



L'Shana Tova

**We wish you a year of sweetness
in a more hopeful world.**

High Holy Day Schedule

Rosh Hashanah Eve

Sunday Evening, September 16

First Service — 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Second Service — 9:00pm to 11:00pm

Rosh Hashanah — Day 1

Monday, September 17

First Service — 9:00am to 11:15am
Grades 1-6 First Service — 9:00am to 11:15am
Second Service — 12:15pm to 2:30pm
Grades 1-6 Second Service — 12:15pm to 2:30pm
Family Service — 3:15pm to 4:00pm
Family Reception — 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Community Tashlich — 5:30pm

Rosh Hashanah — Day 2

Tuesday, September 18

Service — 10:00am
Reception following

Yom Kippur Eve (Kol Nidre)

Tuesday, September 25

First Service — 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Second Service — 9:00pm to 11:00pm

*Please Note: For the Kol Nidre Services,
the sanctuary doors will be closed promptly at 6:00pm
and at 9:00pm and will not re-open
until the cello solo is completed.*

Yom Kippur Day

Wednesday, September 26

First Service — 9:00am to 11:15am
Grades 1-6 First Service — 9:00am to 11:15am
Second Service — 12:15pm to 2:30pm
Grades 1-6 Second Service — 12:15pm to 2:30pm
Afternoon Service (Chapel) — 2:45pm to 4:30pm
Family Service — 3:15pm to 4:00pm
Memorial (Yizkor) & Neilah Service — 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Erev Sukkot

Sunday, September 30

Sukkot Service — 7:00pm

Sukkot

Monday, October 1

Sukkot Service in Chapel — 10:00am

Erev Simchat Torah Service

Consecration of New Religious School Students

Sunday, October 7

Time to be announced

Simchat Torah

Monday, October 8

Service and Yizkor — 10:00am in Chapel

SERVICES

Saturday, September 1

9:00 am SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 11:00 am SERVICE

Friday, September 7

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery
 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in
 Main Sanctuary

Saturday, September 8

9:00 am SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 11:00 am SERVICE
 10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:
 Bat Mitzvah of Julia Golden in Chapel
 9:30 pm SELICHOT SERVICE in Petschek Gallery

Friday, September 14

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery
 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in
 Main Sanctuary

Saturday, September 15

9:00 am SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 11:00 am SERVICE

Sunday, September 16

EREV ROSH HASHANAH
Please see cover for a detailed schedule

Monday, September 17

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1
Please see cover for a detailed schedule

Tuesday, September 18

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2
Please see cover for a detailed schedule

Friday, September 21

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery
 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in
 Main Sanctuary

Saturday, September 22

9:00 am SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 11:00 am SERVICE

Tuesday, September 25

KOL NIDRE
Please see cover for a detailed schedule

Wednesday, September 26

YOM KIPPUR
Please see cover for a detailed schedule

Friday, September 28

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery
 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Main
 Sanctuary

Saturday, September 29

9:00 am SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 11:00 am SERVICE
 10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: B'nai Mitzvah
 of Daniel Hostetter & Samuel Jeske

Sunday, September 30

EREV SUKKOT SERVICE

Monday, October 1

SUKKOT
 10:00 am SUKKOT SERVICE in the Chapel

Selichot Study and Services

Saturday, September 8, 2012 beginning at 9:30 pm

The High Holy Days really begin on Selichot

Prepare for the High Holidays with music, art, talk,
 desserts and reflection

We will meet in the Petschek Gallery for Havdalah
 and continue until close to midnight

Screening of the film "God in the Box", an exploration
 of how we might imagine, reflect and talk
 about the ineffable Presence.
 Appropriate for all ages..

The evening closes with the prayerful and inspiring music
 of the High Holidays.

Weekly Torah Portions for September

Week ending September 1, 2012

Parashat Ki Tetze Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

Parashat Ki Tetze contains the greatest number of mitzvot of any single Torah portion, 72 in all, dealing with diverse subjects. The portion concludes with a warning to remember how the Amalekites attacked the weary Israelites in the desert.

Week ending September 8, 2012

Parashat Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

This parashah comprises the range of blessings the children of Israel will receive if they follow God's commandments, and a longer list of curses they will face if they do not keep the mitzvot.

Week ending September 15, 2012

Parashat Nitzavim Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20

In this parasha, Moses continues his oration to the people of Israel before they enter the Promised Land. He tells them that God is making a covenant with them and, through them, all future generations.

Week ending September 22, 2012 (Shabbat Shuvah)

Parashat Vayeilech Deuteronomy 31:1-30

As a result of God prohibiting Moses from entering the "promised land", Moses passes the baton of leadership to Joshua. This parasha continues by assuring the Israelites that they will be successful in re-conquering the Land of Israel and that God "will not fail you or forsake you."

Week ending September 29, 2012

Parashat Ha'azinu Deuteronomy 32:1-52

Ha'azinu is known as a shir - a song or poem. This parasha reiterates the agreements made between the Children of Israel and God. It reminds the people of the things God gave them in the wilderness, of the things that happened to them when they disobeyed God, and most importantly that God wants to protect them even though they do transgress. The message warns and instructs, while at the same time it gives hope as they are about to enter into "The Land" under the new leadership of Joshua.

Fragile Dwellings – *the ones to celebrate and the ones to fix*

Every year, under the full harvest moon, Jews gather with friends and family in the most unusual of places—in the most fragile and exquisite of spaces, the Sukkah. I remember decades ago, when our children were very young, going to an exhibit of dollhouses at the Museum of the City of New York in Manhattan. Most of them were beautiful, but predictable—small replicas of beautiful homes we have all seen. Only one was pure fantasy. It looked as if it were woven from cobwebs, twigs and leaves, an ethereal dream spun from the marvels of the natural world.

We lead a life protected from this natural world. We keep our homes at a relatively even temperature, irrespective of blizzards or tropical storms that might rage outside. Even our cars keep us cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter than the dwellings of many people on our planet. The festival of Sukkot offers us the rare opportunity to step outside the familiar and solid walls of our homes into a different experience of life. Telephones, TV's, iPods and computers stay inside. Under the stars,

by holiday candlelight, the only sounds of entertainment are the voices of friends and family in conversation—and maybe the cicadas, if it's still warm outside.

This year, Sukkot begins on Sunday evening, September 30th. That Sunday morning, the religious school community invites ALL of us to a Sukkot Harvest Festival. You will have the opportunity to shop at a farmers' market, to cook for the homeless in our community, to make decorations for the Kol Ami Sukkah (or your own), to learn, to dance, to sing.

This year's Sukkot celebration also features an art installation about Homelessness. It is a fabric sukkah created by the fiber artist Heather Stoltz. You will have the chance to see the exhibit, meet the artist, learn about the people whose work is part of this "sukkah"—and even add your own artwork to the project.

For as long as we can remember, we have asked all those coming to the sukkah to bring a can of food for the hungry. Being in our temporary Sukkah, we remember those

whose "permanent" home is nothing more than a temporary shack.



The holiday of Sukkot comes with the injunction to celebrate all the goodness that God has given us—together with the helpless, the lonely, the poor and the stranger. I deeply hope that this season of Sukkot finds us celebrating the perishable gifts of life: the leaves that will soon fall off the trees, the fruit that is ripe now, the friendships and loves that need to be acknowledged and celebrated in this moment—all the gifts that God has given us. At the same time, I hope that it strengthens our resolve to help replace the shacks that some people have to live in year-round with a shelter built by our love, our resources and our sense of profound human connectedness and Jewish obligation.

*With wishes for a chag sameyach –
a happy holiday,
Shira*

Journey to Israel

August 2013

with Rabbi Tom

Kol Ami Trip for All Ages!

11 Days in Israel!

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Hold The Dates: August 21 – September 1, 2013

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Details Coming During the High Holidays!

Call Rabbi Weiner's Office for info: X114

Celebrate!

I recently had an impromptu lunch date with a friend who I have not seen in over a year. Our conversation began with small talk, evolved into family updates and quickly ascended to my friend sharing how fortunate he felt to be living the life he lives. As a private investigator specializing in domestic abuse, he bears witness to many horrific situations and finds solace in the morals and values he shares with friends, family and his Christian faith. When I asked him how/if he expresses his gratitude, he shared with me that, in addition to losing 50 pounds which was immediately evident, he was throwing a party for his friends and family to which my family was invited. In his words: "There is no particular life cycle to celebrate, no birthday or graduation, just a celebration for the gift of life."

Our encounter was timely, as recently I have been thinking about the upcoming high holidays. I have been taking an inventory of the elements of my life that I am dissatisfied with and those that bring me ear-to-ear smiling joy. In my

spiritual accounting, I found myself reflecting on the incredible energy and spirit of our High Holiday services and then found myself perplexed about Simchat Torah: theoretically, it is to be our unbridled celebration of the completion of the Torah reading cycle....except in recent years, our celebration has been a very tame version of what it could be. This is not just true for our community; it is a trend I have discussed with the clergy of several local synagogues.

Why is it that the synagogue is overflowing with attendance for a memorial service that is heavy hearted and poignant while arguably the most joyous service in our holiday cycle draws only a few hundred people? Could it be that we are better at lamenting than we are at celebrating?

How many of us feel obligated to attend a baby naming/bris vs. a funeral? How many of us make it our business to visit a friend in the hospital but have little remorse for missing a birthday party? How many of us will attend a Holocaust

memorial service but feel little desire to march in the Israel Day Parade? Are we afraid to have fun?



As you may have guessed this is intended to be impassioned plea to find those elements of life that bring you joy and to encourage you to let your cup overflow with that joy. Simchat Torah is our time to celebrate the gift of Torah, the gift of Judaism and the gift of peoplehood. On the evening of Sunday, October 7th we will come together to celebrate. We will sing and dance with the Torah scrolls, we will envelope ourselves within the embrace of a completely unrolled Torah and we will share in the intergenerational party that affirms the gift of life. Bring a friend, bring your dancing shoes and be prepared for a fun surprise that you will not want to miss!!

Shana tova umetuka, a sweet and JOYOUS new year to you and your families!
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The White Plains Synagogues' Annual Elul Series "From Brain to Spirit: The Power to Choose"

Tues., 9/11 at Bet Am Shalom

One night of study with the Rabbis of the White Plains Synagogues:
7:30 pm: Gathering & refreshments 8:00-9:45 pm: Study

Or Chadash, our children's choir, begins on Wed., 10/24 from 6:00-6:30 pm. Our adult choir, the Congregational Choir, begins on Thurs., 10/25 from 7:45 -9:30 pm. Please contact Valerie Heim, 949-4717 x 103, if you are interested in joining either group.

From Our Co-Presidents

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Sanctuary and Infrastructure Building Improvements

We hope that our entire Congregation had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. With Rosh Hashana rapidly approaching, it is time for renewal and establishing of goals and aspirations for the upcoming New Year.

It was been a very busy summer for Kol Ami. While not exactly relaxing, our facilities have been full of activity: making an investment in our building and grounds which will return dividends for generations of Kol Ami congregants and guests. We want to take this opportunity to apprise the Congregation of the progress and status of our La Dor Va Dor campaign as well as our other facility and campus improvement initiatives.

Newly Renovated and Re-Conceptualized Sanctuary

Thanks to the generosity of over 225 members, our dream of improving and enhancing our 60 year old sanctuary to accommodate both twenty-first century worship practices and a diversity of uses is becoming a reality. The new sanctuary will be beautiful, functional, warm and inviting.

Our construction and design teams have encountered numerous challenges during the limited and tight construction period. Nevertheless, although our new sacred space will remain a work in progress for the fast approaching High Holy Day services, we fully expect to be able to occupy our space using a different seating arrangement. In the unlikely event that we need to use an alternate location, back-up plans are in place. Wherever we are, we will pray, sing and celebrate together in the spiritual, moving and meaningful way that we always do.

During High Holy Days services, we intend to display updated design renderings, which will reflect how the sanctu-

ary will appear upon final completion of all work. Our top priority remains getting the job done right the first time.

We are blessed to be sharing with our congregants and guests how far we have come in creating our renovated sanctuary. It is very exciting to be nearing completion and to know what a joy it will be, each and every week, for many generations to come, to be together in our new sacred space.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as the hard work of all involved in the beautification continues.

Improved Classroom Space

We are structurally and aesthetically improving seven of our classrooms used by the religious school and early childhood program, as well as by our tenant, the Kodomono Kuni (Japanese) School. These rooms will be outfitted with new floors, new lighting and ceilings, and, most importantly, repairs and improvements to their structural backbone (concrete and reinforcing steel). The structural improvements to the existing infrastructure are almost completed and we will then promptly address the aesthetic enhancements.

Parking Lot and Grounds

As part of the L'Dor Va'Dor campaign, we have obtained all state and municipal approvals necessary to improve site drainage and reconstruct our parking lot. As a result of these efforts, including drilling borings and civil engineering analysis of subsurface water conditions, it became clear that simply reconstructing the parking lot without addressing the underlying subsurface water conditions would only be a bandaid that would not address the underlying cause of the parking lot deterioration. Accordingly, our civil engineer, as a condition of obtaining municipal approvals, designed an extensive subsurface drainage and piping system. The good news is that, once implemented, this drainage system should provide a long

term solution to our chronic parking lot issues. The tougher news is that the required drainage

(coupled with the high price of petroleum in pavement) caused the cost of the project to significantly increase and outpace our fund raising efforts. Therefore, until we raise additional funds for the capital campaign, we are not in a financial position to implement the parking lot improvements. However, we have undertaken temporary improvements to the deteriorated areas and also expect to enhance site lighting for the safety and the security of our congregants and guests. In addition, we will install a beautiful new landscaping plan intended to complement and accent our newly renovated sanctuary.

As you can see, it has been quite a busy summer. None of these improvements would have been possible without the generosity and efforts of so many. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the scores of members who volunteered time, expertise and necessary financial support to help ensure that the Kol Ami community remains strong, diverse and vibrant for many future generations of Kol Ami Congregants. We have come a long way, but are by no means finished. Your continued support remains necessary to carry out the balance of the campaign and to leave a legacy for which we will all be truly proud.

La Shana Tova – May you all have a year of happiness and fulfillment!

Mark and Ronnie



Photo by Mariela Melamed

From the Director of Membership and Development

As I begin my third year as “Director of Membership”, I continue to struggle with the fact that so many friends and neighbors who are Jewish and committed Jews choose not to affiliate with a synagogue. It seems that they believe that their presence physically, spiritually, or monetarily doesn’t make a difference, and that it is somehow not important if they check out or never check in.

In truth, when someone chooses not to affiliate or decides to terminate their membership, it really hurts all of us. Everyone has different gifts to bring to the synagogue. We need our lay leaders to help us run the business of the synagogue; we need our congregants to share their passions and interest whether it is running a workshop, a class, a committee, or a program. And, of course, we need financial support to maintain the facility and to ensure

we have excellent clergy, staff, and worship opportunities and programs. A larger membership and increased affiliation in our community would broaden the base of support for all of these important needs. As Rabbi Jack Riemer says, the community needs to avoid viewing a synagogue as if it were a gas station. When you need it you make use of it; when you don’t your drive past it. Synagogues cannot operate on this model.

We are a small people, and although here in New York it feels like we are a very large people, we all know the reality—we’re not. And, so I find myself feeling very grateful to all of you—who understand that we are in this together and that we cannot live a Jewish life without building connections within our community. And, so I thank you for your support, your willingness to engage, the hours so many

of you give to help make Kol Ami the place that is vibrant and vital and makes a difference in the world.



As the Jewish New Year approaches, I want to take this opportunity to wish you a year of health and personal satisfaction and most importantly to say “thank you” for your support, for understanding, for giving us the opportunity to work together to ensure that we continue to be a vital Jewish presence in our world. And I encourage you to invite any friends and neighbors who may not be a part of synagogue life to join us in creating a sacred community.

Janet

From the Religious School Principal



As the summer winds down and we begin gearing up for school, there is the familiar mix of excitement and anxiety. As many of you enjoy end of summer vacations, we’re busy here at Kol Ami preparing for the beginning of a New Year. 5773 is upon us!

We’re changing a few things about back to school this year. ***Instead of mailing home a large envelope full of important information, we’ll be emailing you your child’s Religious School class assignment.*** You will then receive all the important info (calendar, handbook, and flyers for all the upcoming programs and activities) at the beginning of school. If you have not completed our online registration form, you will not receive a class assignment! It’s super easy... just go to our website at www.nykolami.org and click on the link for registration.

The first day of Religious School is Sunday is September 23rd. We hope you will join us immediately after school for our Kol Ami Welcome Back Picnic. **Because of the holiday**

schedule in September, our first Wednesday of Religious School is not until October 3rd. For our full school calendar and other school information, please visit our website.

Again this year we will be hosting a community **Sukkot Festival on Sunday, September 30th.** The celebration and learning will take place during our regular Religious School session (9-11am) and we hope parents and other members of the Congregation will join us. We will have a variety of Sukkot activities, crafts and community learning. There will be a farmers market. Together we’ll learn about this festival that places a focus on the issues of shelter and housing, the environment and nature and how we use the food we gather from the land to feed ourselves and others. There will be cooking for the hungry and an opportunity to donate food purchased from the farmers market. There will be some great new things happening this year... so don’t miss it!

As we continue to search for ways to connect our families and get parents involved, we hope you will take the initiative and come in to tell us how we can make your Jewish learning more meaningful! Susan Arovas will be taking

over as our new Religious School Chairperson and I know she welcomes your input.

Please be in touch with us. We all hope you will look for ways to become involved in your child’s education at Kol Ami. Please consider volunteering to help in a class or on a special project. We have plans for a year full of excitement and learning. A child’s Jewish identity needs to be nurtured. Researcher Robert Epstein (Scientific American Mind 11/10) asserts that supporting spiritual or religious development and participating in spiritual or religious activities predicts a strong parent-child bond and children’s happiness, health and success. Allow your engagement with Judaism to connect you with a stronger inner life, values, community and special family time. We want to provide opportunities for you to participate in your family’s religious and spiritual growth. Become an intentional part of our vibrant community and share what you have with each other!

Looking forward to a joyful year filled with learning and growth!

Felice

The First Day of Religious School is Sunday, September 23

Welcome Coffees for Kindergarten (9:20 am) and First Grade (10:10 am)

Parents Retreat Information Meeting for 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Parents (11:00 am)

It’s not too late . . . Register now for Religious School — www.nykolami.org

The Early Childhood Program Welcomes You Back!

What a pleasure it is for me to welcome our entire ECP community back from what I hope was a wonderful and relaxing summer. Our Temple staff under the direction of Jane Friedberg and Paul Mauro have worked tirelessly over the summer months with me and my assistant Rachel Edelson to get our school ready for our September opening and everything is sparkling. We are thrilled to announce two new programs starting in the ECP this September. The first, **Mommy Talk** with Susan Davis, CSW, is a program for moms and infants ranging in age from 2-9 months. **Mommy Talk**, a drop-in group, will run every second and fourth Thursday beginning on September 27th and the entire community is invited to take part. Please refer to our ad in this month's *Connection*. The second, **Stay Till 4 for More!**, is an extended day option to stay until 4:00pm on 3 afternoons a week for our 4's and Pre-K students. We're excited about these two new additions to our school pro-

gram and hope our families will be too.

As always, we will begin our year with our **Parent Orientation** evening, Thursday September 6th at 7:30 pm. Classroom visiting and our **Ice Cream Social** is slated for Friday morning, September 7th at 11:30 am.

On Thursday evening, October 4th at 6:00 pm, the ECP will be sponsoring a dinner in the **Congregation's Sukkah for families with young children**. Please look for our flyer in this month's *Connection* and think about joining us for this wonderful experience.

ECP Family Photo Days are back, too! Mariela Melamed (marielamelamedphotography.com), an extremely talented photographer, congregant, and past Temple Board member, will join us again as our resident photographer on Sunday, October 14th and again on Sunday, October 21st. Pre-registration is required and

EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE. Please look for our ad in this month's *Connection* and on the Early Childhood Program page on the Temple's web site.



For Kol Ami families with young children not presently enrolled in our Early Childhood Program, please know that you are welcome to join us at every program the ECP sponsors. Please refer to the Temple's website and the *Connection* for updates on all of our activities.

My family joins me in wishing everyone in our Kol Ami family L'Shana Tova, may you enjoy a year of sweetness and good health and may you be inscribed in the book of life.

Nan

Congregation Kol Ami Early Childhood Program



Drop in and be part of our new group...

Mommy Talk!

Designed for moms and infants 2-9 months

Our discussions will be led by Susan Davis, CSW

Topics will be related to parenting babies at this stage

We will meet in the Gallery every other Thursday morning (coinciding with the ECP calendar year)

Beginning Thursday, September 27th — 9:00-10:00 am
and meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday thereafter

Come and see what we're all about... everyone is welcome – Friends too!

Questions? Please call Nan Blank in the ECP office at 949-4717 x107.



CONGREGATION KOL AMI
early childhood program

**First Friends is an
ECP program for
Toddlers 13-22 months**
(accompanied by a parent or caregiver)

building a community of friends one family at a time

Take a look and see what it's all about! We begin with a welcome circle and explore our day by cooking our snack, practicing fine motor play with puzzles and toys, oatmeal and water table play, and music and movement fun. Besides the regular ECP teacher, a social worker visits each month to stay and play so that any shared concerns or questions parents may have can be discussed.

This program runs from mid-October to June and provides a wonderful segue to our Early Childhood Program and to our Temple. Membership to the Temple is included with this registration*

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!

*For more information and membership details, please call Nan Blank, ECP Director at 949-4717x107.

**Congregation Kol Ami Early Childhood Program
Welcomes all Families with Young Children
to Join Us for a Dairy Dinner in our Sukkah!**



**Thursday evening, October 4th
Dinner begins promptly at 6:00 pm**

**Everyone is Welcome
Please reserve your space by Friday, September 28
Please call Nan Blank, ECP Director at 949-4717x107.**

*Greet old friends . . . make new ones . . . play games . . . have fun . . .
before the start of Religious School*

The Kol Ami Welcome Back Picnic

**Sunday
September 23
11:30 am**

- Join us on the back lawn (in the Gym if it rains)
- Bring a picnic lunch and blanket
- We'll supply the drinks, snacks, dessert and games for the whole family



Family Photo Days are Back!

All members are welcome!

**Sunday, October 14th OR Sunday, October 21st
9:30-4:30, Rain or Shine • \$100.00 Sitting Fee**

Mariela Dujovne Melamed

an extremely talented photographer and member of Congregation Kol Ami
returns as our photographer.

You must have internet access to view your photos,
to create the packages that suit you best and to order your prints!

Reserve your spot today. Sign-up in our school lobby, the ECP office or at our Parent Orientation evening

You can view Mariela's work on her website at marielamelamedphotography.com

***The first \$100 of the sitting fee goes to the Early Childhood Program
to help with our 4's Community Garden and our Lending Library.***

From the Executive Director's Desk *By Jane S. Friedberg*

As the High Holy Days rapidly approach, we are looking forward to welcoming everyone to celebrate the New Year. As always, our office staff is busy filling ticket orders, answering questions and welcoming our new members. Led by Paul Mauro, our Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, our custodial staff is hard at work cleaning classrooms and hallways to get ready for the opening of Religious School and of our Early Childhood Program. Once again, our temple calendar is full of wonderful opportunities to worship, study and celebrate as a community.

My children and grandchildren join me in wishing you L'Shana Tova Tikatavu. May this New Year be one of health and happiness for all of you.

TICKETS—Please show your tickets for each service to an usher. Tickets are color-coded and not transferable. We ask your cooperation in attending the service that corresponds with your tickets.

USHERS—Please keep in mind that the ushers are Kol Ami members who give their time to ensure that our services proceed smoothly. Do treat them with courtesy and respect. I am available during every service. If a problem arises, please ask for my assistance.

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED MEMBERS—In considering your needs, we encourage you to attend the early services. Since there is no preceding service, you may arrive earlier and face less congestion and easier access to handicapped parking spaces. All entry to the sanctuary will be through the front door. No one will be admitted through the Religious School entrance.

GUEST TICKETS—Guest tickets are available for immediate family members (parent, sibling, child) visiting from out of town. See Reciprocity sidebar for guest arrangements.

CHILD CARE—Professional child care will be available at Early Evening Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Early Services and at both Morning Services. Reservations must be made in advance by calling the office.

MEMORIAL AND NEILAH SERVICES—Because the Family Service takes place in the main sanctuary immediately prior to the Memorial and Neilah Services, we need at least one half hour to reset the sanctuary for these concluding services. If you are planning to attend the Memorial and Neilah Services, please do not plan to arrive before 4:30 pm. The ushers have been instructed not to open the doors until then.

CELL PHONES—All cell phones should be left at home or in your car. If you are required to carry a phone or pager, please set it on vibrate mode.

Sponsored by the Women of Reform Judaism

High Holy Days Food Drive

Bags will be handed out Rosh Hashanah.

Return them filled on Yom Kippur.

Non-perishable food items only.

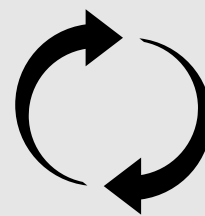
Please — no glass containers.

Remember the hungry at this time of year.

Kol Ami Phone and Date Book

You may notice an extra ticket when you receive your High Holy Day tickets. This WHITE ticket with NAVY lettering entitles your family to one Kol Ami Phone and Date Book. Please present this ticket, and in return, you will be given, absolutely free, this year's Phone and Date Book. If you would like to purchase an extra book, they are available at \$5 per copy.

PLEASE NOTE: No books will be distributed without the WHITE ticket with NAVY lettering.



Guests who belong to other Reform congregations and want to attend our High Holy Day services must request that forms be sent to us from their temple office. If Kol Ami members would like to attend other Reform congregations' services, please request courtesy forms at our office. We cannot accommodate visitors without these forms. Forms from other temples may be faxed to us, 2 weeks in advance, at (914) 946-8143.

This reciprocity is made under the auspices of URJ.

Information About High Holy Day Services 2012/5773

1. All High Holy Day services will be held at the temple. Two services will be held on the evening and the morning of each holiday. We are asking, therefore, that you select one of four combinations of services. They are described in detail on your Request for Tickets form.
2. Please return your ticket request promptly. Orders will be processed by mail only. Your choice of services will be honored within the limits of the seating capacity. Requests will be filled in order of receipt.
3. A Morning Service will be held on the second day of Rosh Hashanah at 10:00 am.
4. Payment of at least half of current dues, FIM Fund, all religious school fees, and full payment of outstanding prior balances (or an up-to-date arrangement on file) are required to obtain High Holy Day tickets.
5. We encourage and welcome children to worship with their families. Children must have a ticket to be admitted to any service except the Family Service. This will ensure that there is adequate seating for all. Please see the enclosed schedule and description of services to pick the most appropriate service for your children to attend. Please remember that children should not be allowed to wander unaccompanied through the building. Please be sensitive to the needs of your fellow congregants when bringing very young children to services.
6. Professional child care will be available at the Temple at a fee of \$18 per service per child or \$60 per family for all services for which babysitting is available (\$25 per child/\$70 per family at the door). This service will be provided during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Early Evening Services and at both Morning Services. Please call the temple office to make arrangements. In order that we may provide sufficient sitters and the best experience for your children, we ask that reservations be made before September 16th.
7. Services for students grades 1-6 will be led by our rabbis and youth director concurrent with both morning services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
8. FAMILY SERVICE (3:15 to 4:00 PM) offers parents and children an opportunity to participate in High Holy Day worship together. We keep the service short enough so that it does not become too long for the children's attention spans. At the same time, we include enough of the traditional liturgy and observance to provide a meaningful Jewish spiritual experience for adults and their children.
9. Guest tickets for services are available for members of your immediate family not residing in your home at a cost of \$175 for each guest. Tickets for out-of-town guests are available on a limited basis at \$175 each. Kol Ami does honor the URJ reciprocal guest policy. Due to space limitations, no other ticket requests can be honored. Checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami must accompany your request for guest tickets.
10. Regular tickets or guest tickets will be required for Memorial Services. Those without tickets will be welcomed on a space-available basis. This policy will ensure adequate seating for our Kol Ami members while allowing members of the community an opportunity to attend Memorial Services.
11. *Please note:* Those members or guests who are hearing impaired and require an INFRARED LISTENING DEVICE may pick them up at the door prior to the service. You must leave a form of ID with us.
12. Tickets will be mailed once your request is processed and all financial obligations are satisfied, approximately on September 5th.
13. Those who attend the first service on Yom Kippur and who wish to remain throughout the day may use Room 20 by the office for meditation prayer during the second service. Those who wish may continue their worship after the second service at the Afternoon Service in the Schulman Chapel from 2:45-4:30 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Memorial and Neilah Services will begin at 5:00 PM. Entry to the sanctuary will not be permitted until 4:30 PM to allow the staff time to prepare the sanctuary for these concluding services.

We look forward to celebrating a sweet New Year with all of you.

Meet Our Members

With the high holidays around the corner, a time when almost all our members get together, it's nice to find out a little more about our fellow congregants. Here, we offer a bit of background on members both old, new and in between.



MANDY & BEN ZOFFNESS

About the Couple

This is Mandy and Ben's first year as members of Congregation Kol Ami. They have been married for over 3 years and currently live in Ossining. Mandy and Ben are expecting their first child at the end of September.

How did you meet?

"We met each other when we both attended Mamaroneck High School." Mandy needed help in math when she was a freshman and Ben, who was a junior and volunteer math tutor, got the job. Mandy got an A!

Mandy – "We ran into each other again soon after college at a gym where I was exercising and Ben was working as a personal trainer."

Tell us about your professional lives.

Mandy – "I graduated from the University of Maryland and received an MSW from Adelphi University. I am a CSW social worker at the Mental Health Association of Westchester and do outpatient mental health in White Plains. I also work with special needs children in Nyack. Before that, I worked for the Jewish Board of Family and Children Services at a residential treatment center."

Ben – "I graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 2002 and received an MBA from Fordham University. I am the president of Zoffness SAT Prep (ZoffnessSATprep.com). We help students from all over Westchester maximize their academic potential on their college entrance exams. We offer SAT prep classes at Kol Ami and Larchmont Temple beginning in November, and also offer private tutoring for the PSAT, SAT I, SAT II and ACT."

Ben, tell us more about your business.

"My father, Richard, who was a college mathematics professor, started the business over 23 years ago. I have worked with him for over a decade, learning how to teach incredibly effective strategies and test-taking methods. After successfully running my own private tutoring business, my father passed the torch to me and asked me to run the business. Our students have enjoyed extraordinary success from the instructional sessions and practice tests that we offer each year and we look forward to the new faces we will see in our program this year."

You are both quite athletic. Tell us about that.

Ben – "I grew up playing a lot of different sports, but had a great experience playing basketball in the WJBL (Westchester Jewish Basketball League) when I was in high school. After finding out that Kol Ami did not have a basketball team, I organized and put together a 5th and 6th grade team with the help of parents and faculty. Andy Feldman and I coached the team and it was a great experience. Some of Kol Ami's 9th and 10th graders were on another WJBL team that I also helped coach with Mark Glucksman. I have always enjoyed competing in various sports over the years and, most recently, decided to enter the Atlantic City International Triathlon. The one mile ocean swim took place three days after a hurricane and was a great challenge."

Mandy – "I try to work out regularly, but am learning that it's getting tougher as this belly gets bigger! I do yoga and love tennis. Two years ago I ran a half marathon and was able to raise over \$3,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in honor of Ben's grandfather, Norman Alexander. We both enjoy taking long walks with our two dogs, Shie and Hudson."

Why did you join Kol Ami?

Mandy – "We both were familiar with Westchester synagogues. My family attended Larchmont Temple and Ben's family attended the JCC of Harrison. Ben's grandparents, Marjorie and Norman Alexander, had been long time members of Kol Ami and Ben attended high holiday services with them on a regular basis."

Ben – "Norman was an incredible man who was always involved with many Jewish philanthropies. He was a founding member of the Jewish Week newspaper and made other significant contributions to the Jewish community on a regular basis. Before he passed away on December 26th, 2006, he had the chance to see the 'Norman and Marjorie Alexander Atrium' built at Kol Ami."

Ben is appreciative of Rabbi Shira visiting Marjorie regularly and fondly remembers Shira and David visiting Norman in the hospital for Shabbat songs before he passed.

What do you think sets Kol Ami apart from other places?

Ben – "The warmth of the services is very unique. Shira has a gift of painting pictures with words and is able to connect to my beliefs and thoughts on Judaism. The connection we have to Kol Ami is what I think a spiritual experience should encompass."

Mandy – "The warm and welcoming community spirit comes to mind. It's a very comfortable place to connect."

If you'd like to be a part of our "Meet the Members," section and tell your story, please contact Janet Hershey, the Director of Membership and Development at 914-949-4717, x115.

Ritual Riches — *Imagining Our Sanctuary*

How do you re-imagine a sanctuary? That's the question the Kol Ami Building Committee has been working on for more than 2 years. Our congregation has a wonderful and unusual space in which to pray. We wanted to keep the openness and majesty of the space while trying to create a place of warmth and calmness for community and individual worship, a place for joy and laughter as well as a space for sadness and comfort.

When we began the project, there were actually many questions: do we keep or reuse anything from the old sanctuary, do we want a "modern" or "classical" look, how much rehab does the basic structure need, how will the sound be changed, how do we make it accessible for all congregants, what's the budget? The Board started by engaging the congregation in a dialogue around these questions. The congregation and clergy were asked for input on needs, for new ideas, as well as opinions, on overall design direction.

From open congregational meetings to fundraising activities to design questions, dozens and dozens of people have been closely involved in re-designing our 50 year old sacred space. Many people contributed with monetary pledges to help bring about a sanctuary that reflects how our congregation worships in the 21st century.

The committee worked for months with the architect, clergy and temple leadership to design a unique space that reflected our community's needs and aspirations. It was not until we engaged the artistic services of Maura Smolover to design our ark that our sense of the space had an exciting focus. Maura's artistic view of the ark as a holy space, not just a cabinet for the Torahs, helped us bring the design to completion. Through her conversations with the clergy, her knowledge of the ancient art of glass making with its modern possibilities, and her 40 years of personal relationship with the space as the daughter of our Cantor

Emeritus Ray Smolover, Maura has given us an ark design that is not only beautiful but multilayered in its meaning.

When you walk into the sanctuary for the first time, and hopefully each time thereafter, we believe you will find something to engage your eyes and speak to your heart. Keep looking for the many layers of meaning in the doors of the ark, the sparkle of the eternal light, the world seen through the windows and the faces of our community.

PS: Fund raising is ongoing to facilitate the parking lot completion and begin on the multipurpose space/youth lounge portion of the L'dor Va'dor campaign. Anyone interested in pledging or increasing a pledge may contact Janet Hershey at ext 115.

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

WELCOME BACK TO SYNAPLEX!!!!

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2012-13 SYNAPLEX EVENTS

- **November 2, 2012 - Keynote speaker - Alan Morinis**
We are all Spiritual Orphans -- what the Jewish tradition of Mussar offers to make life fulfilling
- **December 14 - Hanukkah Synaplex**
A spectacular family art project with Avi Zuckerman (our own "Art with Avi").
The dedication of the ark—a Hanukkah miracle
Speaker: Ark designer and glass artist, Maura Smolover
- **January 11 - Dog Saves Man – 12 Minutes you will never forget!**
Screening of *David and Goliath*, a short film written and directed by George Azverdas.
- **February 8 - Deborah Feldman**
Author of the New York Times Bestselling memoir, *UNORTHODOX: The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots*.
- **March 15 - My Journey to Freedom: One Girl's Survivor Story**
An Uncommon Bond
Through WCC's "Conversation Partners," two lives came together to embark on a journey of discovery.
The evening's presenters: Sanford S. Zevon and Tsering Keyzom
- **April 12 - Deaf Jam: Muslim, Jewish, Hearing, Deaf**
Deaf Jam, A Film by Judy Lief

Adult Education

You will receive your new phone & date book during the High Holy Days. More programs for the year are explained in the front of the book.

Featured in September

"Temporary Shelter, An Art Installation about Homeless New Yorkers.

Fiber Artist Heather G. Stoltz tells stories of homeless men, women and children through her installation piece *Temporary Shelter*. The art piece, which takes the shape of a sukkah, will be installed at Kol Ami Sept. 25th and will remain through Oct. 3rd. Ms. Stoltz will also be our guest at Spiritual Lift Services on Saturday, September 29th.

Sukkot Harvest Celebration Sunday, Oct. 4

There will be crafts and activities as well as a Farmers' Market, food, cooking for the homeless, and LOTS OF FUN. Hands on Fiber Workshop with Heather Stoltz.

Spiritual Journeying Groups:

Facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax,
Spiritual Care Coordinator
Westchester Jewish Community Services

Shema: Jewish Group Spiritual Direction

Designed for those on a serious journey to enhance their prayer lives, these sessions will combine God-talk, chanting, prayer, silence, and deep listening, as means to access spiritual wholeness and connection.

4 Mondays, 10:30 am - 12 noon
Sept 10, Oct 22, Nov 12, Dec 3
Schulman Chapel in the Woods

Writing Our Lives:

A Spiritual Memoir Group

Writing about life events can imbue them with new meaning and clarity. Through structured exercises eliciting spiritual memories and connections, we will create a body of work that reveals the sacred in our lives.

No writing experience necessary.
4 Mondays, 12:30 - 2:00 pm
Sept 10, Oct 22, Nov 12, Dec 3
Schulman Chapel in the Woods

Parenting Workshops

with Susan Davis, LCSW:

Mommy Talk!

Designed for moms and infants
age 2 - 9 months.

Topics at this drop in group will be related to parenting babies at this stage. We will meet in the Gallery (coinciding with the ECP Calendar year). Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday

Beginning September 27th

9:00-10:00 am

Please call Nan Blank in the ECP office
at 949-4717 x107

The Blessings of a Skinned Knee – Parenting 5 to 11 Year Old Children

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

2nd Monday of the month

(except for the first date)

Beginning Oct 15

9:30 - 11:30 am

Adolescent Parenting 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.

First & third Thursdays of the month

First Thursday: 9:45 – 11:45 am

Third Thursday: 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

Beginning Oct 4

Grandparenting Workshops

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

First Monday of the month

(except for the first date).

9:15 - 10:45 am

Beginning Monday, Sept. 24

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

Led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW,
The new WJCS Partners-in-Caring clinician
for Kol Ami

Thursday mornings, 9:15 - 10:30 am

Jewish contemplative practices for clearing the mind, softening the heart and opening to the One. All Welcome. No meditation experience necessary.

Beginning Thurs, Sept. 6

Schulman Chapel in the Woods

Hebrew Classes for Adults*

Pending sufficient enrollment
\$150 per semester (scholarships available)
\$180 per semester for non-members

Wednesday Evenings

with Emily Fields

beginning October 3

Advanced Beginners Alef Isn't Tough

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Biblical Hebrew - Level 3

7:30 – 8:30 pm

Sunday Mornings

with Emily Fields

beginning October 14

Alef Bet – Beginners

10:00 – 11:00 am

Intermediate

11:15 am – 12:15 noon

Sunday Mornings

with Alice Seidman

Intermediate/Advanced

Conversational Hebrew, grammar, vocabulary, reading, and translating current Israeli publications. An informal learning environment.

with Alice Seidman

9:00 – 10:00 am

(Contact Alice Seidman at 953-8455
for further information)

Continuing Groups:

Kol Ami Reads/Book Club

Meets the first Wednesday of every month throughout the year. 9:15 am
Schulman Chapel in the Woods
For more information call Doris Dingott
at 289-0869

Mah Jongg

Open To All: Experienced and Novice
Wednesdays 11:30 am
Kol Ami Atrium
Resumes Wednesday, Oct. 3
Email Wendy Roos to be added
to the email distribution
Wendyroos1@aol.com

Bridge

Open To All: Experienced and Novice
Wednesdays 11:30 am
Resumes Wednesday, Oct. 3

Adult Education

Coming in October

Women's Roundtable Breakfast

Join Kol Ami's remarkable, multi-generational women for learning & friendship
 With Rabbi Shira Milgrom
 Wednesdays, 7:45-9:00 am
 10/3, 11/7, 12/5
 Jan. 2, 2013, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1

Wisdom of the Sages

at Kol Ami & in New York City
 with Rabbi Tom Weiner
 Lively discussions of the world and our lives based on fascinating texts of Jewish learning.
 At Kol Ami: Wisdom of the Sages: Lunch and Learn. Tuesdays, 12:00 noon beginning Oct 16. Bring your lunch.

In NYC: Wisdom of the Sages: Lunch & Learn.
 Begins Friday, Oct. 19th. Lunch provided.
 Other dates TBA

Current Events

with Beth and Gene Kava
 Each session will provide the participants an opportunity to examine a current issue of the day in depth.
 Mondays, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in Room 20
 Oct 15 & 29; Nov 29 & 26;
 Dec 10; Feb 11 & 25; Mar 18;
 Apr 8 & 22; May 6 & 20

Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah

Make New Friends and Ask Great Questions
 Tuesdays 8:00 - 10:00 pm
 Oct 2 & 16, Nov 13 & 27,
 Dec 11, Jan 15 & 29, Feb 12 & 26,
 Mar 12, Apr 9
 Rabbi Shira Milgrom
 Second year of a two year course

Israeli Folk Dance

with Shmulik Gou-Ari*
 Connect with the heart and soul of the Jewish story through dance.
 Wednesdays, beginning Oct 3
 7:30 - 8:15 pm Beginners
 8:15 - 10:00 pm Open Dance
 Individual sessions -
 \$10 members, \$13 non-members

Women in Transition

Are you attempting an adjustment to a major life change?
 Please join us in an Interactive Discussion Group. Topics to be discussed include, but are not limited to: retirement, widowhood, aging, changing relationships with adult children, and other life transitions (as desired).
 The goal of the group is to offer mutual aid in personal adjustment to life transitions, including discussion of: Positive & negative aspects of individual life transitions; individual grief reactions to life change, and options that can aid personal adjustment.
 Tuesdays, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
 Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27.
 Space is limited and original group members have priority. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Harriet at hshenkman@aol.com
 In the Conference Room
 Led by Harriet Shenkman, Ph. D.
 and Ursula Strauss, Ph. D.



You Are Invited To Attend Westchester Jewish History and Heritage Month
 Honoring the Jewish Armed Services Men and Women of Westchester

Commemorating the 11th Anniversary of September 11th

Hosted by The Westchester County Board of Legislators
 Chairman Ken Jenkins and the Westchester Jewish Council
 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor, White Plain, NY

Monday, September 10, 2012 / 23 Elul 5773

6:00-6:30 pm Wine and Cheese Reception
 "Meet and Greet" with the County Board of Legislators
 6:30-7:00 pm Proclamation Presentation 7:15 pm Dessert Reception

For more information call the Westchester Jewish Council (914) 328-7001 info@wjccouncil.org visit us at www.wjccouncil.org
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Kol Ami Community Break the Fast



Wednesday September 26th
~7:00 pm

Kol Ami is offering the congregation the opportunity to break the Yom Kippur fast directly following the Neilah (concluding) service. Please join other congregants along with family, friends and guests for a light dairy supper in the Jaffin Center (Gym) directly across the parking lot from the main building.

**Please return reservation (with payment) to the Temple Office
no later than September 21st**

Questions? Please contact Lisa Borowitz, lborowitz@ramius.com or
Laura Barzilai, lbarzilai@sidley.com

Number of Attendees: Adults: _____ Children _____

Please print names of attendees and include ages of children:

Price: \$25/Adult, \$18/Children (ages 6 - 13), Children 5 and under free

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami

_____ I am available to help with setup.

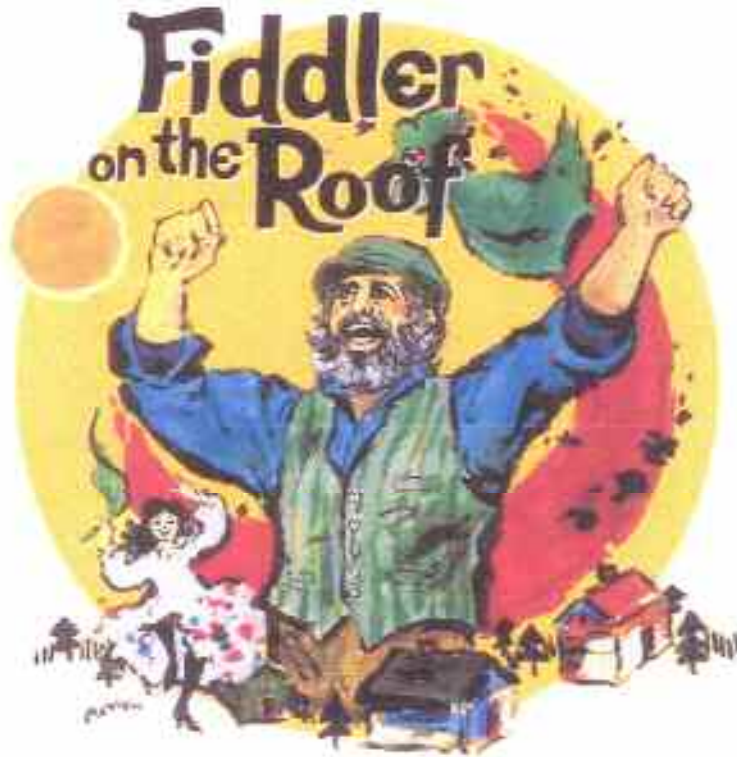
WRJ SISTERHOOD

sponsors an evening at

Westchester Broadway Theatre

Sunday, October 21, 2012

5:00 pm



\$75.00 per person

Price includes Dinner & Show

(Beverages & beverage gratuity NOT included)

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE!

First Come First Served

Please make checks payable to Kol Ami Sisterhood

Write "Fiddler" in the memo

Checks can be left in the temple office

For more information, contact Barbara Shore at 428-7957 or

bshore10@aol.com

The Kol Ami Brotherhood — KABRO

The Kol Ami Brotherhood (“KABRO”)—traditionally known as Men’s Council—holds its first meeting of the fall at 8 p.m. September 13 at the Temple. We look forward to connecting with old and new friends and planning an exciting slate of activities for the year. All are welcome to attend, whether or not you’ve been involved in Men’s Council in the past. The agenda for September 13 will include planning for the High Holy Days; Kol Ami’s celebration of the Man and Woman of the Year; a possible trip to see the Brooklyn Nets; and other upcoming events. To learn more about KABRO, read on!

KABRO is reinventing the traditional role of a temple men’s club. We have two main goals: to foster friendships among the men of Kol Ami and to serve the congregation in its spiritual, educational, and charitable missions. The emphasis is on good times, new friendships, and a meaningful connection to the Kol Ami community. We invite you to join us, even if—especially if—you have never been involved in a temple men’s group before.

Background

KABRO is the successor to the Kol Ami Men’s Council. The name change is part of a broader shift in emphasis and reflects the influx of a new wave of younger members in 2011. We are carrying on the Men’s Council’s important tradition of service to the community, but we are also developing new social and recreational events that will appeal to more congregants than ever before. We are also working closely with the Religious School, Women of Reform Judaism and other groups throughout Kol Ami to plan programming and activities for the year ahead.

Activities

We have asked all congregants – whether or not they’ve been actively involved in KABRO – to suggest events and activities that we can sponsor. You don’t need to attend our monthly meetings or serve in an official capacity; you just need to be inspired to participate in events that you think will be meaningful to the congregation.

Some of our activities are mainly social and recreational, like our recent Second Annual Camping Trip. Other activities connect more directly with Kol Ami’s central mission as a Reform Jewish congregation, like the Hannukah Party we held last December for the children of the Religious School. But even a camping trip can build a stronger Jewish community. Besides strengthening bonds among the families that attended, there was a special sense of spirituality in the Havdalah Service that Cantor Mo led under the stars, amid pine trees and mountain air.

Examples of old and new KABRO activities include:

- A New York Mets game at Citi Field.
- Pot luck Shabbat dinners at the temple.
- Our spectacular and well-attended community Passover Second Night Seder.
- A Hannukah party and candle lighting for the Religious School.
- A dance with the rock band Kickstart Charlie.
- Welcoming congregants and guests at High Holy Day services.
- Distributing Yom HaShoah candles.
- Honoring the Man and Woman of the Year (co-sponsored by WRJ).
- Contributing financial support to special projects at Kol Ami.

If you’re interested in suggesting or organizing an event – or a softball team or klezmer band – we’d love to hear your ideas!

Cost

Membership in KABRO costs \$40 a year. Members receive discounts at many KABRO events, so membership pays for itself. We encourage all congregants to pay the membership fee, even if they have not been actively involved. We pay our own way for camping trips, dances, ballgames, and pot luck suppers. Dues make it possible for us to sponsor activities that benefit the Temple and Religious School.

Michael Berg and Scott Pollak
Co-Presidents



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM — “Sisterhood”

“Sisterhood” is many things, but above all it is strength in friendship and membership. It is an opportunity to learn and to celebrate our lives as women- for one another, our family, our larger community. Sisterhood is sharing good times and achieving goals together. It is counting on others and being counted upon. Sisterhood is about life long learning as we study and worship and build relationships. It can be as simple as a hug from someone you know very well or a greeting from someone who is a new friend. A bond of sisterhood means you are respected and included in experiences worth sharing. Yes, Sisterhood is many things at once- reflecting on the past, planning for our future, but above all – it is cherishing the present—our New Year.

As we welcome the New Year, we invite you to participate in our upcoming activities:

- Our monthly meetings held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

- High Holiday Food Drive with bag distribution on Rosh Hashanah and collection on Yom Kippur.
- **Fiddler on the Roof** at the Westchester Broadway Theatre on Sunday, October 21. See the flyer in this issue for more details.
- Annual Tag Sale on Sunday, October 28. Spaces cost \$75 with an additional \$10 table fee if needed. More details will follow in the October Connection.
- Man and Woman of the Year on Sunday, November 4.

On behalf of our Kol Ami Sisterhood Executive Board and our entire Sisterhood membership, I send wishes for a healthy, joyful and most meaningful new year. L’Shana Tova

Ellen Kurtz, President
Women of Reform Judaism Sisterhood
KolamiSisterhood@aol.com

MITZVAH KNITZ

**We will be meeting on
Tuesday
September 20
from noon to 2:00 pm.**

Join us.

Knitters of all skill levels
are welcome.

For further information,
call Elaine Cohen,
725-0248 or
elwilco@verizon.

Kol Ami Reads Book Club

In the Beginning

by Chaim Potok
September 5, 2012

The Hare with the Amber Eyes

by Edmund De Waal
October 3, 2012

Poetry Session

Amy Winkler will lead
November 7, 2012

Catherine the Great

by Robert Massie
December 5, 2012

All meetings are on the first Wednesday
of the month at 9:15am in Room 20.
*Come whether you've read the book or not;
the discussion is always lively.*

For further information,
contact Doris Dingott, 289-0869,
DLDDingott@gmail.com or
Elaine Cohen, 725-0248,
elwilco@verizon.net.

FOOD BANK FOR WESTCHESTER

Make Your Yom Kippur Fast Even More Meaningful

We abstain from food on Yom Kippur to focus on the day—teshuva—repentance. For the past 20 years, Westchester congregations have made this fast experience even more significant by donating approximately \$30,000 and 22,000 pounds of food each Yom Kippur to the Food Bank for Westchester.

Please consider making a contribution to the Food Bank as part of your Yom Kippur tradition.

If you wish to donate food it is best to donate staples such as cereal, peanut butter, tuna fish, rice, canned fruit and vegetables. Please, *no glass containers or perishables.*

If you wish to make a monetary donation please go to: www.foodbankfor-westchester.org. Be sure to enter your synagogue's name when making your donation.

The Kol Ami Virtual Cemetery

This fall, the Congregation will offer a new resource for all members with the launch of the Congregation Kol Ami Virtual Cemetery. What is a virtual cemetery? It is a location on the internet where memorial pages for deceased individuals can be gathered, regardless of where the person is interred. The memorial pages include, as a minimum, the name of the deceased, where he or she is interred and a photograph of the gravestone. There are provisions for creating memorial pages for those who have been cremated or have not had a traditional burial.

As a first step, all of the interments at the Congregational plots in Mount Hope and Mount Pleasant cemeteries will be available for viewing. As the project proceeds, burials of Kol Ami members in other cemeteries will be added. Look for more information in the October issue of the *Connection*.

KOL AMI WOMEN'S OASIS AT HOME

We gather. We explore. We learn. We connect.

It's time for this year's inspiring book series, led by Rabbi Shira Milgrom, Rabbi Pamela Wax, WJCS Spiritual Care Coordinator, and Dr. Ellen Umansky, the Carl and Dorothy Bennett Professor of Judaic Studies and Director of the Dorothy Bennett Center for Judaic Studies at Fairfield University, CT.

First we will reach for a deeper spirituality as we delve into:

Climbing Jacob's Ladder by Alan Morinis. One man's journey of rediscovery that reveals the central teachings and practices that are the spiritual treasury and legacy of Mussar. Alan Morinis, author and Dean of the Mussar Institute will be keynote speaker at Kol Ami's Synaplex on Friday, November 2nd.

Thursday, October 4
7:30-9:30pm in the Sukkah at the home
of Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Sunday, December 16
9:15-11:00am in the Schulman
Chapel in the Woods

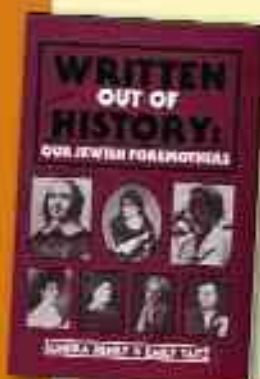


For the second half of the series we rejoice in the strength of Jewish women, as we read and discuss:

Written Out of History: Our Jewish Foremothers by Emily Taitz and Sandra Henry. By sifting through historical reports, letters, memoirs, court papers, and other documents, the authors rediscover and rescue from obscurity the records of Jewish women from the Bible and Talmud, ancient Greece and Egypt, through medieval and Renaissance times, and into the modern period — proving Jewish women's presence as a vital force in the march of the Jewish people.

Thursday, February 28, 2013
7:30-9:30pm
Location to be announced

Sunday, April 28
9:15-11:00am
in the Schulman Chapel in the Woods



The series cost is \$60 for all four sessions, or \$18.00 for individual sessions.

Refreshments will be served at each session. **Register for the Oasis at Home Series Today!!**

For further information, contact Jill Abraham at 472-5806 or Jill.SA2@verizon.net, or Lauri Carey at 472-8076 or Lauricarey@hotmail.com. To register, please print this flyer and return with a check payable to Kol Ami. Mail to: Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606 or visit www.nykolami.org to register online.

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____

Books will be available for pick up in the Rabbi's Study at the temple.

YES, I would like to attend the Series. \$60.00 for all four sessions or \$18.00 per session

☐ Session 1

☐ Session 2

☐ Session 3

☐ Session 4

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The CSA allows a group of people to partner with a local farm, paying upfront for a weekly bin of vegetables and herbs. The CSA gets a discount on the produce and the farmer gets a guaranteed customer. A volunteer commitment is expected.



What's in a bin?

Seasonal autumn crops will include onions, potatoes, garlic, Brussels sprouts, kale, cabbage, spinach, lettuces, greens, turnips, rutabaga, parsnips, and many varieties of squash.

What you will get: 9 weeks of vegetables

Dates: September 5, 2012 – October 31, 2012

Price: \$285.00

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Questions? Email whiteplainscsa@gmail.com

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SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Repairing the World — Tikkun Olam

Help Wanted for Two Social Action Programs

After 10 years of running the monthly ***Monday Cooking for the Homeless program*** with her husband Steve, Laura Green will be stepping down from this responsibility. While it will be difficult to replace Laura and Steve, we are grateful for their many years of service. If you are interested in running this long-standing program please contact Elizabeth Ward, Social Action Co-Chair at ehirschward@gmail.com. We have a group of hearty volunteers who enjoy working with Laura and Steve, but none are available to lead this important and worthwhile program.

Ellie Fleisch is also ready to turn over her position as administrator and coordinator of the ***Mitzvah Corps***. The Mitzvah Corps is our group of merry singing congregants who spread cheer by singing in area nursing homes on a monthly basis. Ellie has also been the point person for the Mitzvah Corps for many years (too many to remember) and she is ready to let someone else take over this job. This is a very manageable role coordinating and scheduling with the nursing homes and organizing our volunteers. For more information, please contact, Elizabeth Ward at ehirschward@gmail.com

Please help us continue to be a positive presence in our community!

SAVE THE DATE - DOING GOOD IN THE NEW YEAR - Monday October 15th

Join our "Done in A Day" initiative....

Please join us in starting a new way to welcome the New Year with an adult mitzvah project! On Monday, October 15, a group of Kol Ami adults will be going to the Hebrew Union College (HUC) soup kitchen to prepare a meal for the hungry. We will plan to meet at HUC (which is located in the West Village) at 3:15 PM. We will work setting up the dining room and preparing and serving the food. Our work will finish around 6:30 PM and it will be followed by dinner together and an educational wrap-up.

The soup kitchen also distributes adult clothing and toiletries and has requested we bring these items with us on the 16th. If you cannot join us but would like to make a donation, please deliver items to Janet Hershey in the temple office. Space is limited so please contact Elizabeth Ward at ehirschward@gmail.com or Janet Hershey at the temple office (949-4717 ext. 115).

Elizabeth Ward, ehirschward@gmail.com

MITZVAH CORPS

Join us as we sing songs accompanied by Paul Schwarz.

Bring a little sunshine to the residents and make
a difference in their lives.

Dates and locations to be announced.

COOKING FOR THE HOMELESS

Meets in the Kol Ami Kitchen

For Sunday Information: Nancy Marcus - 725-7231

For Monday Information: Laura Green - 949-6113

Sundays at 11:00 am: 10/21, 11/18, 12/2, 1/13, 2/10,
3/3, 4/14, 5/5, 6/2

Mondays at noon: 10/22, 11/19, 12/10, 1/14, 2/4,
3/11, 4/15, 5/6, 6/3.

If you are interested in chairing Monday Cooking for the Homeless in 2011, please contact Laura Green at 949-6113.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE
2	3 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	4 7:30 pm Sisterhood (WRI) Meeting	5 9:15 am Kol Ami Reads Book Club	6 9:15 am Jewish Meditation 7:30 pm ECP Parent Orientation	7 11:30 am ECP Ice Cream Social 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm Shabbat Evening Service in Sanctuary	8 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah of Julia Golden 9:30 pm SELICHOT SERVICE in Gallery
9	10 9:00 am ECP begins for 5s	11 7:30 pm Elul Study at Bet Am Shalom	12 9:00 am ECP begins for 3s & 4s 7:30 pm 7th Grade Mesorah orientation for students & parents	13 9:15 am ECP begins for 2s 9:15 am Jewish Meditation 8:00 pm KABRO Monthly Meeting	14 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm Shabbat Evening Service in Sanctuary	15 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE
16 EREV ROSH HASHANAH <i>Please see cover for a detailed schedule</i>	17 ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 <i>Please see cover for a detailed schedule</i> ECP CLOSED OFFICE CLOSED	18 ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2 <i>Please see cover for a detailed schedule</i> ECP CLOSED OFFICE CLOSED	19	20 9:15 am Jewish Meditation 12:00 pm Mitzvah Knitz	21 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm Shabbat Evening Service in Sanctuary	22 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE
23 FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL WELCOME BACK PICNIC	24	25 EPC CLOSSES AT NOON KOL NIDRE <i>Please see cover for a detailed schedule</i>	26 YOM KIPPUR <i>Please see cover for a detailed schedule</i> ECP CLOSED OFFICE CLOSED	27 9:00 am ECP Mommy Talk Class for 2-9 mo. olds 9:15 am Jewish Meditation	28 ECP SPECIAL DEDICATION 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm Shabbat Evening Service in Sanctuary	29 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: B'nai Mitzvah of Daniel Hostetter & Samuel Jeske
30 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SUKKOT FESTIVAL & FARMERS MARKET	Oct. 1 SUKKOT ECP & OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am SUKKOT SERVICE in the Chapel	2 ECP CLOSED 7:30 pm Sisterhood Meeting 8:00 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	3 7:30 am Women's Roundtable Breakfast 9:15 am Kol Ami Reads Book Club 4:00 pm FIRST WEDNESDAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	4 9:15 am Jewish Meditation 6:00 pm ECP SUKKOT DINNER 7:30 pm SHABBAT OASIS AT HOME CLASS	5 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm Shabbat Evening Service in Sanctuary	6 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: B'nai Mitzvah of Aaron Lehr & Dylan Libman

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September 15, 2012

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Junior Youth Group SAVE THE DATES!

5th/6th Grades

Dive into the New Year with a Pool Party!

Saturday, September 15th from 3:30-5:30 pm.

At the White Plains YMCA.

Details to follow...

Contact Nadia at rabbiniadiagold@gmail.com

7th /8th Grades

***SAVE THE DATE for a Youth Group event on
Saturday September 22!***

Teen Madrichim Upcoming Events

September 9: Madrichim orientation, 11-1pm

September 29-30: Madrichim Shul-In.

Details to follow.

Parents and teens, please note that you were recently emailed this year's application to be a Madrich. Please return it to me no later than September 1. Please check your email. If you do not receive it please email Nadia at rabbiniadiagold@gmail.com.

DRAMA CLUB:

Now in its 20th season, the Drama Club is one of the most cherished activities at Kol Ami for children and parents alike. The club provides children 7 and older with an opportunity to create long-lasting friendships, learn theater skills and have lots of fun working together to put on a fantastic show!

This year's show is the charming Carole King/Maurice Sendak collaboration, **"REALLY ROSIE"** (for more info, check it out on YouTube!).

Rehearsals are Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm in our Social Hall beginning on October 29. Drama "Mamas" and "Papas" are required to participate behind the scenes in areas of their choosing. A sneak preview performance of the production will be held for the Religious School on Sunday 4/21. Public performance will be on Sunday, 4/28 at 2:00 pm. The fee per child is \$175 for participation.

An interest meeting, registration and auditions will be held Monday, October 22nd from 6:00-8:00pm.

Everyone who auditions will get a part! For more information please contact our Director, Ellen Flaks at ellenflaks@verizon.net.