

THE CONNECTION

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Congregation Kol Ami

A Reform Jewish Synagogue in White Plains, New York

Our Purpose

**To nurture the divine spark within,
and to connect each of us to a meaningful Jewish journey.**

**The teenage Confirmand
The interfaith family
The Early Childhood preschooler
The wedding couple
The High Holy Days worshipper
The steadfast participant.**

**Here, you're embraced.
Whatever your "Jewish" is, you'll find it at Kol Ami.**

Here, our members – of every age and with diverse backgrounds and identities – are our heartbeat.

Here, we cultivate relationships with family, friends, staff, and clergy.

Here, we are rooted in our synagogue, in our community, in our country, and in Israel.

**Here, we celebrate Jewish traditions and culture,
nourish our souls through music and the arts,
and explore relationships with God.**

Here, we evolve and challenge ourselves.

**Here, we worship, we learn, we celebrate, we engage.
Here, we practice Tikkun Olam.**

**"Kol Ami" means "the voice of my people".
Here, hear your voice.**



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WEEKLY TORAH PORTIONS FOR OCTOBER

Week ending October 3, 2015

Shabbat during Sukkot)Parashat Ki Tisa Exodus 33:12-34:26
Ki Tisa relates the story following the incident of the Golden Calf. Moses is beset by doubt and anxiety over his ability to lead the Israelites, and asks for the ultimate reassurance: to behold the Divine Presence. God does not grant this request, but does reveal the nature of God's attributes. The parashah ends with a restoration of mutual faith and Moses carving a second set of tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments.

Week ending October 10, 2015

Parashat B'reishit Genesis 1:1-6:8

B'reishit, our first parashah in the Torah, begins with the creation of the world. God creates the world in seven days, concluding with the first Shabbat. In a second version of the story, Adam is created from the dust of the earth rather than as a result of a divine breath. Adam and Eve are expelled from the Garden of Eden for eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Their son Cain kills his brother Abel. Adam and Eve have another son named Seth, from whom Noah descends.

Week ending October 17, 2015

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.

Week ending October 24, 2015

Lech L'cha Genesis 12:1-17:27

Here, the story of our ancestors begins in earnest. Abram is promised he will be the father of a great multitude if he follows God's call. Abram and Sarai leave their home for Canaan, along with Abram's nephew Lot. As a sign of the covenant Abram and Sarai receive new names, Abraham and Sarah. When it seems Sarah is unable to conceive, Sarah gives her handmaid, Hagar, to Abraham. Then, sensing Hagar's arrogance at becoming pregnant, Sarah asks Abraham to send Hagar away. Abraham is ninety-nine 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 October 31, 2015

Parashat Vayera Genesis 18:1-22:24

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. Isaac is born and begins to grow. The final scene tells the story of the "Binding of Isaac" where Abraham attempts to fulfill God's request that he sacrifice his son Isaac.

SHABBAT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Friday Evening Services

Shabbat in the Woods for Families with Young Children

Atrium and Petschek Gallery

5:30 - 6:00pm

A service in story and song

6:15 - 7:15pm

Shabbat crafts, light supper & supervised childcare

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Including Shabbat Stories

Main Sanctuary

6:15pm

Shabbat Morning Spiritual Lift

Shabbat Morning Study with Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Schulman Chapel

9:00am

Coffee and Community

9:30 - 10:30am

Study

11:00am

Shabbat Service in the Woods

HOLIDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Simchat Torah Celebration and Services

Services, celebration, hakafot, dancing
and consecration of our new students.

Sunday, October 4

6:15pm in the Main Sanctuary, light Oneg to follow

Simchat Torah and Yizkor Service

Monday, October 5

10:00am in The Chapel in the Woods, light oneg to follow

SERVICES TAKE PLACE IN THE MAIN BUILDING UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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

October 2, 2015, December 4, 2015, March 18, 2016 and April 15, 2016

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. Dinners can be for families, singles, or adults only and be casual or more formal. Our goal is to include as many people as possible.

If you would like to be a host or guest please contact Susan Davis at susanhopedavis@hotmail.com
or Lisa Hochman at lisahochman@mac.com



B'NAI MITZVAH

We will be celebrating the following children's bar & bat mitzvahs at these services. Mazal Tov!



GRIFFIN BLOTNER, son of Sara and Andrew Blotner of Edgemont, will become a Bar Mitzvah on October

24, 2015. Griffin is an 8th grader at Edgemont Junior High School. For his Mitzvah project, Griffin spent the Spring as a buddy for Miracle League and planned and executed a project for the Coachman House families last Mother's Day with assistance from the Kol Ami second grade religious school classes. He also volunteered at the Memorial Day barbecue for Coachman at Kol Ami with his family.



JACOB (JACK) MARLEY MCEVOY, son of Judy and Kevin Mcevoy and brother to Max, will be called to the Torah as a Bar

Mitzvah on October 3rd, 2015. Jack is an 8th grader at Scarsdale Middle School. He has a passion for all things sports. Jack loves to ski, play baseball, basketball and tennis and is on his way to earning his brown belt in karate. He also loves to read and play the cello. For his mitzvah project, Jack has been volunteering at The Food Bank of Westchester for the past year. A collection bin will be set up at Kol Ami on the day of his service where his friends and family can bring donations that will be delivered by Jack to the FBW. He is looking forward to his Bar Mitzvah and celebrating with his family and friends!



LEXIE SOHL, daughter of Sharon and Stephen Sohl and younger sister to Kayla, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

on October 17, 2015. Lexie is an 8th grader at Highlands Middle School in White Plains. She enjoys gymnastics, going to the beach and spending time with her family, friends and pets. For her mitzvah project Lexie volunteers her time working with younger children in a gymnastics program and volunteered this summer at the Kol Ami Sun and Fun Summer Camp. She is looking forward to celebrating her special day with family and friends.



LAUREN CLARKE is the daughter of Audrey Prashker and Alec Clarke and the sister of Alison and Betsy. She will be called to the

Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 10, 2015. She is an 8th grader at Edgemont Jr/Sr High School. For her Mitzvah project, Lauren worked with young children at the Westhab Dayspring Community Center in Yonkers, playing, doing projects, reading and helping with homework. Lauren likes sports, reading and art. She is on the EHS modified volleyball and basketball teams, and plays on the Edgemont travel soccer team. Lauren is excited to celebrate her special day with her family and friends.



BETSY CLARKE is the daughter of Audrey Prashker and Alec Clarke and the sister of Alison and Lauren. She

will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 10, 2015. She is an 8th grader at Edgemont Jr/Sr High School. For her Mitzvah project, Betsy worked with young children at the Westhab Dayspring Community Center in Yonkers, playing, doing projects, reading and helping with homework. Betsy likes sports, cooking and listening to music. She is on the EHS modified soccer and basketball teams, and plays on the Edgemont travel soccer team. Betsy is excited to celebrate her special day with all of her family and friends.



ANDREW KLEIN, son of Rosanne and Richard Klein and brother of Alyssa, will be called to the Torah as a

Bar Mitzvah on October 10, 2015. Andrew is an 8th grader at Edgemont Junior/Senior High School. He enjoys playing baseball and basketball. He loves watching football and hanging out with his dogs Jeter and Roxie. For his mitzvah project, which is ongoing, he is planning to run the NYC 1/2 Marathon next March and raise money for JDRF, a charity he has actively raised money for since he was 5, as his cousin has Juvenile Diabetes.

A Message From Our Clergy

RABBI SHIRA MILGROM

RABBI TOM WEINER

CANTOR DAVID ROSEN



**We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us. If
you would like to read our sermons please
visit our web site www.nykolami.org.**

**We are so grateful to be part of this
joyful, spiritual community.**

L'Shana Tova

**Wishing you and your family a happy
and healthy New Year!**

A Message From Our Religious School Director

FELICE MILLER BARITZ



I hope everyone had meaningful experiences during the high holidays and had fun at this year's Sukkot Festival!

As we all begin a new Jewish year together, I invite you all to join us as we work together to learn and to explore Jewish life. Our children rely on us to create the path for their discovery.

The success of our school will be realized through the joyous involvement of all our families in a vibrant Jewish life, both in and out of our synagogue. Come share and learn with your children. Join us any time... our students have Tefila (prayers) together every Wednesday afternoon from 5:30-6:00 in the main Sanctuary. Sundays are filled with music, dance, laughter and learning. There will be many opportunities for parents to participate in special programs with their children. Read the weekly Gold Standard to keep on top of all the things going on here.

This year, we're selling special "Tzedakah keepers" for our children to use to bring their Tzedakah in to class. The change purses cost \$5 each and the funds go into our Religious School Fund to support the many special programs and activities we have.

We will again share bagels and coffee each Sunday morning in our Kol Ami café. Consider sponsoring our Sunday morning bagels in honor of a birthday or other special occasion, or just because! Forms are available in the school office.

It's wonderful to see everyone again and to meet all our new students. If you have questions or concerns, my door is always open.

Wishing everyone in our Kol Ami community a year filled with sweetness, peace and joy.

Religious School Events & Reminders

Congregation

Kol Ami and Costa Rican

Adventures proudly present:

The High School Tikkun Olam Trip To
Costa Rica During Winter Break

December 23 - 31st

First come, first served! Limited
Spaces Available!

Cost: \$2,950

For more information please contact Josh
Rosenthal at joshrosenthal@nykolami.org

NFTY's EIE High School in Israel is an accredited semester or summer-long program for Reform Jewish high school students in grades 10 to 12. EIE offers an unparalleled opportunity to be immersed in the richness of the land, culture, people and history of Israel, all while earning high school and college credit. Visit nftyeie.org to learn more or speak to Josh Rosenthal.

For more information about
NFTY-EIE, please check out our
website at www.nftyeie.org.

If you have a 5th grade boy interested in joining a Kol Ami basketball team to play in the Westchester Jewish Basketball League please contact Gerri Sommers at gerrisommers@mac.com by October 15th.

KOL AMI'S ANNUAL SUKKOT FESTIVAL





A Message from Our ECP Director NAN BLANK

An invitation to join us and an opportunity not to be missed...

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take this opportunity to invite you to join us for an opportunity not to be missed. This February 2016, during the winter break,

Rabbi Shira and I will be leading a Congregational journey to Israel and both of us hope that you and your family will give serious thought to joining us on what we promise to be a transformational adventure.

My first visit to Israel was in 1978 with my parents and my Aunt Betty and Uncle Alan. We went with our Congregation from Great Neck and enjoyed an experience of a lifetime traveling throughout Israel and ending our journey in Egypt. It was an adventure I will never forget.

The next time was in 1993 when my husband Wesley and I took our children on a Congregational trip with our Temple in Andover, Ma. Our daughters were 9, 7 and 5 at the time. They were wonderful travelers as were all of the children, and young adults on this multi-generational trip.

Since then, Wesley and I have been lucky enough to travel to

Israel many more times with our children celebrating family adventures and finally our oldest daughter's wedding in 2010. Each trip, whether it was in peaceful times or more tumultuous times was unique and comfortable and always felt safe.

Shira and I, along with the help of ARZA World, have designed a trip for every age and hope to lead a multi-generational journey that will include your family! The itinerary is very exciting and includes wonderful adventures and learning experiences in Israel and a day trip to Petra Jordan, an excursion both Shira and I have previously experienced and are thrilled to journey there again with you.

These are the life experiences that shape families, couples, and single travelers. When you travel on a congregational trip you are actually traveling as one whole family with the added benefit of making lifelong friends. With this in mind, we both hope you will give this trip some serious thought. Both Shira and I, as well as ARZA World, are available to answer any and all questions you have. To learn more about our trip please visit http://www.arzaworld.com/Flipbook/Cong_kol_ami_with_rabbi_milgrom_nan_blank/.

Looking forward to our shared journey,

Nan

Early Childhood Program Events & Reminders

Shabbat in the Woods Book Share

October 2, 5:30-6:00pm

ECP Closed for Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

October 5 and 6

4's and Pre-k's Cocktail Party

Thursday evening, October 8
8:00-9:30pm

Hosted by Jeanette and Dominic Maister and Cantor David Rosen and Rabbi Ilyse Glickman at the home of Jeanette and Dominic Maister

ECP Closed for Columbus Day

October 12

First Friends begins

Tuesday, October 20
In the Gallery 10:00-11:15
Pre-registration required.

ECP Parent-Teacher Open House for 2's, 3's and 4's

Tuesday, October 20
7:30—9:00pm

ECP Parent-Teacher Open House for Pre-K's

Tuesday, October 20
7:30—8:30pm

2's Cocktail Party

Thursday evening, October 27
8:00-9:30pm

Hosted by Robin and Warren Hershkowitz and Loren and Gene Kabakov at the home of Robin and Warren Hershkowitz.

3's Cocktail Party

Thursday evening, October 29
8:00-9:30pm

Hosted by Stacy and Edan Pinkas and Katy and Neil Goldman at the home of Stacy and Edan Pinkas

THE BLANK FAMILY FAMILY TRIP TO ISRAEL 1993



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A Message from Our President



HANK ROUDA

Chag Sameach! I hope that you are able to join us in one of our beautiful sukkahs this year as we

celebrate Sukkot. It was wonderful to see so many of you over the past few weeks as we all joined together as a community for reflection and renewal. So many of you stopped me just to say hello and I hope that even more do the same as the year progresses.

I was pleased with how many people came up to me and said that my remarks had resonated with them, both on a personal and a communal level. I wanted to share a portion of my remarks with you, as it is imperative to our future stability and strength that we continue to cultivate a culture of giving.

"Last year, as most of my predecessors have done before me (apparently, including my Grandfather), I spoke of our immediate financial needs. My fervent hope was to have no need to make the same case this year as I did last. Unfortunately, our base financial condition has not changed in any substantive manner. Each year, we remind everyone that our dues cover only a small portion of our overall budget, and that we need additional fundraising to cover the remaining shortfall. And, yet, even with this knowledge, only about 30% of all families contribute to the Annual Fund and less than 10% pay dues at some level of Premium Dues. At the same time, almost 25% of all members are on some form of dues relief, as we refuse to turn away anyone because of financial reasons. Last year, we had one of the strongest Annual Fund responses that we've ever had. But, still, there are 345 families who have never given to the Annual Fund. I challenge us to exceed last year's effort this year. Last year, 234 families participated

in the Annual Fund. This year, let's see if we can increase that to 360. Last year, we raised \$153,000. This year, let's see if we can increase that to \$180,000. I didn't pick these goals randomly. Both of these numbers are multiples of 18, of Chai, of life. As the way that we use and interact with a synagogue changes from the time of our parents and grandparents, it is becoming increasingly apparent that people are still searching for a connection; for a community. We have a precious community here at Kol Ami. It is incumbent on us to ensure that our children and their children also have the great joy of being able to connect with each other, with past and future generations and with our traditions. As the Pirke Avot, the Ethics of our Ancestors, teaches us - "You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it." It is up to us to lay the foundations on which our children and their children will continue to build their Jewish identity. It is not enough to reimagine and refurbish our physical spaces; it is incumbent on all of us, not just a small portion of us, to provide the financial base that will enable us and our future generations to transform this sacred community to meet their needs. We all hope that you will be willing and able to participate in the Annual Fund with a contribution that is personally meaningful." As the High Holy Day season comes to an end, the programming year at Kol Ami begins in earnest. I hope that, even more than in past years, this is the year that you find your entrance to Kol Ami and, as our new vision statement says, that you find your voice – the voice of our people, our community.

L'shalom!

Hank

A Message from Our Executive Director

JESS LORDEN



Shana Tova. Wishing you a sweet new year filled with love, friendship and community.

Social Action. Together these qualities describe one of the many reasons

I wished to serve as Kol Ami's Executive Director. I believe in our community and I am confident that our community will continue to come together to make a difference in supporting not only our congregational community, but the local community, and the world at large. Your actions during the High Holy Day season have only bolstered my confidence in this.

Just in the last month members of our congregation:

- Explored, through our Green Team, several alternative energy resources intended to lower our energy consumption
- Donated thousands and thousands of non-perishable, shelf-stable foods to the Westchester Food Bank during our annual food drive (see photo below)
- Donated additional goods to our Kol Ami Pantry
- Donated thousands of dollars to our Fund For the Needy enabling us to stock the Kol Ami Pantry
- Volunteered to work in our Kol Ami Pantry
- Volunteered in our Temple Office
- Donated games and puzzles to the Coachman Family Center
- Donated books to the children at the Coachman Family Center
- Volunteered to work at the Coachman Thanksgiving celebration
- Worked tirelessly to make Shira's dream sukkah a reality

Your actions reflect that we are a kind, compassionate, and socially responsible community. During our High Holy Day services you heard Shira talk about hope; and our clergy and President talked about the many "entrances" to Kol Ami. You give me hope. Perhaps you will find your "entrance" to Kol Ami through volunteerism and community service. If you'd like to join me in our community efforts please contact me at 949-4717, ext. 101 or by email at jessicalorden@nykolami.org.



Women of Reform Judaism

CO-PRESIDENTS SHERYL BRADY, RACHEL ECKHAUS, JUDY SARCH

I was perusing the Women of Reform Judaism national website and came across two articles that tied in perfectly with my thoughts about Sisterhood this month – “Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot” and “Hachnasat Orchim – Welcoming the Stranger”.

We hope that many of you will be able to spend time on our patio in the Sukkah that was partially underwritten by Sisterhood and decorated by many of our temple women. During Sukkot, we celebrate the bounty of the earth and the harvest which provides for us and allows us to share with others. We are proud that our Sisterhood-sponsored Food Drive at Yom Kippur resulted in an impressive quantity of donations to the Food Bank for Westchester. Sukkot is also a time when we contemplate our vulnerabilities and the fragility of life, and the Sukkah is an ultimate symbol of that which is temporary, frail, and open to the elements. But as a foil to the precariousness of life, we also recognize that there are opportunities when we have the ability (and responsibility) to provide strength and fortification to others in need and providing food for the hungry through Sisterhood’s efforts and through the new Kol Ami Food Pantry offers us a life-affirming response.

And of course, when we reflect on that which is fragile and temporary, we cannot help but rejoice in that which is permanent and enduring, especially the values of love, friendship, and connection. That brings us to my second theme - of Welcome. This past August, I attended a work-

related training held at a college outside of Philadelphia. Before I left home, I searched the internet for the location of the closest Reform synagogue so that I could attend a Friday night service. The Rabbi was not present that evening, and the woman conducting the service was the President of the Sisterhood; we immediately had a bond. I was welcomed, and at the oneg, we easily chatted about WRJ matters and the upcoming URJ and WRJ Biennial which we will both be attending. (It also turned out that her husband who had been sitting in front of me during services and looked familiar was someone with whom I had attended high school and hadn’t seen since – he did not remember me at all, but I remembered where he went to college and that he played the clarinet in the band!) And we have arranged a rendezvous in Orlando.

At our Kol Ami Sisterhood September meeting (which will have occurred by the time you read this!), we look forward to welcoming new faces and long-time members. Although many of our attendees may start off as strangers, they won’t stay that way for long as Sisterhood paves the way for creating new connections and bonds! And please look out for our upcoming events including a Defensive Driving Class on October 13 and 20, our Holiday Boutique on November 15, and Wine & Wisdom on November 21. We look forward to welcoming you.

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

Women of Reform Judaism Events & Reminders

Defensive Driving Class

Tuesday October 13 & 20, 7-10pm

Save Money & Become A Safer Driver

Take this course & get a discount on your auto insurance for up to 3 years and reduction in up to 4 moving violation points

You must attend both sessions to obtain class credit.

Register Today, \$50

Online: www.NYKolAmi.org/Sisterhood or
drop off a check in the main office.

Fall Shopping Spree

Sunday, November 15

9:00am – 4:00pm

Jewelry, handbags, accessories, crafts, skincare, candles, raffles, food, kitchenware, toys, and much, much more!

Start holiday shopping early and support our sisterhood!

Ritual Riches

Festivals of Sukkot, Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

"You shall live in booths seven days; all citizens in Israel shall live in booths, in order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I the Eternal your God. (Leviticus 23: 43-43)

Sukkot is celebrated on the 15th day of Tishrei five days after Yom Kippur. It lasts for seven days in Israel eight days in the diaspora. Many of us know this holiday as the holiday of booths or the celebration of the fall harvest. Depending on when the 15th day of Tishrei falls in the secular calendar, the arrival Sukkot is usually a good indication that the summer is over. Symbols of Sukkot are the sukkah, lulav and etrog. At Kol Ami we have several sukkahs. Each year, the one in the sanctuary is beautifully decorated by the Sisterhood. A sukkah is have at least three walls with the top open and covered just enough for protection from the weather, but you can see the sky. You can now buy pre-made sukkah kits that are made from canvas, metal and wood. Last year a company called Sukkah Depot distributed 500,000 sukkah kits to the US, Canada, Europe and Latin America. It is customary every night of Sukkot to eat dinner in the sukkah and some more observant Jews sleep in the sukkah. In Hebrew, lulav means palm branch. It is the ceremonial object "with a single palm branch in the center, two willow branches on the left, and three myrtle branches on the right." In Hebrew, etrog means citron. This lemon like fruit is only used for the ceremonial rituals of Sukkot. The ritual of reciting a blessing while holding the lulav and etrog together and shaking them in six directions is to be aware of God's presence in all creation. Leviticus 23:40 commands "On the first day, you shall take the fruit of a goodly tree (etrog), palm branches, myrtle boughs, and willows and rejoice before Adonai." Substance, color and size are important factors in choosing the perfect etrog. Most etrogs are grown in Bnei Brak, Israel, but there are etrog farms in Greece, Morocco, Yemen and California. There are many events that occur in Israel during the week of Sukkot including a public reception in the President of Israel's sukkah. People are able to tour the residence, there are performances and the President is in attendance. At Kol Ami, we have many wonderful Sukkot activities.

Sukkot concludes with Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. In Reform Judaism, the two are combined. "Sh'mini Atzeret was originally a time for a final day of reflection before returning to daily routine. It also became a time to pray for rain in the year to come", which is particularly important at this time of year both in Israel and in this year in parts of the US that are drought stricken. Simchat Torah is Hebrew for "rejoicing the law". This celebration of concluding the reading of Deuteronomy and beginning the reading of Genesis was added onto the Sukkot celebration in the eleventh century. Consecration of new students to our religious school is one the traditions attached to Simchat Torah along with marching around the sanctuary with all our Torah scrolls. There's nothing more thrilling, and a little scary, than seeing one of the Torah scrolls completely unrolled around the perimeter of the sanctuary being gently held on the top by members of the congregation.

The intense Jewish holiday season began with Rosh Hashanah and concludes with Simchat Torah. The freshness of the fall air coincides with the freshness of the New Year and the fresh opportunity for all us. Looking forward to celebrating Sukkot and Simchat Torah at Kol Ami with all of you!

Information for the above article was obtained from the following: urj.org, Wikipedia, Google, reformjudaismmagazine.org, israelinsideout.org and 10 Minutes of Torah

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 mitzvah.

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.



Social Action

Cooking for the Homeless

In the Kol Ami kitchen
Sundays at 11:15 am:
Oct 18, 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.
10:30 am
October 8

The Kol Ami Singers

Accompanied by Paul Schwarz, we sing at
local nursing homes and assisted living
facilities. Join us as we bring a little sunshine
to the residents and make a difference
in their lives. For information, call
Murray Shapiro 914 946 7789
Wednesday, October 7th at 2:30pm
The Bristal
305 North Street, White Plains, NY

Kol Ami Pantry Hours

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

COACHMANS 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 of blankets and providing them to the Children of the Coachman

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

COACHMANS CORNER, CON'T...

On Sunday, September 20th, Susan & Troy Smith, Nicole & Ben Michelson, and their children, and Jaimee and David Schultz and their children hosted our September birthday party at The Coachman Family Center. The sponsor families were also joined by Nan Blank, our Early Childhood Program Director, Sharon Cohen, Brett Goldstein, one of our B'nei Mitzvah students and his family, all of whom helped serve pizza and cake, and interact with the children.

The party started with some wonderful craft activities led by Brett Goldstein and his family. The kids eagerly engaged in conversation with their Kol Ami counterparts as they worked on their art projects. They shared their summer experiences and talked about the camps they attended and the local amusement parks they visited. As an added bonus, the children were amused and entertained by Brett's magic card tricks as they continued bonding with our sponsor children, discovering the many commonalities they share. After enjoying some pizza and snacks, more entertainment followed. Danny Bernstein of Backyard Sports led the children in team building sports and games. He introduced obstacle courses and Frisbee tosses, and structured his activities around forming new connections. Every game provided the opportunity for the kids to interact with each other and encouraged new friendships.

The spirit of friendship carried over as the kids returned to the recreational room to sing happy birthday and eat cake. After they were finished eating, two of the Coachman children teamed up and invited our sponsors' 11 year-old-son to play a game of basketball. The three boys then headed to the courtyard together to shoot some hoops. Our sponsors commented on how heartwarming it was to watch these kids come together with the appreciation that were all the same and just wanted to play ball together.

Reflecting back on that moment, one of our sponsors added, "Today, I can't get the images of the Coachman children out of my mind. I keep thinking about the faces I saw and the kids I met. Those faces are so precious and I know what we did at that party meant so much to them, if only to occupy their time for a few hours and share some laughs and fun."

If you are interested in sponsoring a birthday party at the Coachman or would like to contribute to the Coachman Birthday Party initiative in other ways, please contact: Diane Litvak (dmlitvak@me.com), Alison Adler (aadler3@verizon.net) or Annie Rotberg (annie.rotberg@gmail.com). YOU too can make a difference!

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FEAST FOR THE COACHMAN

Sunday, November 22nd

5:00pm

If you would like to volunteer
your time for this special occasion please
contact Jess Lorden (Jessicalorden@nykolami.org) or
Ellen Kurtz (ekurtz1nc@verizon.net).

The Kol Ami Food Pantry - A Community United Against Hunger

Westchester is one of the country's wealthiest counties, with a median household income just under \$80,000. But its wealth is unevenly distributed, and as many as one in five Westchester residents go hungry or are at risk for hunger. Many are children, seniors and the working poor.

Congregation Kol Ami has stepped in to lessen this need. In July, Kol Ami opened a food pantry, supplied through the Food Bank for Westchester, to serve members of the congregation, their guests, and families, and Kol Ami staff, guests, and families. Our food pantry provides staples such as canned beans peanut butter and tuna; fruit and vegetables, dried goods like cereal, pasta, rice and dried beans; packaged milk, and a limited range of paper products.

"I hope any congregants and staff who cannot afford nutritious meals will come to our new food pantry," says Jessica Lorden, Kol Ami's Executive Director. "We're here to support you and we desperately wish to do so." "The Torah teaches us to "love the other as yourself," added Rabbi Ilyse Glickman, one of the organizers of the food pantry. "I can't think of a better way to bring this mitzvah to life than through the creation of the pantry."

In addition to the staples in the pantry, Jess Lorden has a limited number of supermarket gift cards to help those in need buy perishables that the food pantry cannot offer. Get in touch with Jess to learn more. Currently, supplies are bought through the rabbi's Fund for the Needy, but congregants' contributions are both welcome and needed. That includes produce from home gardens as well.

As Shira discussed during her Rosh Hashanah sermon, the 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: Tuesday 9:30AM – 11AM; Thursday 6:00PM – 7:30 PM; and Sunday 11:30AM – 1:00 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.



Mussar Classes

Mondays, 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Oct 19, 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,

Oct 13, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

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

8 Thursdays, Beginning Oct 8, 11:00 am -12:30 pm

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

12:00pm

Beginning Oct 1

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

9:15am

Beginning Oct 19

Susan Davis, LCSW

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: Caberet, 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*

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252 SOUNDVIEW AVE, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10606
NO LATER THAN 2 DAYS PRIOR TO EVENT



ASL INTERPRETATION PROVIDED UPON REQUEST

ENGAGE AND LEARN

Wisdom of the Sages at Kol Ami

Thursdays 11:00 – 12:00 pm

Beginning Oct 8

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 I: October 1

High Holidays: I'm Sorry" The Role of Forgiveness and Failure in Families

Session II: November 12

Halloween and Thanksgiving: Fully American, Fully Jewish

Current Events with Beth & Gene Kava

Mondays, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Oct 19, 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

Journey through the Torah

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

Oct 7, 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.

A Women's Perspective on Global Crisis:

Kol Ami Oasis at Home presents deeply personal and compelling accountss of clashes and connections between Jews, Muslims and others

Session I: Mehnaz M. Afridi PhD, Assistant Professor & Director of Holocaust, Genocide and Interfaith Education Center

Tuesday, Oct 6, 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Prophets Seminar

Mondays 7:30 pm

beginning Oct 19

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!

4 Wednesday mornings, 10:00 am – 12:15 pm

Oct. 14, 21, 28; Nov 4

Muslims and Jews: A Historical Perspective*

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

Nov 18; Dec 9 & 16

Hebrew Classes for Adults

Beginners Hebrew with Emily Fields*

Sundays at 9:00 am
\$150 per semester/10 classes
Beginning Oct 18

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

Sundays at 10:00 am
\$150 per semester/10 classes
Beginning Oct 18

(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
Beginning Oct 18

*Please contact Emily at 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.

The Arts

Congregational Choir

Thursdays 7:45 - 9:30 pm
beginning October 8th
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)
beginning Oct 18th
Cantor David Rosen and Lenora Eve, Accompanist

Kol Ami Book Club

Wednesdays, at 9:15 am in Room 20, Oct 7
Meets the first Wednesday of every month through-
out the year. Come whether you've read the
book or not; the discussion is always lively.
For more information contact Doris Dingott at 289-0869 or
DLDingott@gmail.com

Mah Jongg: Experienced and Novice

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Westchester Symphonic Winds Saturday, November 21 at 7:30pm

The Westchester Symphonic Winds, an adult
community-based 60-piece wind and percussion
ensemble, exists to serve the musical aspirations
of its membership by performing in an atmosphere
geared towards excellence. Their goals include
providing Westchester County and surrounding area
residents and members of the general public with the
opportunity to hear the finest wind band literature, as
well as to promote appreciation of this exciting music
in student musician circles.

SAVE THE DATE!

CONGREGATION
KOL AMI PRESENTS

TRIVIA
NIGHT

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

***NON MEMBERS WELCOME!**

**HOSTED BY CONGREGATION KOL AMI AND
WESTCHESTER REFORM TEMPLE
The Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Project
Thursday, October 29th at 7:30pm
AT CONGREGATION KOL AMI**

The Yitzhak Rabin memorial project chronicles the life of Yitzhak Rabin, Israeli Prime Minister, war hero, and Nobel Peace Prize recipient. Through an artful assemblage of photographs, media accounts, and statements by Israeli academics, journalists and political leaders, the exhibition reveals the political divisions that led to Rabin's assassination in 1995, and highlights Rabin's teachings that have become a rallying cry for peace, pluralism, and a return to the Zionist values upon which Israel was founded.

Produced by the educators of the Dror Israel movement, the exhibition has been presented across Israel as a living memorial to Prime Minister Rabin. Now we invite the American Jewish public to discuss questions of remembrance and values and to create a space to explore the state of democracy in the Jewish state today. Using an interactive exhibit, our educators will lead participants through a journey that asks what it means for Israel to be a democracy. The life of Yitzhak Rabin will be used as our lens as participants will learn about the events leading up to his assassination and explore this act as one of defiance against the idea of democracy. Going beyond the assassination, we will explore the state of democracy in Israel today. Our goal is to create a meeting place – a center where acute events in the Jewish world are discussed in an inclusive environment.

We gratefully acknowledge your generous contributions

CONGRATULATIONS

- To Harriet Kraver on the marriage of her son, Barry Kraver to Jessica Garrett
- To Lois Stogel on the marriage of her grandson, Steven Glauber to Michelle Myers

CONDOLENCES

- To Barbara Sandler on the death of her brother, Jay Landa
- To Bill Hart on the death of his wife, Sarita Hart
- To Bob Freedman on the death of his father, Morton Freedman
- To Ruth Kohn on the death of her mother, Shirley Kaplan
- To Sean Reynolds on the death of his mother, Muriel Reynolds
- To Deborah, Maura and David Smolover on the death of their father, Cantor Raymond (Ray) Smolover
- To Jack Berger on the death of his mother, Helen Berger
- To Lili Root-Bianchi on the death of her father, Dr. Leon Root
- To Anlee Marcus on the death of her brother, William Fischler

IN MEMORIAM

Cantor Ray Smolover
Sarita Hart

RABBI SHIRA MILGROM'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- In thanks, from Harry & Eleanor Fleisch
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- In appreciation, from Jean & Hank Rouda
- In honor of this New Year, from Lilly Port

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- In honor of Bert & Patty Wohl's anniversary, from Bert Wohl
- In honor of my Shabbat birthday from Stanton Selbst
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- In honor of the birthday of Paul Davis from Janet and Mark Hershey
- In loving memory of Cantor Raymond Smolover from Janet and Mark Hershey

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- In appreciation from Florence Glazer
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- In honor of Rhona Merkur, Paul & Elyse Schupak from Diane Tabakman & David Rhodes
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- In honor of the Kaufman Family from Phyllis and David Miller

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- In loving memory of Cantor Raymond Smolover from Barbara and Stan Selbst
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- In honor of Stan Selbst's, Birthday" from Joyce Hoffman

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- In loving memory of Fred Blumenfeld, father of Ronnie Cohn & grandfather of Genna Farley, from Hank & Jean Rouda
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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

- In honor of his daughter, Lena, from Douglas Century
- In honor of Alex Arovas'S Bar Mitzvah from Lisa Hochman and Kevin Worth
- In honor of Alex Arovas' Bar Mitzvah from Alison and Andrew Adler

Contributions



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KOL AMI

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

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<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> People to People Fund (supports activities of the Caring Community Program)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities Fund (supports youth-related programs, scholarships and trips)
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October 2015 Calendar

Thu Oct 1

9:30am Jewish Meditation
12:00pm Parenting Teens

Fri Oct 2

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

Sat Oct 3

9:00am Shabbat Lift
5:30pm Shabbat Evening Service:
Bar Mitzvah of Jack McEvoy

Sun Oct 4

Erev Simchat Torah
9:00am K-6th Grade Religious School
6:15pm Erev Simchat Torah
Service - Main Sanctuary

Mon Oct 5

Simchat Torah
OFFICE CLOSED
10:00am Simchat Torah/Yizkor
service - Chapel in the Woods

Tue Oct 6

7:30pm Women's Oasis

Wed Oct 7

7:15am 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 Oct 8

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

Fri Oct 9

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

Sat Oct 10

9:00am: Shabbat Lift
10:30am Shabbat Evening Service: B'nai
Mitzvah of Betsy and Lauren Clarke
5:30pm Shabbat Evening Service:
Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Klein

Sun Oct 11

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Mon Oct 12

Columbus Day
OFFICE CLOSED
ECP CLOSED

Tue Oct 13

11:30am Women in Transition
7:00pm WRJ/Sisterhood
Defensive Driving Session 1

Wed Oct 14

10:00am WAJE - Zionism: An
Idea That Will Not Die!
10:30am Mah Jongg
4:00pm 4th-6th Religious School
6:30pm 7th-12th Grade Religious School
7:45pm RS Gr8/9 Orientation
for Civil Rights Trip

Thu Oct 15

9:30am Jewish Meditation
11:00am Wisdom of the Sages
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
8:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Fri Oct 16

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

Sat Oct 17

9:00am: Shabbat Lift
10:30am Shabbat Morning Service:
Bar Mitzvah of Oren Tirschwell
5:30pm Shabbat Evening Service:
Bat Mitzvah of Lexie Sohl

Sun Oct 18

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

Mon Oct 19

9:15am Grandparenting Workshop
11:00am Current Events
12:30pm Mussar Class
7:30pm Prophets Seminar

Tue Oct 20

11:00am Mitzvah knits
7:00pm Sisterhood Defensive
Driving Class Session 2

sWed Oct 21

10:00am WAJE - Zionism: An
Idea That Will Not Die!
10:30am Mah Jongg
4:00pm 4th-6th Religious School
6:30pm 7th-12th Grade Religious School
8:00pm RS Gr10 Confirmation
Class Parent Meeting

Thu Oct 22

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

Fri Oct 23

10:00am Torah Study: Portion of the Week
5:30pm Shabbat In The Woods
6:15pm Evening Shabbat Service
7:30pm New Member Dinner

Sat Oct 24

9:00am Shabbat Lift
10:30am: Bar Mitzvah of Griffin Blotner
5:30pm Shabbat Evening Service:
Bar Mitzvah of William Bakst
6:00pm Havdahla-Ween Youth group

Sun Oct 25

9:00am K-6th Grade Religious School

Mon Oct 26

7:30pm Prophets Seminar

Wed Oct 28

9:30am Jewish Meditation
10:00am WAJE - Zionism: An
Idea That Will Not Die!
10:30am Mah Jongg

Thu Oct 29

0:30am Jewish Meditation
11:00am Wisdom of the Sages
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Fri Oct 30

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

Sat Oct 31

9:00am Shabbat Lift