



Feel the embrace
of a New Year as we
celebrate the High Holy Days
in our new Sanctuary.

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High Holy Day Schedule

Rosh Hashanah Eve

Wednesday Evening, September 4

First Service — 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Second Service — 9:00pm to 11:00pm

First Day Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 5

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* — 5:45pm

Second Day Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 6

Service — 10:00am to 12:00pm

Reception — 12:00 Noon

Yom Kippur Eve (Kol Nidre)

Friday, September 13

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

Saturday, September 14

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

*Tashlich will be at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, 785 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605. Enter the main gate. If walking, proceed along the Mamaroneck Avenue edge of the property to the woods. Parking is available in main parking lot.

SERVICES

Wednesday, September 3

EREV ROSH HASHANAH – Please see cover for service details

Thursday, September 5

ROSH HASHANAH, DAY 1 – Please see cover for service details

Friday, September 6

ROSH HASHANAH, DAY 2

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary

Saturday, September 7

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

11:00 am SERVICE

Friday, September 13

EREV YOM KIPPUR – Please see cover for service details

Saturday, September 14

YOM KIPPUR – Please see cover for service details

Wednesday, September 18

EREV SUKKOT

6:15 pm SERVICE

Thursday, September 19

SUKKOT I

10:00 am SERVICE in Chapel

Friday, September 20

SUKKOT II

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary

Saturday, September 21

SUKKOT III

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

11:00 am SERVICE

10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Matthew DeMarco in Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 25

6:15 pm EREV SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE & CELEBRATION and consecration for new religious school students followed by festive Oneg

Thursday, September 26

10:00 am SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE/YIZKOR SERVICE in Chapel

Friday, September 27

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary

Saturday, September 28

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

11:00 am SERVICE

10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Ward in Sanctuary

5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah of Dana Papandreadis in Sanctuary


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Gift of Life Bone Marrow Drive on Yom Kippur:

Saturday, September 14th

in the Petschek Gallery

9:00 am-2:30 pm

Please see page 5.

Weekly Torah Portions for September

Week ending September 7, 2013
Parashat Ha'azinu Deuteronomy 32:1-52

Ha'azinu is known as a shir, a song or poem that serves to reiterate 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, 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 Promised Land under the new leadership of Joshua.

Week ending September 14, 2013 (Yom Kippur)
Parashat Nitzavim Deuteronomy 29:9-14; 30:11-20

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

Week ending September 21, 2013 (the Shabbat during Sukkot)
Parashat Ki Tisa Exodus 33:12-34:26

This portion of *Ki Tisa* relates the story following the incident of the Golden Calf. Moses is beset by doubt and anxiety over his own 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 with Moses carving a second set of tablets inscribed with Ten Commandments.

Week ending September 28, 2013
Parashat Bereshit Genesis 1:1-6:8

B'reishit, our first *parashah* in the Torah cycle, 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 creation 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.

Joy and Exaltation

In a few short weeks we will rise as a community and bring in the New Year with the following petitional prayer:

"May it be your will, Eternal our God, God of all generations, that the year five thousand seven hundred and seventy four brings to us and the whole House of Israel life and peace, *joy and exaltation*, redemption and comfort."

Though all of these blessings are meaningful, I am always struck by which of these we can proactively work on. The phrase that jumps out at me is "Joy and exaltation." How many of us walk on the sunny side of life? Is there a genetic link to happiness? Do we share a history that has stacked the deck of joy in our favor or against us?

Recent studies at Harvard and Boston Universities have shown us that there is a genetic link to happiness, one which is shared among immigrant people. More clearly stated, the descendents of immigrants, whether they have arrived from Old Europe or Asia, are heirs to genetically optimistic temperaments. In 2011, investigators analyzed the gene DRD4, which is associated with activities in the brain's receptors. When scientists looked at the frequencies of the different alleles in the people around the world, they found that the farther along the immigration route from Africa, the likelier people were to carry the two novelty-seeking

alleles. It turns out that optimistic, forward-looking behavior occurs in pursuit of special goals.

There's clearly biology of happiness. There's also sociology of happiness. For example, though marriage does contribute to bliss, it's a better predictor of happiness than having money or children. In addition, about 80% of young people who say they have a good relationship with their parents are also happier with life in general. The Journal of Positive Psychology goes on to teach us that people who dwell on the path of the future are less likely to be happy than those who concentrate on the present.

So where does that leave us today as America? According to Time Magazine, the world happiness report published by the Earth Institute of Columbia University has the US ranking 23rd out of 50 in its happiness. The number one country? Iceland. Number 2: New Zealand; number 3: Denmark. Though in theory many of us immigrants should have the genetic predisposition toward happiness, it's something we really need to work on. In 1972, only 1/3 of Americans described themselves as very happy. In 2004, the share of Americans who identified themselves as optimists plummeted from 79 to 50%. We are led to believe that, beyond a certain threshold, money does not buy happiness. That may be true, but we know that workers making \$150,000

are twice as likely to say they are very happy as compared to those making \$20,000 or less. The up side to all this is that America has historically been wonderfully adaptive and the country has been on a consistent path to achieving a certain level of happiness. We are people who take matters in our own hands. A great historical example of this is the building of the Empire State Building directly after the Great Depression. If we can rebuild and find happiness after the Great Depression, we certainly can find happiness today.

The High Holy Days provide us with the opportunity to privately look deeply within our own souls while being embraced by a public community of Worshipers. Selichot initiates the process of seeking divine forgiveness in our pursuit of self-cleansing and happiness. We do this by seeking forgiveness from those who are closest to us and by raising our voices in prayer. This culminates with our Simchat Torah service in which we celebrate life and Torah with song and dance. Come join the party; come affirm how good Jewish life is!

Shana tova umetuka,



Love to Sing?

Please join Cantor Mo Glazman, Cantor Jonathan Comisar and the Choirs of Kol Ami:

Or Chadash (A New Light) for children in K-5th grade

meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 pm beginning October 9th
when Religious School is in session

Congregational Choir for High School Students and Adults

meets on Thursdays from 7:45-9:30 pm beginning October 10th

New to either group? Please contact Valerie Heim at 914-949-4717 x 103
or at vheim@nykolami.org to be added to the rosters and receive our emails

Sukkot Celebration 5774

A week-long celebration of harvest, sustainability and living Jewishly

Wednesday, September 18 ~ Erev Sukkot

6:15pm service in the Main Sanctuary ~ join together as we welcome in Sukkot!

Thursday, September 19 ~ Sukkot

10am service in the Chapel in the Woods

Friday, September 20 ~ Cooking Together

1pm in the Kitchen with Daryl Moss

help prepare a dish for Sunday's community lunch

please email Daryl at dmoss@optonline.net to sign up!

Saturday, September 21 ~ The Celestial Banquet

7:30pm at Kol Ami

a unique evening of food & Kabbalah with
chef Jake Des Voignes and restaurateur Yaron Milgrom-Elcott
advance reservation required ~ [click here for details!](#)

Sunday, September 22 ~ Sukkot Family Festival

9am-1pm at Kol Ami

opportunities and fun abound for all ages as we celebrate, eat,
create, learn and care for those around us, and a community Synaplex lunch
(reservation required for lunch ~ [please click here to sign up!](#))

Wednesday, September 25 ~ Erev Simchat Torah

6:15pm service in the Main Sanctuary

as Sukkot comes to a close, we flow into a celebration of the Torah; join us as
we wrap our community in Torah and bless our newest students!

Thursday, September 26 ~ Simchat Torah

10am Yizkor service in the Chapel in the Woods

for more information about any of these events, please contact Ilene Miller,
Program Manager at imillerkolami@gmail.com or 914.949.4717x111

September 18 ~ 26

Ritual Riches: *The Hebrew Calendar*

Why are the Holidays early? Or, what makes November 28, 2013 so special?

The Hebrew calendar is a lunisolar calendar, meaning that months are based on the lunar cycle (with each month beginning at the new moon) but years are based on the solar cycle. The Hebrew calendar year features 12 lunar months alternating between 29 and 30 days with an intercalary ("leap") lunar month added 7 times every 19 years to synchronize the 12 lunar cycles with the longer solar year. The insertion of the leap month is based on the requirement that Passover always occurs in the (northern hemisphere's) spring season. This may be contrasted to the lunar Islamic calendar, which doesn't have an intercalary adjustment and therefore rotates throughout the entire year. Since the moon revolves around the earth in approximately 29.5 days, 12 lunar months comprise about 354 days, compared to the average solar year of 365.25 days.

The leap years are years 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17 and 19 of the 19-year cycle. Year 19 is always a year evenly divisible by 19. For example, the last year 19 was 5757 (1996/7) and the current Hebrew year 5773 divided by 19 has a remainder of 16, marking it as the 16th year of the cycle. Therefore, we know that the next year, 5774, will be a leap year because it will be the 17th year of the cycle.

For various reasons, most generally to prevent Yom Kippur from falling on a Friday or Sunday (having two "Shabbats" in succession would be very problematic), the first day of Rosh Hashanah has to fall on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday and occasionally a day has to be added to or subtracted from the previous year to enable this result. The day would then be subtracted

from or added to the current year to put everything back in balance. Thus, the Hebrew non-leap year can have 353, 354 or 355 days and the leap year can have 383, 384 or 385 days.

When there is a Hebrew leap year, an extra month is added between the months of Shevat and Adar. The "leap" Adar is called "Adar I" and the "regular" Adar is called "Adar II." The only holiday falling in Adar is Purim and by keeping it in Adar II, the number of days between Purim and the festivals and holidays (Passover, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Chanukah) stays the same from year to year.

The average calendar year is longer by about 6 minutes and 25.5 seconds than the average solar year so that every 231 years, the Hebrew calendar will fall a day behind the calendar year.

Based on applying the above rules, any given date in the Hebrew calendar can vary by a full month on the American or Gregorian calendar. For example, Rosh Hashanah can fall on any date between September 5 and October 5, inclusive. In 2013, Rosh Hashanah 5774 does in fact fall on September 5 so that in 5774 (up until Adar II) all the holidays will be as early as they can be. In 30 years, Rosh Hashanah 5804 will be as late as possible, October 5, 2043.

For the first time this year we will celebrate the first night of Chanukah on Thanksgiving Day. This is the only time it will ever happen.

Thanksgiving is set as the fourth Thursday in November, meaning the latest it can be is November 28th. November 28th is also the earliest Chanukah can be. Given the 19-year

Hebrew calendar cycle and the 7-year Thanksgiving cycle, they would coincide approximately every $19 \times 7 = 133$ years. This is only approximate because the 19 year Jewish cycle can contain either 4 or 5 February 29th leap years. Actually the last time Chanukah fell on Thursday, November 28th was 1861. However, Thanksgiving was only formally established by President Lincoln in 1863. So it has never happened before.

As mentioned above, every 231 years the Hebrew calendar loses a day to the Gregorian calendar. The next time Chanukah falls on November 28th is 2146, which is a Monday. Thereafter, it can only be as early as November 29th. So 2013 is the only time Chanukah will overlap with Thanksgiving.

So on November 28th 2013, enjoy your pumpkin pie and your latkes. It has never happened before and it will never happen again.

Of course, if the Hebrew calendar is never modified, it will slowly move forward through the Gregorian calendar, until it loops around to where it is now (which would not happen if Passover is kept in the spring). Then Chanukah would fall on November 28th....in the year 79,811.

Given our trajectory with global warming, it is fair to say humans won't be here then. And if there are no human beings, the holidays are cancelled.

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

Gift of Life Bone Marrow Drive

Our congregation is one of only two congregations in Westchester to partner with Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation and the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism to bring you an exciting and unique opportunity to help save lives. Please join us for a donor recruitment drive on Yom Kippur in our Petschek Gallery from 9:00 am-2:30 pm. Consent Forms will be available at Rosh Hashanah services for you to take home to

fill out to expedite the process.

Potential donors will be entered into Gift of Life's registry, which feeds into the worldwide registry. From the time you join the registry until your 61st birthday, you could be a donor for someone suffering from a life-threatening blood disease and help save their life. Registration is simple. It requires a quick cheek swab and completion of a con-

sent form (available at Rosh Hashanah services). Potential donors must be between the ages of 18 and 60 and in general good health.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jane Friedberg, jsfkolami@aol.com or visit www.giftoflife.org or www.rac.org/giftoflife.

From the Religious School

As the summer winds down and the beginning of the new year approaches, the excitement and anticipation of another school year is almost upon us. The summer has been filled with work, learning and preparation for the coming year. Kol Ami continues to be a member of the Coalition of Innovating Congregations. This facilitates the continuing participation in professional learning for our teachers and access to the ongoing exploration of what is new and meaningful in Jewish education. Understanding that Jewish education often takes place most successfully outside the classroom, we continue to explore and expand experiential learning for our children and for ourselves. Using a rubric of *Knowing, Doing, Believing and Belonging*, we will work to continue to design learning that engages our children and connects them both to each other and to their personal Jewish journey.

An important part of our school is our strong desire to create and build strong personal relationships within our community. Our Religious School Chair, Susan Kohn Arovas, will be working with parents in our school in

the coming weeks and months and focusing efforts on creating opportunities for members of our school community to make new connections and strengthen existing ones. Please join us as we continue to build a vibrant Jewish community for ourselves and our children.

Our back to school mailing was sent out at the end of August. If you have not received your packet, please be in touch with us! On-line Registration is ongoing at www.nykolami.org. We are always happy to talk to new members of the community who are interested in our school!

Our 7th grade students and their parents have a special orientation meeting on Wednesday, September 11th at 7:30pm. Families will learn about our special learning model for 7th grade, "Mesorah—Choosing your Commitment" and what to expect during this busy and exciting year. Registration for elective courses for the first trimester will take place at this important meeting.

School begins on Sunday, September

22nd with our annual Sukkot Festival. This year, we will be expanding this wonderful day of learning and celebration to include our entire Kol Ami community. Make sure to check out all the different opportunities available on the website.



A Prayer by Naomi Levy

I long to change the world, but I rarely appreciate things as they are. I know how to give, but I don't always know how to receive. I know how to keep busy, but I don't know how to be still. I talk, but I don't often listen. I look, but I don't often see. I yearn to succeed, but I often forget what is truly important. Teach me, God, to slow down. May my resting revive me. May it lead me to wisdom, to holiness and to peace. Amen.

Wishing all of you L'Shana Tova... a joyful year of learning and growth.

Felice & Alix

From the Director of Membership and Development



As I sit typing this, it's only mid-August. Yet, here at Kol Ami, it feels as if summer is nearly over. Rosh Hashanah and Labor Day are practically simultaneous. As sad as I am to see the summer come to an end, I am looking forward to greeting you and worshipping with you in our beautifully re-imagined sanctuary. It is truly a gift for the generations. Once again, thank you to all who worked so hard and gave so much

to make this dream come true!

Our dreams continue and our needs do not evaporate. We complete one goal and finish one amazing project, but the synagogue has on-going needs. Our Annual Fund appeal, which is critical to Kol Ami's functioning, is about to begin. Whether or not you get a phone call asking for a donation, a call from a fellow congregant wishing you a good New Year, or a message on your answering machine, I hope you will reflect upon all that

Kol Ami is and all that we do. If at all possible, please support our Annual Fund. Every donation makes a difference. By taking care of our congregation and community, you ensure that Kol Ami will continue to thrive and be here for us, our children and the generations that will follow.

Shana Tovah!
Janet



Care to Share?

On Monday, September 16th and Monday, September 23rd from 4:00-8:00 pm come to Kol Ami's gym and donate fresh produce, either from your garden or the store, to share with those in need.

This program is sponsored through the UJA and Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty for its third year.

Please contact Daryl Moss at 421-9212 or at dmoss@optonline.net for more details.

From the Director of the Early Childhood Program

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 has worked tirelessly with me and my assistant Rachel Edelson over the summer months 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.

We will begin our school year on Tuesday, September 10th with our Annual Ice Cream Social and classroom visiting, then spend the rest of the week getting to know all of the children during our home visits. Our Parent-Teacher Evening is slated for Monday, September 30th at 7:30.

Parent Talk, our new drop-in group for

parents and/or grandparents with 2-12 month old babies will begin on Thursday morning, October 10 from 9:00-10:30am with Susan Davis, CSW. If you're free, please join us!

Our Fall Shabbat Dinner for Families with Young Children is slated for Friday evening, October 25 at 5:30 pm.

ECP Family Photo Days are back too! This year, 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 20th and again on Sunday, October 27th. Pre-registration is required and EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE. Please look for our flyer on the Early Childhood Program page on the Temple's website, www.nykolami.org.

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

these flyers will be posted on our website, www.nykolami.org



Selichot Study and Services

Saturday, August 31, 2013
at Temple Israel Center,
Reception Hall1,
280 Old Mamaroneck Road
White Plains

9:00 Watch the documentary
Zero Per Cent, about the Hudson
Link project to reduce recidivism
in the prison population.
Dessert reception to follow.

Remain at Temple Israel for
Selichot Services at 11:00 pm
featuring Cantors Jack Mendelson
and Mo Glazman

The Kol Ami LEGACY SOCIETY

Financial Education and
Estate Planning Series:

Planning for your Family's
Future Generations

Save the Date!

November 7, 2013 • 8 pm

February 6, 2014

LEGACY SOCIETY

Kol Ami Community Break the Fast



**Saturday September 14th
~7:00 pm**

Kol Ami is offering the congregation the opportunity to break the Yom Kippur fast following the Neilah (concluding) service. Please join other congregants along with family, friends and guests for a light dairy supper in the Petschek Gallery.

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

PLEASE CLIP AND RETURN TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE NO LATER THAN SEPT 6TH

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

☐ YES, I am available to help with set up.

**Due to the popularity and limited space for this event reservations
will not be accepted after September 6th.**

SUKKOT CELEBRATION OF FOOD & HARVEST AT KOL AMI:

SATURDAY, 9/21 at 7:30 PM: Celestial Banquet
 SUNDAY, 9/22 at 11:15 am: Community Synaplex Lunch
Advance reservations are required for both events

**The Celestial Banquet**

Saturday, 9/21 at 7:30 pm

Michelin award-winning chef Jake Des Voignes and restaurateur Yaron Milgrom-Elcott fly in from San Francisco to join Kol Ami's Sukkot celebration!!

Join them for a five-course meal—farm to table—locally sourced:
 \$80 per person; \$40 additional for wine pairings

Paired with teachings from Jewish mystical wisdom by Yaron Milgrom-Elcott, former doctoral student in Jewish Mysticism at NYU

Seating limited. For reservations, please call or email: Ilene Miller, Program Manager, 949-4717 x 111 or imillerkolami@gmail.com

Community Synaplex Lunch

Sunday, 9/22 from 11:15 am-noon

We provide the burgers (meat and veggie), hotdogs, corn and dessert. You can either bring a side dish to share or help prepare one in the Kol Ami kitchen on Friday, September 19th.

If you are interested in helping with the cooking and/or preparation of side dishes, please contact Daryl Moss at dmoss@optonline.net.

Sign up below to let us know you are coming.

SYNAPLEX SUKKOT LUNCH—PLEASE REPLY NO LATER THAN MONDAY, SEPT. 16TH

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 \$18 per adult; \$10 per child. Children 4 and under eat for free!

Full Name (s): _____

How many adults? _____ How many children? _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____ (Please make checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami)

From Our New President: Hank Rouda

90 Years of History. A New Sanctuary.

With these words, we launch our 90th Anniversary Year, a year of celebrating, both where we have been and where we are going. Because of the tremendous success of our L'dor Va'Dor Campaign, we have a beautiful new sanctuary in which to worship, share joy and sadness, celebrate our life cycle events, and strengthen this vibrant community. But the heart of our community remains as it always has been, and that is our congregants. Yes, we have incomparable clergy and staff, best in class Religious School and ECP, and fantastic programming, but it's our congregants who make Congregation Kol Ami Westchester's most intimate and diverse Reform Congregation.

We will be introducing this theme in our High Holy Days advertisement in the Scarsdale Inquirer that will run right before the High Holy Days. We will be celebrating our 90th year with a variety of activities, all of which will culminate with our 90th Anniversary Party weekend starting on Friday, April 25, 2014. Please read future issues of the Connection, as well as check out our website, www.nykolami.org, for information as the year unfolds.

The focus of this 90th Anniversary Year will be on our congregants and how all of us have, and can continue to, strengthen our congregation. Since Jean and I and our children, Jessica and Ben, joined this congregation 11 years ago, our congregation has gone through some tremendous changes. We have completed our Makom Shel Or project which resulted in a new atrium and gallery and a remodeled auditorium and social hall. Then, just this year, we completed our L'dor Va'Dor campaign, which has given us our beautiful new sanctuary. Underlying all of these changes is the hard work of our volunteers, who have given both time and money and who are too numerous to mention by

name, but I would like to thank all of them for their contributions to the constant improvement of our community.

These are the big edifice changes that are easy to see and to appreciate. At the same time, there have been numerous projects which go unnoticed by most of us. These include the repair of the ceilings in several of the classrooms, which had deteriorated over time and created a hazard to our children. The cost to repair this damage has seriously depleted our capital funds. This repair came right after the emergency tuckpointing on a small portion of the exterior wall, which is likely to need to be repeated elsewhere around the exterior of our brick building.

We have also seen changes in our financial condition over the past few years. As my predecessors have pointed out from the bimah on Rosh Hashanah, dues only make up about 53% of the total revenue that we need in order to operate our building and continue to provide the programming, staff and clergy that all of us expect from Kol Ami. The amount of dues that we collect has been further reduced by the increased percentage of our congregants who are on some form of dues relief, which currently is about 30% of our total family units. We cannot continue on this path without some corresponding increase in revenue.

Fortunately, we have ways of obtaining the necessary revenue. The Annual Fund (formerly known as the Kol Nidre Appeal) is under way and we will all have the opportunity to contribute over the next few weeks. As usual, there will be a punchcard in your High Holy Day ticket package. Last year, only about 30% of our family units contributed to the Annual Fund. If the remainder of the family units contributes in a personally meaningful way, we will strengthen our financial position tremendously. In addition to the Annual Fund, we have a devoted group of congregants who are participating at one of our Premium Dues levels. The

Premium Dues program allows us to continue to offer our dues relief program, while keeping our finances strong. Thanks to the work of Elizabeth Ward and Gerri Sommers, we have created a program of incentives for each of the Premium Dues categories, which includes things like extra High Holy Day tickets, dinners at our Synaplex programs and invitations to special limited programs with the clergy and our lay leadership. If you would like more information on becoming a Premium Dues member, please contact Janet Hershey or me.



Photo by Mariela Melamed

Kol Ami and all that it stands for is here for all of us when we want and need it. When we saw the need to update and enhance our facilities, we came together. But we also have the responsibility to come together to ensure that we have the operating funds to pay for the building and people who are so fundamental to what Kol Ami is for each of us. I look forward to your participation in our Annual Fund and Premium Dues program.

This is my first *Connection* article as President of Congregation Kol Ami, a position for which I am deeply honored to have been selected. I hope to use this forum to share with you my thoughts on what is going on in our community, as well as our plans to strengthen our congregation, be it related to programming, worship or finances. Please let me know how I can use this space to better address your needs and concerns.

Jean and I wish all of you Shanah Tovah and we look forward to greeting you over the coming weeks.

Hank

More Friends for Shabbat and Havdalah!

Now entering its third year, Kol Ami's "Shabbat and Havdalah with Friends" has been a resounding success. The Kol Ami community embraced the idea of sharing both Shabbat and Havdalah meals with fellow congregants, as both hosts and guests! These gatherings have filled us with food, wine, conversation, laughter and, best of all, were part of our goal to build a community of caring, sharing and love. Hosts can choose to invite guests for dinner, for coffee and dessert, or for drinks and appetizers. The choice is yours!

Hosts—please sign up as soon as possible.

Email Ilene Miller (imillerkolami@gmail.com) with host dates and any questions.



Kol Ami Cares

Opportunities for Volunteering

Kol Ami Cares is the umbrella committee responsible for Social Action activities and providing support and mitzvot to those in need. You can choose to get involved once a year, once a month or once a week—we leave that to you.

***If you are new to Kol Ami or have been looking
for a new way to contribute,
we invite you to bring your energy and spirit
to Kol Ami Cares.***

Some of the activities include:

- * Sharing a ride to a Kol Ami activity, event or service
- * Singing at nursing homes with the Kol Ami Singers
- * Making a meal for congregants recovering from surgery
- * Knitting a cap for soldiers in Afghanistan
- * Visiting or reading to elderly congregants who are home bound
- * Participating in a Shiva service
- * Making food for the Men's Shelter in White Plains
- * Bringing spiritual care to Jewish patients in White Plains Hospital
- * Helping to maintain the Elm Street and Kol Ami community gardens

If you are interested in making a real difference, please go to our website,
<http://www.nykolami.org/images/PageDocuments/Kol%20Ami%20Cares%20Brochure%202013.pdf>
and fill out the form and return it to the office.

If you have questions, or if you are a congregant in need of our support,
please contact Ginny Ruder – (914) 589-5283 or Betsy McCormack (914) 960-9390.

KOL AMI SINGERS

It's a mitzvah to bring an hour of music, companionship and smiles to those in need.

**Wednesday, September 25, 2:30 pm at
King Street Nursing Home, Rye Brook**

Questions? Please contact Murray Shapiro, 946-7789

COOKING FOR THE HOMELESS

Meets in the Kol Ami Kitchen

Sundays at 11:00 am: 9/29; 10/27; 11/17; 12/8; 1/12; 2/9;
3/9; 4/27; 5/4; 6/1

Mondays at noon: 9/9; 10/7; 11/25; 12/16; 1/13;
2/24; 3/24; 5/19; 6/16

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

As the High Holy Days rapidly approach, I am looking forward to welcoming everyone as we celebrate the New Year in our beautiful re-imagined sanctuary. 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 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.

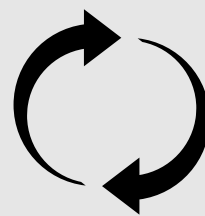
Please — no glass containers.

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 TURQUOISE 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 TURQUOISE 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 2013/5774

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 and leave the service with crying or restless young children.**
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. *(A note about this year's Yom Kippur Grades 1-6 Services—According to Jewish tradition only those children who have become Bar/Bat Mitzvah and older are required to fast. We have learned from past experience that it is very difficult for children younger than Bar/Bat Mitzvah age to fast during our Yom Kippur Children's Service. Therefore, during the activity part of our services this year we will offer the children a light snack.)*
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. 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 and/or 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.

L'Shana Tova from KABRO

Anthony Zitrin, President

Chuck Joseph, Vice President

Bill Waldorf, Treasurer

Harris Jacobs, Vice President



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM — “Sisterhood”

The Women of Reform Judaism at Kol Ami (WRJ, also known as Kol Ami Sisterhood) is proud to serve our Congregation and community as well as to create opportunities for women to learn and to share in Temple life. If you come to worship during the High Holidays, participate in Friday night services, celebrate life cycle events, or attend our educational programs, then you have shared in Kol Ami experiences that are supported by Sisterhood.

In the past few years we have significantly increased our social and philanthropic activities, creating myriad opportunities for members to become involved, to make new friends, to have fun, and to help make the world a better place! We strive to offer something for everyone, and we are always open to new ideas.

This past year, our social events such as the Havdalah series, Ladies Night Out, and Membership Dinner/Lecture attracted greater attendance than ever before. We plan to host these events this year as well, along with several new and exciting initiatives. We were also able to provide financial support for the Early Childhood Program holiday celebrations, Religious School Purim Carnival, scholarships for high school students, adult education programs, Shabbat and High Holiday Onegs, the cellist for Kol Nidre, Sukkah decorations, the Mini Golf fundraiser, large print prayer books, Gilda's Club, and so much more.

Our wonderful volunteers as well as the dues-paying members of Sisterhood enable us to sustain our efforts on behalf of Kol Ami. Whether you are a long-time member of the Sisterhood or new to our organization, we hope you will take this opportunity to formally (re)join Sisterhood in this new year. You will enjoy discounted or free admission to events we sponsor while allowing WRJ to continue and expand its critical operations. And of course we hope that you will become an active participant as well! Our meetings and events are listed on the Kol Ami website.



On behalf of WRJ, we thank you for your past and continued support of Kol Ami Sisterhood.

Sheryl Brady

Judy Sarch

Rachel Eckhaus

**KOL AMI
WOMEN'S
OASIS AT
HOME**



Rabbi Shira Milgrom will take us on a journey of self to explore all the ways we connect with the people in our lives. She will be joined by 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.

Register for the Oasis at Home Series Today!!

☐ Yes, I would like to attend the Series.

☐ Four sessions \$60

☐ Individual sessions \$18

☐ Session 1 ☐ Session 3

☐ Session 2 ☐ Session 4

Supplemental material will be provided and refreshments will be served at each session.

Women's Relationships: Many & Varied — Carefree & Complex

How we relate to the people in our lives reflected through Torah teachings and women's stories from the Bible.

WOMEN'S RELATIONSHIP TO SELF

How our self-image is shaped by religious tradition

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

7:30-9:30 pm, location to be announced

WOMEN & THEIR PARTNERS

Who we love and how we love throughout our lives

Sunday, December 15, 2013

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

WOMEN'S RELATIONSHIPS AS MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS

Evolving through a lifetime

Thursday, February 27, 2014

7:30-9:30 pm, location to be announced

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIPS & SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS

Our allies and our rivals

Sunday, April 27, 2014

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

TO REGISTER: please print this flyer and return the form with a check payable to "Kol Ami", and 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 _____

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



COLLEGE STUDENT INFORMATION FORM 2013-2014

Please return this form by
mail, fax or email to:

Congregation Kol Ami
College Youth Committee
252 Soundview Avenue
White Plains, NY 10606

Fax #:

914-946-8143

Email:

suzannefromm@nykolami.org

Today's Date: _____

Parent's name: _____

Student's name: _____

Student's Birthdate: _____

Name of College or Graduate School: _____

Date of expected graduation: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

College email address: _____

Studying abroad? If yes, name of school and dates away: _____

SYNAPLEX AT KOL AMI!

SAVE THE DATES!

2013-2014

SYNAPLEX MAIN EVENTS

(Friday evenings, unless otherwise noted)

- Fri, Nov 8** Marking the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the screening of **"Ingelore"**, a powerful documentary produced and directed by Frank Stiefel
- Fri, Dec 13** Featuring **Harriet Rossetto**, author of **"Sacred Housekeeping - A Spiritual Memoir"**
- Fri, Jan 10** Shabbat Shira (Shabbat of Song) - featuring **"Six13"**, a six-man award-winning Jewish a cappella group from New York
- Fri, Feb 28** A Conversation with Scientists Nir Barzilai and Francine Einstein, **"From Womb to Tomb: Looking for the Secrets for Healthy Longevity"**
- Sat, Mar 15** **A Purim Extravaganza!** Purim Carnival, dinner, reading of the Megillah, Purim Spiel, learning and celebration for the whole community
- Fri, May 9** **The People v The Maccabees: Heroes or Religious Fanatics?**
Mattathias and Son Judah Maccabee Stand Accused of Murder, Mayhem and Religious Hate Crimes

*For further information, contact Ilene Miller
at 914-949-4717 x111/imillerkolami@gmail.com
or visit www.nykolami.org to register for Synaplex now!*



Westchester Klezmer Program

Intergenerational Klezmer Bands in Westchester County, NY

Weekend performances at libraries, nursing homes, holiday celebrations, festivals and parades.
All ages, instruments and experience levels are welcome! Earn Community Service Credit for school.

Kenny Green – Music Director
JCC Scarsdale (999 Wilmot Road, Scarsdale)

Teen/Adult Band
Tuesdays 7:30pm – 9:00pm
14 Tuesdays, October 8 through May 2014
7 Tuesdays, October 8 through January 2014

Youth Band
Wednesdays 7:15pm – 8:30pm
14 Tuesdays, October 1 through May 2014
7 Tuesdays, October 1 through January 2014

Also at Temple Shaaray Tefila/Bet Torah & at the JCC of Tarrytown. Register now at: www.westchesterklez.org.
14 Tuesdays: \$265; 7 Tuesdays: \$154 Senior rates available

Adult Education

Please read more about offerings for the whole year in our Adult Ed brochure that will be distributed with your new phone book at Yom Kippur services. Or visit our website, nykolami.org, and click on AdultEducation to view an even more detailed brochure.

Sukkot Celebrations

Join the Kol Ami Community
as we welcome
in the festival of Sukkot.
Please see pages 4 and 9
for all the details.

Spiritual Journeying Groups

Mussar Classes

*facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax,
Spiritual Care Coordinator,*

Westchester Jewish Community Services
Mondays, 12:30—2:00 pm

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.

Contact Rabbi Wax at pwax@wjcs.com or 914-761-0600 x149 to register.

10 Mondays: Sept 16, Oct 14, Nov 11,
Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb. 10, Mar 10, Apr 7,
May 12, June 9

Schulman Chapel in the Woods

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

*led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW,
the 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, Oct. 3
Schulman Chapel in the Woods

Women in Transition

led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW

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 (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.

Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month in the Conference Room.

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Beginning Oct 8th

Space is limited and original group members have priority. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sheila Sturmer at sturmersheila@gmail.com or 914-723-7760

Parenting Workshops

with Susan Davis, LCSW

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 3

Grandparenting Workshops

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

First Monday of the month

9:15 - 10:45 am

Beginning Oct. 7

Parent Talk!

Designed for Parents/Grandparents and Babies 2 - 12 months.

Topics will be related to parenting babies at this stage.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month (coinciding with the ECP calendar)

Beginning Thursday Oct 10

in the Petschek Gallery

9:00 - 10:30 am

Please call Nan Blank in the

ECP office at 949-4717 x107

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 Oct 6

9:15 - 10:45 am

Weekly Torah Study:

Friday mornings 10:00 – 11:30 am
Room 20

Meets every Friday except when temple is closed. Led by Kol Ami Members

Kol Ami Reads/Book Club

Meets the first Wednesday of every month throughout the year.

9:15 am, Room 20, Main Building

For more information call Doris Dingott at 289-0869

Starting in October!!

Wisdom of the Sages

with Rabbi Tom Weiner

Lively discussions of the world and our lives based on some of the most provocative and fascinating texts of Jewish learning.

All are welcome.

Tuesdays, 12:00 noon-1:00 pm in Room 20

Beginning Oct. 1

Mah Jongg

Open To All: Experienced and Novice
Wednesdays 11:30 am in the Kol Ami Atrium

Resumes October 2. Email Wendy Roos

Wendyroos1@aol.com

to be added to the email distribution

Bridge

Open to All

Wednesdays, 11:30 am in the Kol Ami Atrium

Resumes October 2

Israeli Folk Dance

*with Shmulik Gov-Ari**

Connect with the heart and soul of the Jewish story through dance.

Wednesdays, beginning Oct 2

7:30 – 8:15 pm Beginners

8:15 – 10:00 pm Open Dance

Individual sessions -

\$10 members, \$13 non-members

Shmulik Gov-Ari is a world renowned choreographer and teacher

Introduction to the History of Israel from Joshua in Canaan to the Monarchy

with Emily Fields

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm beginning October 2

A contextual study of Israel and the Middle East—then and now. If you are interested in participating, please email Emily at efgraph@optonline.net

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. Each session will begin with an overview of the issue. Participants will examine issues, through various perspectives, using readings, video or a guest speaker.

Mondays, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in Room 20

Oct 7 & 21, Nov 4 & 18, Dec 2 & 16

Jan 27, Feb 3 & 24, Mar 3 & 17 Apr 7 & 28,

May 5 & 19

Kol Ami Reads Book Club

Ransom

by David Malouf
August 7, 2013

Things Fall Apart

by Chinua Achebe
September 11, 2013

Buddenbrooks

by Thomas Mann
October 1, 2013

Annual Poetry Session

November 6, 2013

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, DLDingott@gmail.com or
Elaine Cohen, 725-0248,
elwilco@verizon.net

MITZVAH KNITZ

We will be meeting on
Thursday
October 21, 2013
from 11:00 am
to 1:00 pm.

Join us.
Knitters of all skill levels
are welcome.
For further information,
call Elaine Cohen,
725-0248 or
elwilco@verizon.net

Adult Education *continued*

The Hebrew Prophets

Mondays 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Starting Oct. 7 in room 20
Led by Kol Ami Members

Free University

Start a study group, discussion group
or seminar at Kol Ami. Cover any topic that
falls under the broad umbrella of Reform
Judaism. Adult Ed will vet, advertise and coor-
dinate. Contact Paul Davis at paullawrence-davis@yahoo.com

Adult Bar & Bat Mitzvah— Beginning a New Cycle!

First year of a 2 year course
with Rabbi Shira Milgrom
This course includes a study of Jewish beliefs
and practices, a conceptual introduction to hol-
idays and life cycles, rituals, new friendships
and the art of asking good questions.
Tuesdays, 8:00-9:30 pm
Oct 15 & 29, Nov 12 & 26, Dec 10,
Jan 14 & 28, Feb 11 & 25,
Mar 11 & 25, Apr 29

Other Items of Interest

Lunch and Learn in New York City

with Rabbi Tom Weiner
Issues ancient and modern with texts,
ancient and modern.
Dates to be announced soon

Women's Roundtable Breakfasts

with Rabbi Shira Milgrom
Wed., 7:45-9:00 am
11/6, 12/4, 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2 & 5/7

Westchester Adult Jewish Education at Kol Ami:

A discussion of Jewish Ethics.
Classes begin Wednesday, 10/9
with Dr. Carol Diamant
Please see the Adult Education brochure
for more details or go to
[http://issuu.com/debbiewjc/docs/waje_](http://issuu.com/debbiewjc/docs/waje_catalog_2013-14)
[catalog_2013-14](http://issuu.com/debbiewjc/docs/waje_catalog_2013-14)
for a listing of all their programs.

Hebrew Classes for Adults*

Pending sufficient enrollment

Hebrew Classes for Adults

with Emily Fields
Sunday mornings*
starting September 29
Beginners Hebrew: 9:00 am
Advanced Beginners: 10:00 am
Intermediate Hebrew: 11:15 am
Cost: \$175

Please contact Emily at
efgraph@optonline.net if you
are interested in attending or
require additional information

Intermediate/Advanced

Conversational Hebrew, grammar,
vocabulary, reading, and translating
current Israeli publications.
An informal learning environment.
Alice Seidman
Sundays, 9:30 am
Contact Alice Seidman at 953-8455
for further information



The reading of the Torah never ends...

Simchat Torah

**Please join us on Wednesday, September 25th
at 6:15 pm for our**

**Erev Simchat Torah Service
in the Main Sanctuary**

Take part in marching through the sanctuary with flags and the Torah scrolls. Join us for great music, singing and celebrate with Shmulik Gov-Ari as he leads us in the dancing of hakafot.

Be part of the congregation as our new Religious School students are called to the Bima for consecration.

Festive Simchat Torah Oneg to follow

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**Thursday, September 26**

**10:00 am**

**Simchat Torah Service and Yizkor Service  
in the Schulman Chapel in the Woods**



| SUNDAY                                                                                                                 | MONDAY                                             | TUESDAY                                                                                                            | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                 | THURSDAY                                                                                                               | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                              | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>1</b>                                                                                                               | <b>2</b><br>LABOR DAY<br>OFFICE CLOSED             | <b>3</b><br>6:00 pm YOUTH GROUP<br>DINNER                                                                          | <b>4</b><br>EREV ROSH HASHANAH<br><i>Please see cover for service<br/>details</i>                                                                                         | <b>5</b><br>ROSH HASHANAH, DAY 1<br><i>Please see cover for service<br/>details</i><br>OFFICE CLOSED                   | <b>6</b><br>ROSH HASHANAH, DAY 2<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>5:30 pm Shabbat in the<br>Woods<br>6:15 pm Shabbat Evening<br>Service                                          | <b>7</b><br>SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel<br>9:00 am Coffee &<br>Community<br>9:30 am Study<br>11:00 am SERVICE                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>8</b><br>9:00 am-3:00 pm<br>Religious School<br>Professional Learning                                               | <b>9</b><br>12:00 pm Cooking for the<br>Homeless   | <b>10</b><br>ECP HOME VISITS<br>ECP PRE-K SCHOOL VISITS<br>11:30 am ECP ICE CREAM<br>SOCIAL<br>7:30 pm WRJ Meeting | <b>11</b><br>ECP PRE-K SCHOOL VISITS<br><i>continue</i><br>9:00 am Kol Ami Reads<br>7:30 pm 7th Gr.<br>Orientation                                                        | <b>12</b>                                                                                                              | <b>13</b><br>EREV YOM KIPPUR<br><i>Please see cover for service<br/>details</i><br>ECP 2's, 3's & 4's FIRST<br>DAY OF SCHOOL                                        | <b>14</b><br>YOM KIPPUR<br><i>Please see cover for service<br/>details</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>15</b><br>DAY OF CHESED                                                                                             | <b>16</b><br>12:30 pm Mussar class                 | <b>17</b>                                                                                                          | <b>18</b><br>EREV SUKKOT<br>6:15 pm SERVICE                                                                                                                               | <b>19</b><br>SUKKOT I<br>OFFICE & ECP CLOSED<br>10:00 am SERVICE in<br>Chapel<br>8:00 pm Board of Trustees<br>Meeting  | <b>20</b><br>SUKKOT II<br>ECP CLOSED<br>10:00 am Torah Study<br>5:30 pm SHABBAT IN<br>THE WOODS in<br>Gallery<br>6:15 pm SHABBAT<br>EVENING SERVICE in<br>Sanctuary | <b>21</b><br>SUKKOT III<br>SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel<br>9:00 am Coffee &<br>Community<br>9:30 am Study<br>11:00 am SERVICE<br>10:30 am SHABBAT<br>MORNING SERVICE: Bar<br>Mitzvah of Matthew<br>DeMarco in Sanctuary<br>7:30 pm CELESTIAL<br>BANQUET                                               |
| <b>22</b><br>SUKKOT IV<br>FIRST SUN. RS/OPEN<br>HOUSE/SUKKOT<br>FESTIVAL<br>11:00 am Confirmation<br>Orientation/Lunch | <b>23</b><br>SUKKOT V                              | <b>24</b><br>SUKKOT VI<br>8:00 pm Adult BBM Class                                                                  | <b>25</b><br>EREV SIMCHAT TORAH<br>6:15 pm SIMCHAT TORAH<br>SERVICE & CELEBRATION<br>and consecration for new<br>religious school students<br>followed by festive<br>Oneg | <b>26</b><br>SIMCHAT TORAH<br>ECP & OFFICE CLOSED<br>10:00 am SIMCHAT<br>TORAH SERVICE/<br>YIZKOR SERVICE in<br>Chapel | <b>27</b><br>ECP CLOSED<br>10:00 am Torah Study<br>5:30 pm SHABBAT IN<br>THE WOODS in<br>Gallery<br>6:15 pm SHABBAT<br>EVENING SERVICE in<br>Sanctuary              | <b>28</b><br>SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel<br>9:00 am Coffee &<br>Community<br>9:30 am Study<br>11:00 am SERVICE<br>10:30 am SHABBAT<br>MORNING SERVICE:<br>Bar Mitzvah of Nathan<br>Ward in Sanctuary<br>5:30 pm SHABBAT<br>AFTERNOON SERVICE:<br>Bat Mitzvah of Dana<br>Papandreadis in<br>Sanctuary |
| <b>29</b><br>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL<br>WELCOME COFFEES                                                                       | <b>30</b><br>7:30 pm ECP PARENT /<br>TEACHER NIGHT | <b>October 1</b><br>7:30 pm WRJ Meeting                                                                            | <b>2</b><br>FIRST WEDNESDAY OF<br>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL<br>9:00 am Kol Ami Reads                                                                                               | <b>3</b><br>9:45 am Adolescent<br>Parenting Group                                                                      | <b>4</b><br>10:00 am Torah Study                                                                                                                                    | <b>5</b><br>SPIRITUAL LIFT<br>in Chapel<br>9:00 am Coffee &<br>Community<br>9:30 am Study<br>11:00 am SERVICE<br>10:30 am SHABBAT<br>MORNING SERVICE:<br>Bar Mitzvah of Spencer<br>Danzig in Sanctuary                                                                                            |
| <b>6</b><br>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL<br>4/5/6 GR. RETREAT<br>PARENT MEETING                                                    |                                                    |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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