. There are also some restrictions based on past travel. 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.

Chairman David Klein



"For the life of all flesh – its blood is its life." Leviticus 17:14

**Congregation Kol Ami Trip
To Israel And Petra
Led By Rabbi Shira Milgrom
and Nan Blank
February 11-22, 2016
Visit the website for details!!!**

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ENGAGE AND LEARN

Gender and Judaism - Male and Female - What does it Mean to Be a Jewish Human Being?

8 Sundays, 9:00 - 11:00am

with Rabbi Shira Milgrom, Dr. Ellen Umansky and Dr. Jennifer Lemberg

Session I: November 15

Gender as a Category of Experience

Session II: November 22

Codification of Gender Identity

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

Coffee, Clergy and Conversations – Five ECP mornings with Sara Elkin & Rabbi Shira Milgrom

5 Thursdays 9:15-10:30am

Session II: November 19

Halloween and Thanksgiving: Fully American, Fully Jewish

Current Events with Beth & Gene Kava

Mondays, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Nov 2, 16, 30, Dec 7, 21, Jan 4, 25, Feb 8, 22, Mar 7, 21, Apr 4, 18, May 2, 16, June 6

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.

Parashat Hashavua: Torah Portion of the Week

Fridays, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Read and discuss the week's Torah portion

Participants are encouraged to share their own thoughts & insights, or bring commentaries from other sources that relate to the portion.

Women's Roundtable Breakfast

Wednesdays, 7:45 – 9:00 am

Nov 4, Dec 9, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4

With Rabbi Shira Milgrom

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

Prophets Seminar

Mondays 7:30 pm

By studying the book of Jeremiah, we will be examining the history surrounding the Babylonian exile as well as the prophet Jeremiah himself. Jeremiah reveals the psychology of the prophet. He lays bare his sorrow. The primary text will be Jeremiah, part of the Soncino Books of the Bible series, interpretations by Heschel, Buber and others will be examined.

Prerequisite- curiosity.

WAJE PROGRAMS

These programs are offered by WAJE (Westchester Adult Jewish Education) and graciously hosted by Kol Ami. For more information please contact Alice Tenney WAJE Director at 914-761-6309 or waje@wjcouncil.org

Zionism: An Idea That Will Not Die!

Wednesday, Nov 4, 10:00 am – 12:15 pm

Muslims and Jews: A Historical Perspective*

3 Wednesday mornings, 10:00 am -12:15 pm

Nov 18; Dec 9 & 16

Mussar Classes

Mondays, 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Nov 16, Dec 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, 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 or 914-761-0600 x149 to register.

Women in Transition

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month,

Nov 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 sturmshsheila@gmail.com or 914-391-1227

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

Now entering 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.

Wise Aging (Advanced Group)

Being 60 years of age and above can be a time of continued growth, new experiences, and life repair. Using texts, discussion and experiential exercises, we will identify the many possibilities that this stage of life offers. Led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW, WJCS Partners-in-Caring clinician for Kol Ami. **This group is currently not taking new members. If you are interested in a beginners group please contact Ruth Rosenblum at rosenblum@wjcs.com.**

PARENTING GROUPS AT KOL AMI!

First Friends, an ECP program for Toddlers 13 - 22 months

(Accompanied by a parent or caregiver)

If you have a toddler and you're looking to make some new friends, what are you waiting for? Maybe the time is right to think about joining us! This program runs from October 20 - January 5 and January 26 - April 5 and provides a wonderful segue to our Early Childhood Program and to our Kol Ami community. For more information and membership details please call Nan Blank, ECP Director at 949-4717x107

Sunday Parenting Group

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

Meets the 1st Sunday of the month

Beginning Nov 1

9:15 - 10:45 am

Susan Davis, LCSW

Parenting Teens Workshops

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

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month

Nov 5 at 12:00pm

Susan Davis, LCSW

Grandparenting Workshops

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

Meets the 1st Monday of the month

Nov 2 at 9:15am

Susan Davis, LCSW

Hebrew Classes for Adults

Beginners Hebrew with Emily Fields*

Sundays at 9:00 am
\$150 per semester/10 classes

NEW CLASS! Learn the Service in Hebrew with Emily Fields*

Sundays at 10:00 am
\$150 per semester/10 classes
(For Advanced Beginners who can slowly read Hebrew)
Master the melodies and the Hebrew prayers.

Intermediate Hebrew with Emily Fields*

Sundays at 11:15 am
\$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

Winter Jewish Film Festival

~Screening of Israeli films and films with Jewish content~
Selected Monday evenings at 7:30 pm
Nov 16, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8 & Mar 14

The November 16th film will be "Deli Man"

Arriving in the United States with 19th-century Jewish immigrants, deli cuisine quickly found its way into the nation's mainstream appetite. This affectionate documentary celebrates Jewish delicatessens and their place in American history.
Moderated by Roger Seti

Congregational Choir

Thursdays 7:45 - 9:30 pm
For High School Students and Adults
Cantor David Rosen and Lenora Eve, Accompanist

Or Chadash (A New Light)

Children in kindergarten through 6th Grade
Sundays 11:00am (when Religious school is in session)
Cantor David Rosen and Lenora Eve, Accompanist

Fun and Games

Kol Ami Book Club

Wednesdays, at 9:15 am in Room 20, Nov 4
Annual Poetry Session with Amy Winkler
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

Mah Jongg

Wednesdays at 10:30 am
Email Betsy McCormack (Betsyrmc@aol.com) for information

If you are a mah jongg player, please consider purchasing your 2016 mah jongg card through Kol Ami. The National Mah Jongg League donates to Kol Ami \$2 for each card sold, plus a \$15 bonus. This year we received a check for \$163! Mah jongg cards cost \$8 for standard size, \$9 for large print, no matter where you purchase your card.
Please contact Betsy McCormack at betsyrmc@gmail.com for details.

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| **Please Join Us for Congregation Kol Ami's** |

| **3rd Annual Mah Jongg Luncheon** |

| Wednesday, November 18th |

| 11:00 am – 2:30 pm, \$36 per person |

| Please contact Betsy McCormack |
| at betsyrmc@aol.com to sign up. |

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FRIDAY • NOVEMBER • 13 • 2015

Der Gelbe Stern (The Yellow Star), a show that is both personal and poignant takes place in 1933 in divinely decadent Berlin.

In this cabaret within a play, actress Alexis Fishman tells the story of Erika Stern, the queen of Weimar Cabaret scene. Erika is feisty, sassy, and always provocative, and her show embodies the excess and daring of her time. But as the Nazis rise to power, tonight's performance will be her last. The lights go down, and the audience holds their breath.

Performer and creator Alexis Fishman is the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors. She feels an increasing desire to tell the stories of her ancestors and do her part in ensuring that the legacy of the Holocaust lives on. Erika Stern is a fictional creation that Alexis feels is as close to whom she might have been if she were living in Germany in 1933. It is her way of connecting to the experiences of her grandmother.

Written by James Millar and Alexis Fishman

*For further information, contact Ilene Miller
at 914-949-4717 x115/ilenemiller@nykolami.org
or visit www.nykolami.org*

**SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING
SYNAPLEX EVENTS...**
Dec 11, Jan 21, Feb 26, Mar 20 & May 13

PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND FEE SCHEDULE FOR THIS SYNAPLEX EVENT!:

5:30 pm

Shabbat -in- the -Woods for children
ages 2-6; followed by supervised
childcare, light supper & Shabbat crafts

6:15 pm

Shabbat Services

7:15 pm

Shabbat Dinner (RESERVATIONS MUST
BE MADE IN ADVANCE)

8:00 pm

CABARET SHOW!
Wine and dessert.

Reservations for dinner and the
Cabaret must be made in advance.
Due to the nature of this event we will
not be able to accommodate walk-ins.

CLIP & RETURN RESERVATION FORM
TO CONGREGATION KOL AMI
252 SOUNDVIEW AVE
WHITE PLAINS, NY 10606
NO LATER THAN NOV 9TH



ASL INTERPRETATION PROVIDED UPON REQUEST

Adult Name/s _____

Phone # _____ Email address _____

Please seat me with _____

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

Dinner and Cabaret

Adults _____ X \$36 = \$ _____

Cabaret Only

Adults _____ X \$18 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

SYNAPLEX AT KOL AMI!

2015-2016

Friday evening schedule:

5:00 pm

Explorations in Jewish music with Cantor David Rosen and special guests

5:30 pm

Shabbat -in- the -Woods for children ages 2-6; followed by supervised childcare, light supper & Shabbat crafts

6:00 pm

Unwind with hors d'oeuvres

6:15 pm

Shabbat Services

7:15 pm

Shabbat Dinner (RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE)

7:30 pm

Tzedakah sandwich making

8:00 pm Shabbat Evening Activities

Adult learning, keynote lectures, activities for children, youth group activities, mitzvah projects, movies, and sports and games

9:15 pm

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

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

SYNAPLEX MAIN EVENTS

Nov 13: Cabaret, My Friends!

Der Gelbe Stern (The Yellow Star), a show that is both personal and poignant and takes place in 1933 in divinely decadent Berlin comes to Kol Ami. (See flier for details!)

Dec 11: A Hanukkah Synaplex for ALL!

Activities for all including candle lighting, crafts, cookie decorating, face painting, dreidel games, and more.

Followed by the main event with guest speaker, Joy Ladin: "What Was a Nice Jewish Girl Like Me Doing in a Man's Body? A Transgender Man Remembers Her Painful Search"

Jan 22: Shabbat Shira – Featuring a Concert with the Westchester Chordsmen, a renowned male chorus based in Westchester, dedicated to the singing of the finest Barbershop music out there.

Feb 26: Screening of "Little White Lie", a personal documentary that explores issues of racial identity in America.

Apr 8: Dr. Mehnaz M. Afridi, "The Shoah Through Muslim Eyes"

Muslim Scholar, Looking to "Speak the Truth," Teaches the Holocaust and Islam

May 13: Trial : Crazy or Crazy Like a Fox?—The Trial of King Saul for the Attempted murder of (future) King David (indictment pending)

***For further information, contact Ilene Miller
at 914-949-4717 x115/ilenemiller@nykolami.org
or visit www.nykolami.org***

**CLIP & RETURN DINNER RESERVATION FORM TO CONGREGATION KOL AMI
252 SOUNDVIEW AVE, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10606
NO LATER THAN 2 DAYS PRIOR TO EVENT**



ASL INTERPRETATION PROVIDED UPON REQUEST

CONGREGATION
KOL AMI PRESENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH
7:30 PM @ CONGREGATION KOL AMI
252 SOUNDVIEW AVE

ADULT ROOM \$22

21 AND UP
BEER/WINE
LITE BITES
PRIZES + RAFFLE

TEEN ROOM \$12

GRADES 8-12
SOFT DRINKS
LITE BITES
PRIZES

***NON MEMBERS WELCOME!**

adult name(s) _____

teen name(s) _____

email _____

phone# _____

☐ have a team? names of team members: _____

☐ place me/us on a team _____

#____ adult admission ticket \$22

#____ raffle ticket (\$5 each or 5 for \$20)

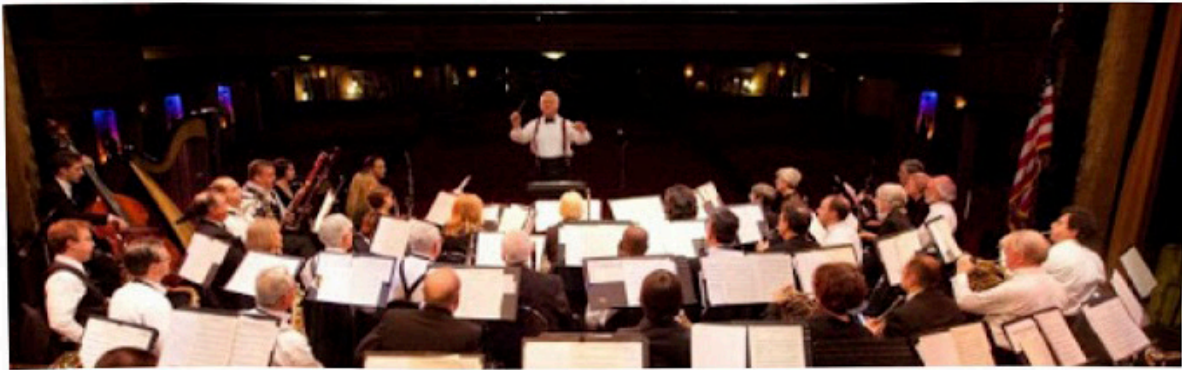
#____ teen (8th-12th grade) \$12

\$____ TOTAL

please make check payable to: Congregation Kol Ami

or you can register at <https://www.events.org/KOLAMI01/viewevent.aspx?id=91730>

CONGREGATION KOL AMI PRESENTS
A CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE KOL AMI MUSIC FUND
with the WESTCHESTER SYMPHONIC WINDS



8PM SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2015
DESSERT RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

FEATURING

CANTOR DAVID ROSEN and
MUSIC DIRECTOR LENORA EVE
singing the songs of Irving Berlin

RACHEL ECKHAUS on piccolo

MUSIC OF HOLST, WILLIAMS,
MARKOWSKI, PORTER and SOUSA

name(s) _____

email _____

phone# _____

#___ concert \$36 #___ concert/reception \$50 \$_____ TOTAL

PURCHASE ONLINE OR AT THE DOOR

<https://CongregationKolAmi.formstack.com/forms/concert>

please make check payable to: Congregation Kol Ami

Contributions



CONGREGATION
KOL AMI

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!

Your name(s) as you would like it to appear in our newsletter:

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.

Funds

<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Kol Ami Cares Fund (supports activities of the Caring Community Program)	<input type="checkbox"/> WRJ Sisterhood Fund
<input type="checkbox"/> Audrey Greenberg Scholarship Fund (provides ECP tuition assistance for families in need)	<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Council Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities Fund (supports youth-related programs, scholarships and trips)
<input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Gruber Scholarship Fund (provides scholarships for high school graduates).	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi Shira Milgrom's Discretionary Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Leadership Fund (supports scholarships to young people to develop leadership)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cantor David Rosen's Discretionary Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi Tom Weiner's Discretionary Fund	Plaques and Remembrances
<input type="checkbox"/> College Youth Fund (supports special programs for our college students)	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious School Fund (supports special projects as determined by the Religious School Committee)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yahrzeit Plaques \$750
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Program Fund (supports teacher education and student scholarships)	<input type="checkbox"/> Retreat Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree of Life Leaf \$180 (Available in Gold, Silver and Copper)
<input type="checkbox"/> Flowers and Landscaping Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Fund for the Confirmands (10th graders)	Giving Opportunities
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund for the Needy (provides assistance to those in need)	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Action Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush or <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor a Friday Night Shabbat Oneg
<input type="checkbox"/> Kol Ami Fund (our general fund)	<input type="checkbox"/> Synaplex Circle Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor a Religious School Sunday Morning Bagel Breakfast

NOVEMBER 2015 Calendar

Sun Nov 1

9:00am K-6th Grade Religious School
9:15am Parenting - Chapel in the Woods
11:00am Or Chadash
2:00pm Rosh Hodesh in Chapel

Mon Nov 2

9:15am Grandparenting
11:00am Current Events
12:00pm Cooking for the Homeless
7:30pm Prophets Seminar

Tue Nov 3

10:30am Mitzvah Knits
7:30pm WRJ/Sisterhood Meeting

Wed Nov 4

7:45am Round Table 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 Nov 5

9:30am Jewish Meditation
11:00am Wisdom of the Sages
12:00pm Teen Parenting
7:30pm: Speak Sarah Rowen, LSCW

Fri Nov 6

10:00am Torah Study: Portion of the Week
5:30pm Shabbat In The Woods
6:15pm Evening Shabbat Service

Sat Nov 7

Shabbat Lift
9:00am Coffee & Community
9:30am Study
11:00am Service
5:30pm Shabbat Evening Service: Bat Mitzvah of Azalea Heyman

Sun Nov 8

9:00am K-6th Grade Religious School
11:15am Cooking for the Homeless
11:00am Or Chadash
11:30am Shevat Achim

Mon Nov 9

7:30pm Prophets Seminar

Tue Nov 10

11:30am Women in Transition
7:30pm Trivia Tuesday Fundraiser

Wed Nov 11

TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED
FOR VETERAN'S DAY

Thu Nov 12

9:30am Jewish Meditation
11:00am Wisdom of the Sages
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Fri Nov 13

10:00am Torah Study: Portion of the Week
5:30pm Shabbat In The Woodss
6:15pm Evening Shabbat Service
Religious School Grade 4-7 Retreat

Sat Nov 14

Shabbat Lift
9:00am Coffee & Community
9:30am Study
11:00am Service
10:30am Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of Conner Raff
5:30pm Shabbat Evening Service: Bat Mitzvah of Gillian Zitron

Sun Nov 15

9:00am K-6 Grade Religious School
9:00am WRJ/Sisterhood Holiday Boutique
9:00am Male & Female Gender & Judaism
11:00am Or Chadash

Mon Nov 16

11:00am Current Events
12:30pm Mussar Class
7:30pm Prophets Seminar
7:30pm Screening of the "Deli Man"

Wed Nov 18

10:00am WAJE - Muslims & Jews: A Historical Perspective
10:30am Mah Jongg - Luncheon
4:00pm 4th-6th Religious School
6:30pm 7th-12th Grade Religious School

Thu Nov 19

9:30am Jewish Meditation
11:00am Wisdom of the Sages
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Fri Nov 20

10:00am Torah Study: Portion of the Week
5:30pm Shabbat In The Woods
6:15pm Evening Shabbat Service - Shabbat of Giving
Religious School Confirmation Retreat

Sat Nov 21

Shabbat Lift
9:00am Coffee & Community
9:30am Study
11:00am Service
10:30am Shabbat Morning Service: B'nai Mitzvah of Brett Goldstein and Lauren Formica
4:00pm WRJ/Sisterhood Wine & Wisdom
8:00pm Westchester Symphonic Winds Concert

Sun Nov 22

9:00am K-6th Grade Religious School
9:30am Male & Female Gender & Judaism
11:00am Or Chadash
5:00pm Coachman Thanksgiving Dinner

Mon Nov 23

12:00pm Cooking for the Homeless
7:30pm Prophets Seminar

Wed Nov 25

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
9:45am WAJE
10:30pm Mah Jongg

Thu Nov 26

TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED

Fri Nov 27

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

Sat Nov 28

Shabbat Lift
9:00am Coffee & Community
9:30am Study
11:00am Service
5:30pm Shabbat Evening Service: Bar Mitzvah of Sam Hutter

Sun Nov 29

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Mon Nov 30

11:00am Current Events
12:00pm Cooking for the Homeless
7:30pm Prophets Seminar



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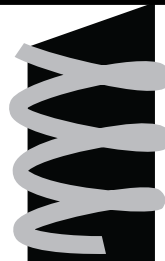
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