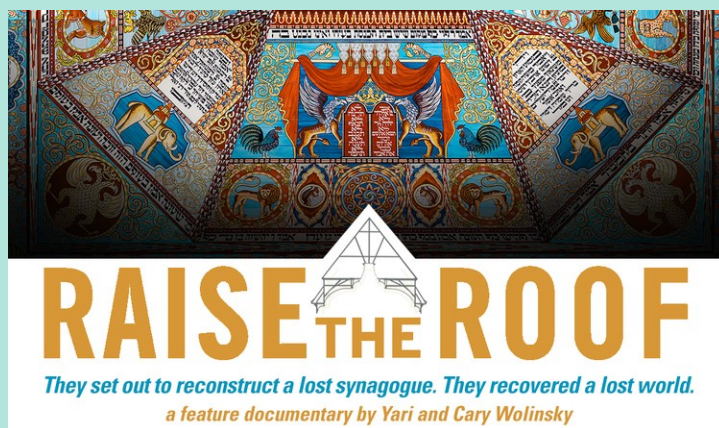


# THE CONNECTION

Volume 3 ♦ November 2016

Welcome Back to Synaplex!  
Friday, November 4th at 8:00pm



## RAISE THE ROOF: A FILM ABOUT AN IMPROBABLE DREAM

Inspired by images of the magnificent wooden synagogues of 18th century Poland--the last of which were destroyed by the Nazis--artists Rick & Laura Brown of Handhouse Studio set out to reconstruct a replica of the stunning, mural-covered Gwozdziec synagogue. Working with a team of 300 artisans and students from around the world, using only period hand tools and techniques, the Browns finally realized their dream. In 2014, the show-stopping reconstruction of the Gwozdziec synagogue roof was unveiled as the centerpiece of the new POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, in Warsaw. Filmmakers Yari and Cary Wolinsky's beautifully photographed and rendered film *Raise the Roof*, tells the story of this remarkable 10 year project against the backdrop of the 1000 year history of Jews in Poland.

Following the movie will be a discussion led by Jennifer Lemberg, Kol Ami congregant and Adult Ed Committee Chair. Jennifer teaches at the Gallatin School of Individualized Study, NYU, and for ten years has served as Associate Director of the Holocaust Educators Network, a professional development organization for middle school, high school, and college faculty.

In addition, join us for **Explorations in Jewish Music** featuring Sam Glazman on violin, Lenora Eve on piano and the Stars of Tomorrow. Come and join us for a wonderful program of popular Jewish and Yiddish songs that is fun for the whole family!! **Please see page 27** for more details and to sign up for dinner.



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### Friday Evening Services

Shabbat in the Woods for Young Children and their Families

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

*Atrium*

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

### Kabbalat Shabbat Services

6:15 pm

*Main Sanctuary*

### Shabbat Morning Spiritual Lift

Shabbat Morning Study with Rabbi Shira Milgrom

*Chapel in the Woods*

### Take My Hand

#### Shabbat for all Generations

#### OUR RE-IMAGINED SATURDAY MORNING SHABBAT SERVICE

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#### Chapel in the Woods

**8:45am:** Coffee, tea and kibbutzing

**9:00am:** Child-friendly Shabbat Service with aliyot, songs for children, prayer and celebration for all

**9:45am:** Family Oneg with bagels and snacks

**10:30am - 12:00pm:** Torah Study, debate and discussion

Begin your activity-filled weekends with friends, family, fun, song, and meaning! Come as you are...

## WEEKLY TORAH PORTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

### Week ending November 5, 2016 *Parashat*

**Noach Genesis 6:9-11:32** In this *parashah* God expresses disappointment with human corruption and destroys all life on earth in a flood. God finds favor in Noah's character and spares his family. God commands Noah to build an ark for himself, his family, and the pairs of animals who survive with Noah on the ark that he builds. A rainbow symbolizes the first covenant between God and the people.

### Week ending November 12, 2016 *Lech L'cha*

**Genesis 12:1-17:27** The story of our ancestors begins in earnest in *Lech L'cha*. Abram is promised he will be the father of a great multitude if he follows God's call. Abram and Sarai leave their home in Haran for Canaan, along with Abram's nephew Lot. As a sign of God's covenant, Abram and Sarai receive new names, Abraham and Sarah. When it seems Sarah is unable to conceive a child, Sarah gives her handmaid, Hagar, to Abraham to bear a son for him. Then, sensing Hagar's arrogance at becoming pregnant, Sarah asks Abraham to send Hagar away. Abraham is ninety-nine years of age when God promises him (and Sarah) a son of their own. It is through this son, Isaac, that the covenant will be fulfilled.

### Week ending November 19, 2016 *Parashat*

**Vayera Genesis 18:1-22:24** *Parashat Vayera* opens with Abraham receiving a visit from messengers who bring predictions of Isaac's birth. Abraham stands up to God to protest the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah when God threatens to destroy those settlements. Isaac is born and begins to grow. The final scene in this *parashah* tells the story of the "Binding of Isaac" where God tests Abraham instructing him to sacrifice his son Isaac.

### Week ending November 26, 2016 *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 his wife, 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. Abraham dies at the age of 175 years, and Isaac and Ishmael bury him with Sarah in the cave of Machpelah.

**We would like to thank the following congregants for enriching  
our High Holy Days Services**

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An exciting new element at the heart of our High Holy Day services will be our new prayer book, *Mishkan Hanefesh* (Sanctuary of the Soul). This is the first entirely new High Holy Day *Machzor* created for our Synagogue since the mid-1970s; and it is brilliant, innovative, and grounded firmly in our most cherished traditions and music. We are confident it will profoundly elevate the experience of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as we welcome in the year 5777.

We have a unique opportunity for *every family* to participate in the new High Holy Day prayer book initiative. How nice it would be for you and your family to sit in temple on the High Holy Days and open a prayer book to see heart-felt dedications!

The new books come in a set – one for Rosh Hashanah and another for Yom Kippur. Through a generous gift from Past President Lisa Borowitz, in memory and honor of her beloved father, Rabbi Eugene B. Borowitz z”l, we have been able to purchase about half of the 1,500 sets of books that we will need. ***We would like to honor this generous donation and work together as a community to make it a gift we all support.*** We ask that every family participate by purchasing one or more sets of new prayer books into which heart-felt dedication ‘bookplates’ will be placed.

***Because we hope that everyone will be able to participate in bringing these new prayer books to our community, we have created several options for you and your family:***

- ✧ For every donation of \$36, a bookplate placed into one book
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***How do you want to remember this point in your family’s Jewish life?***

- ✧ Honor your family’s name for decades to come
- ✧ Commemorate a Wedding, Anniversary, or honor someone you love
- ✧ Memorialize a loved one
- ✧ Honor the new B’nai Mitzvah or the Confirmand, Celebrate the Graduate

There are many reasons why a Temple reaches out to their Congregants for help, but there is none more sacred than new prayer books for our High Holy Days. This effort will enable you or your loved ones to be inscribed in our community for decades to come. We hope you will join our families and the Board of Trustees in supporting this effort.

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**Please complete the Dedication information on the next page for each Dedication message.**

**Please add additional sheets, if necessary.**

***All contributions are Tax - Deductible***

## Dedication Form for



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## B'NAI MITZVAH

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



Marina Faith Rosenthal, daughter of Fran Civita and Daniel Rosenthal and older sister of Marc, will

be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah, Saturday, November 5, 2016. Marina is an 8th grader at White Plains Middle School. Marina loves camp, spending time with her family and friends, and especially, swimming for her two swim teams. For her Mitzvah Project, Marina has volunteered for the White Plains Youth Court. She works in the juvenile defense system to help determine sanctions for people under the age of 18 convicted of minor offenses. The goals of the program are to help young people learn from their mistakes, to get a fresh start, and to allow them to repair the harm they have caused. This helps fulfill the idea of Tikkun Olam, or repairing the world.

treated for pediatric cancers to stay at the House at a greatly reduced cost. Peyton also walked dogs and did chores to raise money to buy yarmulkes from [Yad LaKashish](#), an Israeli organization that provides job training and funds to Holocaust survivors. He enjoys playing and watching sports and spending time with his friends, parents, grandparents, and older sister, Arianne.



Reagan Bourne, daughter of Marnie and Jacob Bourne and sister to Piper and Quinn Bourne,

will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 12, 2016. Reagan is an eighth grader at Edgemont Jr/Sr High School. In her free time, Reagan enjoys playing field hockey and lacrosse as well as spending time with her family and friends. She is very excited to become a Bat Mitzvah!

Dorot which is a non-profit organization that helps to alleviate social isolation and provides services to the elderly. Madyson is looking forward to sharing her special day with her family and friends.



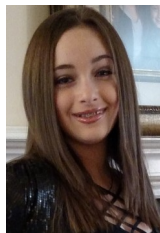
Sebastian Garibaldi, son of Juan and Elise Garibaldi and older brother to Gabriel, will be called to the Torah

as a Bar Mitzvah on November 12, 2016. He is an eighth grader at Highlands Middle School in White Plains. In his spare time he trains in Jujitsu, is on his school's wrestling team, plays guitar in his band, plays the euphonium for his school band, and is an avid reader. His whole family is so proud of him in that he accomplishes everything with a strong work ethic and a high moral compass.



Peyton Levine, an 8th grader at Edgemont Junior/Senior High School, will be called to Torah as a

bar mitzvah on November 5th, 2016. For his Mitzvah Project, Peyton raised over \$2500 for the Share a Night Program at Ronald McDonald House, NY. Share a Night donations allow families whose children are being



Madyson Bailee Eisen, daughter of Lisa and Robert, and sister to Reid and Taylor, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 12,

2016. She is in the 8th grade at the Highlands Middle School. She enjoys playing field hockey, watching N.Y. Giants games with her dad and spending time with family and friends. For her Mitzvah Project, Madyson has been visiting with her good friend, Roz through





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Student's cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Message From Our Religious School Director

### FELICE MILLER BARITZ



It has been such a busy start of the year.

We've celebrated all the fall Holidays and rejoiced together in a New 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 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 worship, 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. 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.

Felice




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## A Message From Our ECP Director

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Last week, for our annual couples evening, the ECP hosted a Wine and Food pairing event catered by the Rye Roadhouse. The evening of friends and community was chaired by Liz Ilberg, Danielle Gecht, Emily Campbell and Lisa Bernstein. Even

though the weather did not fully cooperate we still enjoyed a warm evening of delicious food and wine and a beautiful view of the Temple's Sukkah outside the Gallery windows. Many thanks to our fabulous chairs for a beautiful evening.

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 14-18. Every day of the Fair we will be hosting author events and story times. Please refer to our flyer in this month's Connection for information and details about the upcoming programming. Everyone is welcome to join us for one, two or all 6 exciting events. Many thanks to Sara Elkin and her committee for organizing our Book Fair this year.

Our **9th Annual Family 2K Turkey Trot** will be held on Sunday morning November 20<sup>th</sup> 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!'*

This year our 3's and 4's will be feasting and enjoying such holiday favorites as sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce and corn muffins. Our 5's will be hosting their families, our 3's 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 2017-2018 school year. **Next year, we will again be offering our very popular First Friends 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 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.

Love,

Nan



**Trot on over to Kol Ami's ECP's  
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Sunday,  
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November 14-18, 2016**

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## Early Childhood Program Events & Reminders

### November 2

9:15am 2's coffee with Nan

### November 9

9:15am 3's coffee with Nan

### November 11

Closed for Veteran's Day

### November 14

Book Fair begins

### November 14

12:00pm Author reading with Jesse Howard

### November 15

4:00pm Author reading with Roni Schotter

### November 16

9:15am 4's and 5's Coffee with Nan

### November 16

8:30am Breakfast Story Time with Nan

### November 17

11:30am Storybook Yoga with Paulina

### November 17

ECP Evening Conferences for all children  
babysitting provided

### November 17

7:00pm Book signing with Rachel Gottlieb and  
Jesse Howard

### November 18

8:30am Shabbat Story time and breakfast

### November 20

9:15am 9<sup>th</sup> Annual ECP 2K Turkey Trot

### November 24 and 25

Closed for Thanksgiving

## A Message From Our Executive Director



### JESS LORDEN

As we move from the days of awe and reflection to the season of gratitude, there is so much for which I am grateful. I'd like to share with you two of these items.

First, I am thankful that we are a congregation willing to take risks and experiment with new ideas. During the High Holy Days we tried several new concepts. I'd like to share the results of some of these endeavors.

- ◆ **Elul Daily Meditations:** With thanks to Ellen Bittner and technical support from Judy Sarch, Beatrice Pogal and Ilene Miller, we sent you daily meditations during the thirty days leading into Rosh Hashanah. More than 30% of you enjoyed these daily emails.
  - ◆ **Erev Rosh Hashanah Community Service and Dessert Oneg:** We enjoyed worshipping together as one community in a full sanctuary on Erev Rosh Hashanah. In addition, more than 75 congregants brought a favorite dessert for our community oneg. For about an hour after services, we chatted and enjoyed sweet treats together.
  - ◆ **Streaming Our Services:** At your urging, we expanded our live streaming. I'm pleased to share that for each service at which we streamed, an average of 150 devices logged in to watch our services. On Yom Kippur day more than 200 devices logged in to our streaming. Thank you to those who sent us emails to share their streaming experiences.
  - ◆ **On-line directory:** We launched our new on-line directory. To date, more than 120 congregants have logged into our directory. We appreciate your willingness to accept this change. We are particularly appreciative of our older congregants who have embraced this new challenge.
  - ◆ **New High Holy Day Prayer Books:** We embraced every aspect of our new Mishkan HaNefesh, from purchasing dedications to enjoying new readings and music. This year's music reached our hearts in new and meaningful ways. Further, I so enjoyed seeing congregants share their prayer books to make it possible for someone to pray with a book in which they placed a dedication or were honored by someone else.
  - ◆ **New torah procession and community aliyot:** On Rosh Hashanah it was wonderful to witness our community join together around the multiple torahs placed throughout our sanctuary to share aliyot. Each year our clergy brings new elements to enhance our service and our congregants embrace these changes.
- Second, I am appreciative that we are a congregation that understands the obligation to serve and enjoys doing so. Daily I witness acts of kindness by congregants. If you are searching for an opportunity to serve, whether as an individual or family, here are a few of my favorite activities:
- ◆ **Kol Ami Food Pantry:** We welcome additional congregants to "man" our Pantry during our hours of operation. In addition, we welcome your ideas regarding how we may serve even more congregants.
  - ◆ **ECP Turkey Trot on November 20<sup>th</sup>:** The ECP will host its annual Turkey Trot on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. The Turkey Trot is a fun walk for families with young children. The price of admission is a frozen turkey or apples, potatoes or cans of cranberry sauce all of which will be donated to a local food pantry.
  - ◆ **Coachman Thanksgiving Feast on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>:** Once again we will be hosting families from the Coachman Family Center for a Thanksgiving Feast prepared by Chef Jay. If you are interested in volunteering for this incredible event, please reach out to Lisa Hochman or Alison Adler. Or, you may contact me and I will connect you with Lisa and Alison.
  - ◆ **Kol Ami High School Midnight Run in NYC on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>:** Our Youth Group will lead its first Midnight Run of the year on November 26<sup>th</sup> bringing clothing and toiletries to those in need. If you have a high school student in your family, please encourage your child to join us for this important endeavor. If you would like to support our youth, donations of clothing and toiletries are needed.

Wishing you continued happiness and endless reasons to be grateful.

Fondly, Jess

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## A Message From Our President

### HANK ROUDA



It's hard to believe that, as I write this, it's only been a little over a week since we were all together as we worshipped for the first time from our new High Holy Day *machzor*, *Mishkan HaNefesh*. I appreciate all of the comments that I've received from so many of you

concerning the services. As usual, they were overwhelmingly positive, but this year there seemed to be a sense that these services were even more special than normal. For many, the music was transformative. Personally, I especially appreciated and enjoyed the congregational choir as they added so much to our Erev Rosh Hashanah service. Others commented on the sermons and said that they found them both inspiring and topical, maybe even more so than normal. Overall, so many of you just appreciated being together as a truly holy community.

I think that the experience with the new prayer books served to heighten everyone's anticipation and actual experiences at these services. It started, for many of us, with opening the book to find a bookplate with our own dedication or, even more rewarding, a book that was dedicated to us. I heard countless stories of people trading books because they wanted to make sure that someone else got "their" book. Let me share Judi Brown's story with you:

"I am inspired to write this letter because I want to share a very particular joy I felt during High Holy Day services. There is much I could talk about - the new Machzor, the music, the sermons... But that is for another day. This is about the moment I entered the sanctuary for Kol Nidre. I was more prepared than I have ever been having spent Elul reading the daily mediations and concentrating fully

on the sound of the shofar. (Thank you Ellen Bittner!) Study sessions and the night of music all contributed to my appreciation of mystery and holiness. But everything around me stopped as I opened the Machzor to find the bookplate honoring my grandmother. How, among all those books - placed randomly on chairs - did she find me? I have no words to describe what it was like to pray with her.

If you have not yet made a contribution to Kol Ami to designate a book in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, I recommend that you do so. Holding that book close to my heart was like holding my Nana one again. Not everyone was reunited with their books that night - but my grandmother found me. By contributing in this way you open up the possibility to be blessed as I was."

While the High Holy Days may be a sweet memory for this year, we urge you to be part of the effort to ensure that these books are here for us and our future generations. Please add your dedications to those of your fellow congregants, so that next year (and the years after that), you may open the book to find that it's "your" book.

I hope to see you at this year's first Synaplex as we watch and discuss the movie "Raise the Roof," a film about two non-Jewish and non-Polish artists who set out to recreate one of the beautiful wooden synagogues in Poland that had been destroyed. As we prepare to commemorate Kristallnacht, let's join together and see a film about renewal and beauty. If you haven't tried Synaplex, this is a great one to get you started. If you're a Synaplex regular, welcome back!

Jean and I wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, and we look forward to being with you at services or at a program or at one of the other wonderful events at Kol Ami over the coming weeks and months.

L'shalom,

Hank



## Kol Ami Sisterhood (Women of Reform Judaism)

### Our New Season

The following is the opening prayer that was recited during our Sisterhood meeting in our beautiful Sukkah, as we shared a festive potluck of snacks and desserts and planned for upcoming events and our new year of WRJ.

"Adonai, we thank you for bringing us to this beautiful season - as the autumn winds gently blow the leaves from the branches, we consider the introspection and renewal of the High Holy Days that have just passed. Thank you for giving us intelligence, insight and the ability to change, and a free will to choose our own destiny.

We are eternally grateful to live in a country that allows religious freedom and let us never forget the hardships our ancestors endured to secure

that privilege. Grant us the courage to tenaciously guard our Constitutional rights.

We pray for guidance to reverse the pervasiveness of absolutism and fundamentalism which are eroding the freedom we hold so dear. We ask your blessing that the spirit of renewal and commitment will follow us through-out this new year." (modified from "Covenant of the Heart *Prayers, Poems, and Meditations from the Women of Reform Judaism*")

We are excited for new beginnings and a new season. In that spirit, we invite you to renew your membership and participation in our Sisterhood. We look forward to Wine and Wisdom, the first event of our Havdalah Series, which will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for what is sure to be a wonderful afternoon of socializing, provocative learning, and delicious refreshments.

Sheryl Brady Rachel Eckhaus Stacey Matusow

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## Ritual Riches: Talmud, Mishnah, Gemara, and the Oral Tradition

For most of us, the word “Torah”, in its usual context, refers to the First Five Books of Moses (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy), but, for some, Torah can also be used to refer to the entire Jewish Bible (the Tanakh or written Torah), and in its broadest sense, may refer to the entire body of Jewish law and tradition.

There are many Jews, including Orthodox Jews, who believe that Moses received the entire written Torah along with Oral Commentary on Mount Sinai. The Oral Tradition explained and interpreted the written Torah as well as applied the Laws within it. God taught the Oral Torah to Moses who taught it to the elders who passed it on through the rabbis to the present day. Until the 2<sup>nd</sup> century C.E., this tradition was conveyed only in oral form until it was compiled and written down in a document known as the Mishnah. Over the next few centuries, commentators in Babylon and Jerusalem elaborated on the teachings of the Mishnah to create a second document called the Gemara. Together, the Mishnah and the Gemara form the Talmud, which was completed in the 5<sup>th</sup> century C.E.

**The Mishnah:** Rabbinical Sages living at the end of the Second Temple period and in the century following the destruction of the Temple (70 C.E.), compiled the Mishnah. For centuries, the leading Rabbis had resisted writing down the Oral Law, requiring students to learn from their teachers, who they considered to be the best transmitters of Jewish tradition, rather than from books. However, confronting the future of a Judaism without a Temple and a loss of central authority as well as the deaths of many scholars in failed revolts, Rabbi Judah haNasi, a great Torah scholar and leader, feared that the Oral Law would be forgotten. In order to ensure the survival of Jewish laws and that the chain of transmission would never be broken, he decided to record the Oral Torah in writing. This was a task requiring a huge amount of editing, explaining, and organizing of a vast collection of material, resulting in a definitive, yet somewhat cryptic (a teacher was still required to make the material accessible) version of the Oral Law. The Mishnah was written in a very concise way, assuming that the reader already had familiarity with the subject matter. Parts of it read as dry legal recitations, but Rabbi Judah frequently presented minority views which enlivened the text and would

serve as a guide to scholars in later generations. The Mishnah is divided into six orders, ranging from “Seeds” (the agricultural laws of ancient Palestine) to Taharot (laws of purity and impurity).

**The Gemara:** During the centuries that followed the compilation of the Mishnah, a number of factors further weakened the chain of Oral Tradition, and it became clear to the sages that the Mishnah itself was no longer sufficient or clear enough to explain the Oral Law. The substance of discussions about the Mishnah was written down by Rabbis living in Israel and in Babylon, resulting in two versions of the Gemara, the Jerusalem Gemara and the Babylonian Gemara. The Jerusalem Gemara was assembled in approximately 400 C.E. but was never fully completed and edited. The Rabbis of Babylon had access to the Jerusalem version while working on their text which was compiled more than a century later. As the Babylonian text is more extensive, it is considered more authoritative.

The subject matter of the Gemara ranges from the sacred to the profane and has an intimate relationship with the Mishnah and a far greater scope. Although organized with respect to the six orders of the Mishnah, the Gemara takes off from a close reading of the Mishnah with such diverse topics as prayer, superstitions, criminal and civil law, incorporating both halachah (legal material) and aggadah (narrative material). Multiple opinions of sages (even from different centuries) are presented and weighed, often as though in debate with one another, without a “clear winner.”

A page of the Babylonian Talmud contains the Hebrew text of the Mishnah in the middle of the page. Between the Hebrew of the Mishnah are explanations in both Hebrew and Aramaic comprising Gemara. Surrounding the Mishnah and Gemara are additional layers of text and commentaries from later periods. The entire Talmud comprises 63 tractates and is over 6200 pages long (in standard print).

*This article was written by Sheryl Brady.*

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

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**Submitted by Jennet Walker**

***Six Million Remembered One Step at a Time***

From the liturgy of the Days of Awe, we are told that to be human is to stumble. But we struggle with the abandonment of humanity called the Shoah and how to remember and honor those who were lost, recall their names, where they lived.

An artist in Germany, Gunter Demnig has begun a project, described on his website as follows: "Gunter Demnig remembers the victims of National Socialism by installing commemorative brass plaques in the pavement in front of their last address of choice. There are now STOLPERSTEINE (lit. "stumbling stones or blocks") in over 610 places in Germany as well as in Austria, Hungary, the Netherlands, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Norway and the Ukraine. Gunter Demnig cites the Talmud saying that "a person is only forgotten when his or her name is forgotten." The Stolpersteine in front of the buildings bring back to memory the people who once lived here. Each "stone" begins with HERE LIVED... One "stone." One name. One person. For 120 euros, anybody can sponsor a stone, its manufacture and its installation. Please contact [inschriften@stolpersteine.eu](mailto:inschriften@stolpersteine.eu) for more information.

John Auerbacher's extended family lost many members to the Nazi murder machine. They lived in Ludwigshafen and Mannheim and in other towns in Germany. His father, uncle and grandparents escaped without imprisonment either at Dachau or later in a transit or killing camp, unlike most of the victims. The less

fortunate remainder committed suicide, were imprisoned and murdered or were imprisoned and survived. No one emerged unscathed. The depth of the suffering cannot be measured.

John and his wife, Jennet Walker, are undertaking a project to remember the lives of John's relatives, by birth and by marriage, known and unknown, as well as those relatives of members of Kol Ami, who lived in the towns of Ludwigshafen and Mannheim and who died as a result of Nazi crimes. We have contacted the Stolpersteine project in those cities. We do not know how many Stolpersteine can be created in any given year, and we do not know how many relatives of members of the Kol Ami family were born and/or lived in Ludwigshafen and Mannheim.

Please contact Jennet Walker at [wlkr777@gmail.com](mailto:wlkr777@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating. She or you can submit to the Stolpersteine organization, the names of relatives who lived in those cities. They request that a person's date and place of birth as well as their last address of choice, before they were forced to leave their homes, be provided. If you do not have that information, she would be happy to help you with the research required. Note that installation of the Stolpersteine is most often done with members of the family present. If you would like more information, or would like to expand the project to other cities where your relatives lived, please visit the Stolpersteine website and where you can be connected to their regional contacts. There are films about the process, which can be found online, such as Stumbling Stones (Stolpersteine) for My Family by Howard Shattner at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>



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

**"Shared Journeys"  
by Susan Ross**

Sometimes a journey begins by happenstance. This occurred several months ago, when I met Lynne Dolle at a Sisterhood gathering at the temple.

We were there for a presentation by our member, Susan Gordon, who had written a compelling book about her travels in Eastern Europe and Israel. Hers was a journey back in time, that was inspired by family photographs and by curiosity about her ancestors.

Part memoir and part detective story, BECAUSE OF EVA: A Jewish Genealogical Journey became a journey of discovery for Susan, whereby she gained insight into her family's history. Her travels into her past provided a sense of connection and belonging.

In turn, Susan was the inspiration for Lynne and me to look more closely at our own backgrounds. Little did we realize then, that we would embark upon our own voyages of discovery that would illuminate our present situations.

A major requirement for writing memoirs is to be candid with the truth and to be honest in applying those truths to oneself. It is not an easy task,

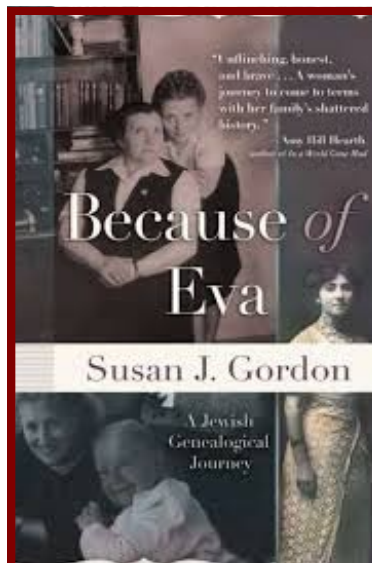
for going back in time maybe uncomfortable or enlightening, depending on one's perspective.

Over the course of many months, Lynne and I met to critique each other's writings and to share inspiring stories about our families and friends. What began as tentative talks developed into insightful discussions dealing with all sorts of issues-religious, secular and political.

Lynne and I know how fortunate we are to see so many changes in society today, both socially and politically. That awareness gives us a deeper understanding of ourselves and a greater appreciation of others.

Our shared journeys and remembrances, both personal and professional, are very rewarding and meaningful for Lynne and me. Presently, our meetings have only touched the surface of our past experiences but what wonderful conversations await us in the future.

Who knew that a chance encounter between Lynne and me at Susan's presentation would result in such gratifying get-togethers at Congregation Kol Ami - truly, shared journeys of enlightenment for both of us.



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#### **Kol Ami Cares Opportunities for Volunteering**

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

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

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

Within our Kol Ami community, older congregants would welcome a visit in their homes. Many do not have family living nearby and would appreciate the company.

Please join our growing list of members who spend time with our housebound congregants. (B'nai Mitzvah students may choose this activity as a Mitzvah Project.)

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

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

#### ***Kol Ami Cares Co-Chairs***

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

# Kol Ami Cares

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

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

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

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

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

## A. Comfort the Bereaved

I would like to

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

## B. Visit the Sick

I would like to

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

## C. Share Knowledge

I would like to

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

## D. Support our Neighbors

I would like to

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

## E. Provide Transportation

I am available to

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

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**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Day Phone (cell)** \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ I am able to drive myself to programs.
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## Social Action

### **Cooking for the Homeless**

In the Kol Ami kitchen  
Sundays at 11:15 am:  
Nov 6, Dec 4, Jan 22,  
Feb 12, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, June 11  
and  
Mondays at 12 pm:  
Nov 21, Dec 19, Jan 30, Feb 27,  
Mar 6, Apr 3 & 24, May 22, June 12

### **The Cabin Group**

#### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

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

### **Al-Anon**

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

### **Mitzvah Knitz**

Together we'll knit afghans, caps for Israeli  
soldiers and more.  
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month.  
10:30 am, Nov 15

### **The Kol Ami Singers**

Join us at nursing homes and assisted living  
facilities, as we sing songs, accompanied by  
Paul Schwarz. Bring a little sunshine to the  
residents and make a difference in their lives.  
Wednesday, November 30th at 2:30 PM  
The Kensington, 4th floor  
100 Maple Ave @ Longview Ave  
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## KOL AMI PANTRY

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

## COACHMAN CORNER

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

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

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

## COACHMAN CORNER

### Coachman Birthday Parties



The Cooper Family sponsored our October birthday party at the Coachman Family Center. Hilary, William, Annie and Teddy Cooper (with plenty of friends in tow) led the Coachman children through lots of fun and spooky Halloween themed crafts. The kids had a ball making personalized trick or treat bags, decorating mini pumpkins and designing Halloween masks. They especially loved the edible crafts, as they decorated and ate pumpkin and bat shaped cookies! And as the kids indulged in the wide array of craft projects available, Annie Cooper took individual photos of the kids and printed them on-site. Each birthday child was then able to insert a picture of themselves into their decorated frame and leave with a memorable keepsake from their party. Spencer Danzig helped entertain the kids further with Coach Danny from Backyard Sports, rounding out the afternoon with a reminder of the values of sportsmanship and team camaraderie. Everyone feasted on pizza and cake and the party concluded with wrapped gifts for the children celebrating October birthdays and a goody bag for all.

Contact Alison or Lisa if you would like to sponsor a birthday party or a Mitzvah Morning.

Alison Adler - [aadler3@verizon.net](mailto:aadler3@verizon.net) - (646) 483-4657

Lisa Hochman - [lisahochman@mac.com](mailto:lisahochman@mac.com) - (914) 834-1555

You can also be an angel behind the scenes by donating any of the supplies listed below. Collection bins are located in front of the Main Office.

- Paper goods for parties such as large plates for pizza, cake plates, plastic forks, cups, napkins, disposable rectangular table cloths
- Craft supplies for birthday projects such as sticker books, puzzles or simple art projects
- New toys and games that can be given as gifts for birthday kids from ages 1-13
- Wrapping paper and curling ribbon
- \$25 Gift cards for teens
- Plastic or cellophane bags plus “goodies” for boys and girls 2 – 12 years old: (e.g., candy, pencils, stickers, bubbles, rubber balls, rings, etc.)

We would like to acknowledge our meaningful collaboration with the Shelanu (“Ours”) program of Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS). Shelanu, funded by UJA Federation of New York, is a membership community for Jewish young adults, aged 18 – 35 with autism. The program has offered support to the food pantry, Coachman initiatives and community garden. Shelanu members have had the opportunity to volunteer in these programs and have participated in Synaplex and other events. WJCS’ services help people of all ages and backgrounds overcome emotional, cognitive, physical and social challenges. Robin Davies-Small, a Kol Ami congregant, is the Coordinator of Shelanu and can be reached at 914 949-7699, x404 or [rdaviessmall@wjcs.com](mailto:rdaviessmall@wjcs.com) for more information.



Come join us on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM as we host our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for families residing at The Coachman Family Center.

We need your help with:

KITCHEN PREP

SET UP AND STAGING

GREETING GUESTS

ORGANIZING & LEADING CRAFTS

DINNER SERVICE

CLEAN UP


Together, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Let's put our Kol Ami values into action and give our Coachman friends reason to feel thankful.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact:

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or 646-483-4657

Lisa Hochman  
[lisahochman@mac.com](mailto:lisahochman@mac.com)  
or 914-834-1555



## Mark Your Calendar – Kol Ami Blood Drive

Sunday, December 18, 2016

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 weight at least 110 pounds. People over 75 can 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](http://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 ON-LINE DIRECTORY 2016-2017

We are excited that our Congregation Kol Ami Member On-line Directory was recently launched. We hope that you were successful in logging on and have been finding the directory user-friendly and easy to navigate. If you have any questions or require assistance please contact Ilene Miller at 914-949-4717 or email [kolamidirectory@nykolami.org](mailto:kolamidirectory@nykolami.org).

#### PLEASE NOTE:

For those who prefer hard copy, the directory is easily printed from any computer. If you do not have a computer or printer, please contact the main office and we will be happy to provide a copy of the directory to you.

## WELCOME BACK TO SYNAPLEX!

2016-2017

## FIRST SYNAPLEX IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

*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 &amp; Shabbat crafts

**6:00 pm**

Unwind with hors d'oeuvres

**6:15 pm**

Shabbat Services

**7:15 pm**

Shabbat Dinner (RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN WED., NOV. 2ND)

**7:30 pm**

Tzedakah sandwich making

**8:00 pm**

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

**8:15 pm**

THE MAIN EVENT

**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

For further information,

contact Ilene Miller

at 914-949-4717 x115/

llenemiller@nykolami.org

## SYNAPLEX MAIN EVENTS

## (Friday evenings unless otherwise noted)

**Friday, November 4 - Screening of "Raise the Roof"**

In anticipation of Kristallnacht, we present this screening of "Raise the Roof", a film about an improbable dream. Artists Rick and Laura Brown are not Jewish and not Polish, and yet they set out to rebuild Gwoździec, a magnificent wooden eighteenth century synagogue in Poland that was later destroyed by the Nazis.

**Friday, December 9 - Rabbi Rami Shapiro - Scholar in Residence Weekend**

A Jewish practitioner of Perennial Wisdom, Rabbi Rami Shapiro is an award-winning author of over thirty books on religion and spirituality.

**Friday evening:** "Beyond Theology: Why Job is the Most Honest Book of the Hebrew Bible"

**Saturday morning (Shabbat Lift Study at 10:30AM)**

"Right Living in a World that is Ever-Dying: Why Ecclesiastes is the Only Self-help Book You'll Ever Need"

**Friday, January 20 - Jews and Boxing**

With Boyd "Rainmaker" Melson, (three time All-American and Four-Time Gold Medalist at the All Army Boxing Championships). Get your ringside seats (seriously)!

**Saturday, February 11 - Shabbat Shira Weekend: A Havdalah Synaplex**


Join us for "A night at the Opera", a concert that will feature arias, duets, trios and ensemble pieces from various operas and classic musical theater. The performers will be David Rosen, Mo Glazman, Lenora Eve, Tracey Scher and Shira Adler. We will be accompanied by world renowned Opera coach and accompanist, Don Tamawski.

**Friday, March 17 - Jonathan Karp - Scholar in Residence Weekend**

Jonathan Karp, Associate Professor, Ph.D. Jewish cultural and economic history; Jewish-Christian relations.

**Friday, April 28 - Sayed Kashua, writer and creator of the hit Israeli TV show, "Arab Labor"**

Sayed Kashua is a Palestinian citizen of Israel, author, and journalist born in Tira, Israel, known for his books and humorous columns in Hebrew.

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

#Children 5 and under \_\_\_\_\_ = N/C

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

Children's Name/s & Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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



## Adult Education

### Spiritual Journeying Groups

#### Mussar Classes

Mondays, 12:30 - 2:00 pm  
Nov 28, Dec 19, Jan 23, Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24, May 22, June 19  
(fee for Kol Ami members \$72, \$100 for non-members)

This workshop will introduce Mussar practice through tikkun middot ("repairing ourselves from the inside out"), so that we can act with greater compassion, kindness, and love in our homes, friendships and work. Facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax, Spiritual Care Coordinator, WJCS. Please contact Rabbi Wax at pwax@wjcs.com or 914-761-0600 x149 to register.

#### Women in Transition

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

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

#### Women's Roundtable Breakfast\*

**Wednesdays, 7:45 – 9:00 am**

Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1,  
Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3  
With Rabbi Shira Milgrom

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

This month we welcome Aleena Rieger, author of *I Didn't Tell Them ANYTHING: The Wartime Secrets of an American Girl*  
Books will be available for sale and signing.

### Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

#### Now entering its 6th year - Newcomers Always Welcome!

Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:45 am

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


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

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


#### Programs include:

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

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



# KOL AMI WOMEN'S OASIS AT HOME



## GETTING IN TOUCH WITH MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH A JEWISH LENS

Kol Ami Oasis at Home stretches further to bring information and insight about a variety of mental health issues and how they impact women. Our distinguished and inspiring discussion leaders will explore various topics from all angles—historical, spiritual, and practical.

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■ Four sessions \$60  
(Individual sessions \$18)

■ Session 1: Sunday, November 13, 2016

■ Session 2: Tuesday, January 31, 2017

■ Session 3: Tuesday, March 14, 2017

■ Session 4: Sunday, April 23, 2017

**Sunday, November 13, 2016**  
9:15-11:00 a.m. at the Schulman Chapel-in-the-Woods  
Rabbi Pam Wax, Spiritual Care Coordinator, WPOS  
*From Where Does My Help Come: Confronting Mental Illness—  
dealing with our own mental health and the associated stigmas.  
What role does stress play in our lives?*

**Tuesday, January 31, 2017**  
7:30-9:30 p.m. at the home of Jill Abraham  
Rabbi Shira Milgrom  
*Depression and Anxiety in Women and  
What We Can Learn from Our Foremothers*

**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**  
7:30-9:30 p.m. at the home of Lauri Carey  
Rabbi Shira Milgrom  
*Eating Disorders—Who? What? When? Where? Why?*

**Sunday, April 23, 2017**  
9:15-11:00 a.m. at the Schulman Chapel-in-the-Woods  
Rabbi Freda Cohen, Westchester Chaplain for the New York  
Board of Rabbis, and an educator at Bet Am Shalom Synagogue  
*Women as Caregivers — honoring our parents and  
finding our own spiritual resources*

For further information call Jill Abraham 472-5806  
or Lauri Carey 472-8076

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## GATHER AND STUDY

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With Rabbi Tom Weiner

### **NEW THIS YEAR!**

#### **God: A Biography**

Thursday evenings

7:30-9:00pm

(except where otherwise noted)

Beginning Nov 10

Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Nov 10, Nov 17 (6:30-8:00pm), Dec 8, Dec

22, Jan 19 (6:30-8:00pm), Jan 26, Feb 9,

Feb 16, Mar 9, Mar 16, Mar 30, May 30 -

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

A study of the Hebrew Bible as a biography of

God. How does God change or develop

throughout the books of the Hebrew Tanakh?

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

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

*Biography*. Participants should purchase the book

in hard copy or on a kindle

(the paper back has very small print.)

### **NEW THIS YEAR!**

#### **Israel in the News with David Gravitz**

Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:45 pm

Nov 1, 15, 29; Dec 13; Jan 3, 17; Feb 7,

21; Mar 7, 21; Apr 4, 18;

May 2, 16; June 6, 20

Each session will feature in-depth discussion of

news items regarding Israel, both within Israel

and regarding Israel's relations with other

countries and with diaspora Jewry. History and  
geography will be featured where appropriate and

occasionally guest speakers, both from within

and outside Kol Ami, will be invited.

#### **Wisdom of the Sages at Kol Ami**

Thursdays 11:00 – 12:00 pm

Lively discussions of the world and our lives

based on some of the most provocative and

fascinating texts of Jewish learning.

All are welcome.

#### **Current Events with**

##### **Beth & Gene Kava**

Mondays, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Nov 7, 14, 28, Dec 12, Jan 9, 23, Feb 6, 27,

Mar 13, 27, Apr 10, 24,

May 8, 22, June 5, 19

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

#### **Weekly Torah Study:**

##### **Parashat Hashavua**

Friday mornings 10:00 – 11:30 am

Led by Kol Ami members

#### **Kol Ami Book Club**

Wednesdays, at 9:15 am in Room 20

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

##### **Nov 2nd: "A Marriage of Opposites"**

**By Alice Hoffman**

**Dec 2nd: Poetry and Art**

**with Barbara Wexler and Amy Winkler**

*For more information contact Doris Dingott at  
289-0869 or DLDingott@gmail.com*

#### **Prophets Seminar**

Mondays 7:30 pm

*Prerequisite-curiosity*

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

## PARENTING GROUPS

### Parenting Teens Workshops

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

Next session November 3rd

Susan Davis, LCSW

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

### Grandparenting Workshops

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

Next session November 7th

Susan Davis, LCSW

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

## ADULT HEBREW CLASSES

### Beginner Hebrew with Emily Fields\*

Sundays at 9:00 am

\$150 per semester/10 classes

### Shabbat Sings

### Hebrew prayers and songs

### Learn the Service in Hebrew

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

Sundays at 10:00am

\$150 per semester/10 classes

Please contact Emily at [efgraph@optonline.net](mailto:efgraph@optonline.net) to register or if you require additional information.

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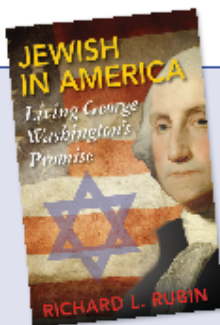
### Intermediate/Advanced Hebrew

### 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.

## ARE American Jews LOSING THEIR JEWISH IDENTITY?



### Join Author Richard Rubin for Conversation and Book Signing

December 5, 2016 | 7:30 - 9 pm

JCC of Mid-Westchester | 999 Wilmet Road, Scarsdale

No admission fee

Since George Washington promised Jewish Americans the full privileges and protections of U.S. citizenship, Jews have flourished in America as nowhere else in the world. But has that come at the expense of their Jewish identity? Richard Rubin argues that while most American Jews have been "Americanized," they continue to be shaped by Jewish history, culture, and religion in ways that affect everything from their social attitudes to their child-rearing methods to their voting patterns. This "fusion" of American values with Jewish ones has created a "hybrid" Jewish identity that American Jews must cultivate and pass on to future generations.

*"A must-read for anyone interested in the past and future role of Jews in American life, and in the impact of American culture on Jewish life."*

- Robert Pack, Distinguished Senior Professor at the University of Montana

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## The Arts: Music & Drama

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**Welcome to Kol Ami's  
Winter Jewish Film Festival**  
~Screening of Israeli films and films with  
Jewish Content~  
Moderated by Roger Seti  
Selected Monday evenings at 7:30 pm  
The November 14 film will be "Run Boy Run"  
Future movie dates: December 12, January 23,  
February 13 and March 13

**Congregational Choir**  
Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 pm  
beginning October 8th  
For High School Students and Adults  
Cantor David Rosen and  
Lenora Eve, Accompanist

**Or Chadash (A New Light)**  
**Choir for children in Kindergarten  
through 6th Grade**  
Sundays at 11:00 am  
(when Religious School is in session)  
Cantor David Rosen and  
Lenora Eve, Accompanist

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## FUN AND GAMES

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**Mah Jongg**  
Wednesdays at 10:30 am  
Kol Ami Atrium  
Email Betsy McCormack  
(Betsyrmc@aol.com)  
for information



Did you know that your very own **Cantor David Rosen** will be performing in the upcoming **NIGHT OF MUSIC AND JOY** on Saturday evening, November 19<sup>TH</sup>? This great event highlights the Cantors of Westchester and the importance that music plays in our community. We have over 20 Cantors participating this year in a musical extravaganza. At past performances we have had many people enjoy the Cantors of Westchester as they shared their rhythm and soul with unique musical selections.

The **NIGHT OF MUSIC AND JOY** will take place on November 19, 2016 at Beth El Synagogue Center in New Rochelle. The doors will open at 7:30pm and will be followed by a dairy dessert reception. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [www.wjcouncil.org](http://www.wjcouncil.org). Tickets are \$20 per person before November 10<sup>th</sup>. After November 10<sup>th</sup> and at the door the cost of tickets will be \$25 per person.

# November 2016 Calendar

## Tue Nov 1

7:30 pm - Israel In the News

## Wed Nov 2

7:45 am - Women's Roundtable Breakfast  
9:00 am - KA Reads Book Club  
10:30 am - Mah Jongg  
4:00 pm - 4th-6th Grade Religious School  
6:30 pm - 7th-12th Grade Religious School  
7:45 pm - Parent Orientation Meeting for Confirmation

## Thu Nov 3

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

## Fri Nov 4

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

## Sat Nov 5

Shabbat Lift - 8:45am - Coffee, tea and kibbutzing  
9:00 am - Child-friendly Shabbat Service with aliyot, songs for children, prayer and celebration for all  
9:45 am - Family Oneg with bagels and snacks  
10:30am - 12:00 pm - Torah Study  
5:30 am - Shabbat Morning Service: B'nai Mitzvah of Marina Rosenthal and Peyton Levine

## Sun Nov 6

9:00 am - K-6th Grade Religious School  
9:00 am - Religious School Grade 3 Dig  
11:00 am - Or Chadash Choir  
11:15 am - Cooking for the Homeless

## Mon Nov 7

9:15 am - Gandparenting  
11:00 am - Current Events  
7:30 pm - Prophets Seminar

## Tue Nov 8

11:30 am - Women in Transition

## Wed Nov 9

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

## Thu Nov 10

9:30 am - Jewish Meditation  
11:00 am - Wisdom of the Sages  
7:30 pm - God: A Biography with Shira Milgrom

## Fri Nov 11

Veterans Day - OFFICE CLOSED  
5:30 pm - Shabbat In The Woods  
6:15 pm - Evening Shabbat Service  
4/5/6/7th grades Retreat

## Sat Nov 12

Shabbat Lift - 8:45am - Coffee, tea and kibbutzing  
9:00 am - Child-friendly Shabbat Service with aliyot, songs for children, prayer and celebration for all  
9:45 am - Family Oneg with bagels and snacks  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Torah Study  
10:30 am - Shabbat Morning Service: Bat Mitzvah of Madyson Eisen  
5:30 pm - Shabbat Evening Service: B'nai Mitzvah of Reagan Bourne and Sebastian Garibaldi

## Sun Nov 13

9:00 am - K-6th Grade Religious School  
9:00 am - Women's Oasis  
11:00 am - Or Chadash Choir

## Mon Nov 14

2:45 pm - Religious School Grade 9 HUC  
Soup Kitchen Trip  
7:30 pm - Movie Nite  
7:30 pm - Prophets Seminar

## Tue Nov 15

7:30pm - Israel In the News

## Wed Nov 16

10:30 am - Mah Jongg  
4:00 pm - 4th-6th Grade Religious School  
6:30 pm - 7th-12th Grade Religious School  
Religious School Grade 9 NO CLASS

## Thu Nov 17

9:30 am - Jewish Meditation  
10:00 am - Mitzvah Knits  
11:00 am - Wisdom of the Sages  
6:30 pm - God: A Biography with Shira Milgrom

## Fri Nov 18

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

## Sat Nov 19

Shabbat Lift - 8:45am - Coffee, tea and kibbutzing  
9:00 am - Child-friendly Shabbat Service with aliyot, songs for children, prayer and celebration for all  
9:45 am - Family Oneg with bagels and snacks

10:30 am- 12:00 pm - Torah Study  
4:00 pm - Wine and Wisdom

## Sun Nov 20

9:00 am - K-6th Grade Religious School  
3rd grade trip to the Jewish Museum  
5th grade trip to the Museum of Jewish Heritage  
11:00 am - Or Chadash Choir

## Mon Nov 21

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

## Wed Nov 23

10:30 am - Mah Jongg  
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## Thu Nov 24

Thanksgiving Day - OFFICE CLOSED

## Fri Nov 25

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

## Sat Nov 26

Shabbat Lift - 8:45am - Coffee, tea and kibbutzing  
9:00 am - Child-friendly Shabbat Service with aliyot, songs for children, prayer and celebration for all  
9:45 am - Family Oneg with bagels and snacks  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Torah Study

## Sun Nov 27

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## Mon Nov 28

11:00 am - Current Events  
12:30 pm - Mussar Class  
7:30 pm - Prophets Seminar

## Tue Nov 29

7:30 pm - Israel In the News

## Wed Nov 30

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



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Front Row, Left to right: Tina Michell – Energy Analyst, Bright Energy Services; Bud Hammer – President, Atlantic Westchester; Bonnie Hagen – Chief Operating Officer, LEED AP+, Bright Energy Services  
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Atlantic Westchester, an HVAC company in Bedford Hills, and Bright Energy Services, an energy efficiency company in White Plains, have aligned to become one of the area's leading commercial energy efficiency providers. Both award-winning firms have a long-standing commitment to energy-efficient building solutions. This strategic partnership has resulted in tens of millions of dollars in value to clients from reduced utility costs, the securing of financial incentives, and enhanced building operating systems. Services include energy auditing, LED lighting and controls, HVAC, solar, building management systems, local law and energy code compliance, LEED and Energy Star certification, benchmarking, sub-metering, commissioning, procurement, and more.

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