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Worship Opportunities



Kol Ami's Kabbalat Shabbat Services in our Main Sanctuary at 6:15pm

We come to this sacred space together
to pray, to sing, to remember.
So take a deep breath, look around, allow your
body to move, your voice to soar, and your soul to open
to the possibilities of this time.

Worship Opportunities



Shabbat in the Woods



The Spirit



of



Shabbat

CONGREGATION KOL AMI WELCOMES YOU TO
JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

*A Shabbat Service in Story and Song for Families with
Young Children from 5:30 - 6:00pm all year round.*

*In the Kol Ami Gallery
Followed by our Festive Oneg!*

Parents can join in our 6:15pm
Kol Ami Service while your preschooler
can stay with us and enjoy crafts, games,
and a light supper!

The first Friday of every month is also our
Book Share Evening sponsored by temple
families. Each family who attends will go
home with a book as our gift to you.

Everyone is welcome!

Worship Opportunities

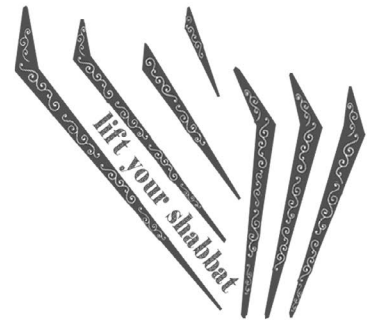
lift your shabbat

*Saturday Morning Torah Study
With Rabbi Shira*

Join Rabbi Shira and fellow congregants in our beautiful Chapel in the Woods on Saturday mornings. Step away from the chaos of the week and bring in the warmth and reflection of Shabbat that Torah Study can offer for the week ahead.

9:00am **coffee & community**
9:30am **torah study**
11:00am **shabbat services**

Come for all, or part, of the morning, Bring your curiosity!



Weekly Torah Portions for October

Week ending October 7, 2017

**(Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot) Parashat Ki Tisa
Exodus 33:12–34:26**

On the Shabbat during Sukkot, we are reminded of the age-old desire to know God. Moses implores God to let him see God. While God will not allow Moses to see God's face, God tells Moses, "I will make My goodness pass before you..." The Torah then sets forth the thirteen attributes of God, among them that God is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

Week ending October 14, 2017

Parashat B'reishit

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.



Week ending October 21, 2017

Parashat Noach

Genesis 6:9-11:32

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

Week ending October 28, 2017

Parashat Lech L'cha

Genesis 12:1-17:27

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

October Calendar

Sunday, October 1st

No Religious School

10:00am-1:00pm Sukkah Decorating and
Potluck Lunch with Sisterhood

Monday, October 2nd

9:15-10:15am Grandparenting Class

11:00-12:00pm Current Events

7:30pm Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 4th

9:00-10:30am KA Reads Book Club

10:30-2:00pm Mah Jongg

5:00-7:00pm Erev Sukkot Crafts and
Dinner for Families with Young Children

No Religious School for
Upper School Grades 7-12th

Thursday, October 5th

ECP Closed and Offices Closed

10:00-11:30am Sukkot Service in the Chapel

11:30-12:30pm Sukkot Oneg in the Sukkah

Friday, October 6th

ECP Closed

5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods, followed
by Crafts and Light Supper for Young Children

6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Sanctuary

Saturday, October 7th

Lift Your Shabbat Services in the Chapel

9:00am Coffee and Community

9:30am Torah Study

11:00am Shabbat Service

Sunday, October 8th

9:00-11:00am Religious School

9:00am Sukkot Festival

Monday, October 9th

Columbus Day: ECP and Offices Closed

Tuesday, October 10th

11:30-1:00pm Women in Transition

11:30-1:00pm Cooking for the Homeless

7:30-8:30pm Women's Oasis at Home

Wednesday, October 11th

10:30-2:00pm Mah Jongg

4:00-8:00pm Religious School

6:00-7:00pm Simchat Torah Celebration
and Consecration

Thursday, October 12th

ECP Closed and Offices Closed

10:00am-12:00pm Simchat Torah/
Yizkor Services in the Chapel

12:00-1:00pm Congregational Oneg

Friday, October 13th

ECP Closed

5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods, followed by
Crafts and Light Supper for Young Children

6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Sanctuary

Saturday, October 14th

Lift Your Shabbat Services in the Chapel

9:00am Coffee and Community

9:30am Torah Study

11:00am Shabbat Service

Sunday, October 15th

9:00-11:00am Religious School

2:00pm Chihuly Trip

Monday, October 16th

11:00am - 12:00pm Current Events

12:30--2:00pm Mussar Class

Tuesday, October 17th

10:00am Mitzvah Knits

7-9:00pm Sisterhood Meeting

Wednesday, October 18th

10:30am-2:00pm Mah Jongg

4:00pm-8:30pm Religious School

7:30-8:30pm Israel in the News

Thursday, October 19th

9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditation

11:00am-12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages

7:00-9:00pm ECP Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 20th

5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods, followed
by Crafts and Light Supper for Young Children

6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Sanctuary

7:30-10:00pm New Member Dinner

Saturday, October 21st

Lift Your Shabbat Services in the Chapel

9:00am Coffee and Community

9:30am Torah Study

11:00am Shabbat Service

Sunday, October 22nd

9:00-11:00am Religious School

11:00am Or Chadash Choir

11:00am-1:00pm Cooking for the Homeless

11:30am -1:00pm Rosh Chodesh in the Chapel

Monday, October 23rd

7:30-9:00pm The Sephardic Experience

Wednesday, October 25th

4:30-8:30pm Religious School

Thursday, October 26th

9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditiaton

11:00-12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages

11:00-2:00pm Wise Aging

7:30-9:00pm Adult Choir

Friday, October 27th

5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods, followed
by Crafts and Light Supper for Young Children

6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Sanctuary

Saturday, October 28th

Lift Your Shabbat Services in the Chapel

9:00am Coffee and Community

9:30am Torah Study

11:00am Shabbat Service

7:00-12:00pm Youth Group Midnight Run

Sunday, October 29th

9:00-11:00am Religious School

9:00-11:00am 5th Grade Daffodil Planting

11:00am Or Chadash Choir

Monday, October 30th

11:00am-12:00pm Current Events

7:30-9:00pm The Sephardic Experience

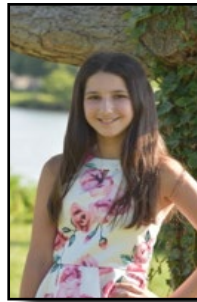
B'Nai Mitzvah

We will be celebrating the following children's
B'nai Mitzvah in October. Mazal Tov!



Gabriella Rose Arovas, daughter of Susan Kohn and Greg Arovas, sister of Alex and Talia, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 7, 2017, Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot. Gabriella is a seventh grader at Scarsdale Middle School. She enjoys playing tennis and piano and spending time with family, friends and her

beloved black lab, Nimble. Her greatest joy, however, is ice skating. She is a member of the Skyliners Synchronized Skating Team, Juvenile Line, 2017 U.S. Figure Skating National Champions. Gabriella is supporting Figure Skating in Harlem's synchronized skating program, Harlem Ice, to help other girls have opportunities for training and experience on the ice. Gabriella thanks everyone who helped her prepare to become a bat mitzvah, including Rabbi Tom, Cantor David and Morah Pam, and looks forward to sharing this special milestone with her family, friends, and Kol Ami community.



Michelle Simkin

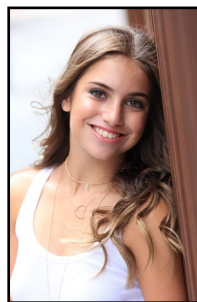
Michelle Elaine, daughter of Eric & Lauren Simkin and sister to Joshua Simkin, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 14, 2017, also the day after her 13th birthday. Michelle is an 8th grader at Blind Brook Middle School in Rye Brook. Through the years, Michelle

has been involved in various sports, dance ensembles, and other social activities; but her passion, since Kindergarten, is the Girl Scouts. Through the Girl Scouts, Michelle has been involved in multiple Mitzvah projects. Michelle sings annually for the retirees of The Bristol in White Plains, cleans up parks in Harrison, and collected/assembled baskets for newborns at White Plains Hospital and Thanksgiving baskets for the Harrison Food Pantry. Most recently Michelle has raised funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and over the summer spent time volunteering at Humane Society of Westchester. Michelle is very excited to share her special day with family and friends.



Quincy Freiman Bianchi, daughter of Lili & Peter Bianchi and sister to Aaron, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 7, 2017. She is in 8th grade at Edgemont Junior-Senior High School. Quincy is co-captain of the 7th - 8th grade field hockey team and she plays lacrosse. She

has greatly enjoyed spending the past 5 summers at Kenwood Camp and also loves singing, babysitting, traveling and playing with her dog. For her Mitzvah project, Quincy has been volunteering at the Hospital for Special Surgery in the Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery Department. Quincy is very excited to share her special day with her family & friends.



Samantha Levine, daughter of Lauren and Doug Levine, sister to Maya & Jordan, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 21, 2017. She is in 8th grade at Louis M. Klein middle school in Harrison. She excels in math and has made honor roll

every semester since entering Middle School. In addition to being a wonderful student, Sammie enjoys playing field hockey on her school team and taking dance classes. For her mitzvah project, Sammie has been working with Kids' Klostet, a program that provides Westchester County children and families in need with donated clothes and related items free of charge. Sammie worked with Kids Klostet to sponsor a drive at her school to collect new underwear, socks and diapers. Sammie is thrilled to share her special day with family and friends.

B'Nai Mitzvah

We will be celebrating the following children's
B'nai Mitzvah in October. Mazal Tov!



Jeremy David Adler, son of Alison and Andrew Adler and twin brother to Eliot Adler, will be called to the Torah as a B'nei Mitzvah on October 21, 2017. Jeremy started 8th grade at Ardsley Middle School after finishing out another amazing summer at Camp Greenwood Trails in the Berkshires.

He enjoys basketball and football, and recently made his acting debut in various camp productions. Jeremy is on his school track team and has participated in debate and ASL club offerings. For his Mitzvah project, Jeremy has been volunteering with Backyard Sports. Through the BYS Plus Program, Jeremy has been providing mentorship and support to special needs children who want to learn and enjoy organized team sports. Jeremy is looking forward to sharing his special day with his brother, Eliot, and to celebrating with family, friends and the extended Kol Ami community.



Eliot Russell Adler, son of Alison and Andrew Adler and twin brother to Jeremy Adler, will be called to the Torah as a B'nei Mitzvah on October 21, 2017. Eliot is an 8th grade student at Ardsley Middle School. He enjoys basketball and football, and is an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers. Eliot is also involved in singing and musical theater, having

starring in both the Ardsley Middle School and High School Drama Club productions last Spring. He has also graced the stage at Kol Ami as Mordechai in the Hamilton inspired Purim Spiel. For his Mitzvah project, Eliot volunteers at Heartsong, a music therapy program in downtown White Plains. He has been assisting in music classes for special needs children and enjoying helping others make social connections through music. He is excited to share his moment on the Bima with his brother, Jeremy, and to celebrate with family, friends and the extended Kol Ami community.



Ana Salzinger, daughter of Steven and Maria Salzinger and sister to Alexander and Michael, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 28, 2017. She is an 8th grade student at Scarsdale Middle School. Ana is a member of the YWCA gymnastics team and

is excited to be competing this year on Level 6. For her Mitzvah project Ana is reading to the children of the Coachman Center, which provides community services to homeless families. Ana surrounds herself with close friends and enjoys biking, reading and babysitting. Ana is very excited to share her special day with family and friends.



David Isaac Litvak, son of Diane and Michael, older brother of Joshua, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 28, 2017. He is in the 7th grade at Edgemont Jr./Sr. High School and just returned from his 3rd year

at Crane Lake Camp. David enjoys soccer, building, technology, baking and playing the trombone. An avid Mets fan, David loves all things baseball. He has been sharing his love of baseball as a Buddy with The Miracle League of Westchester, helping disabled children enjoying playing the game. David is excited to share his special day with family and friends.

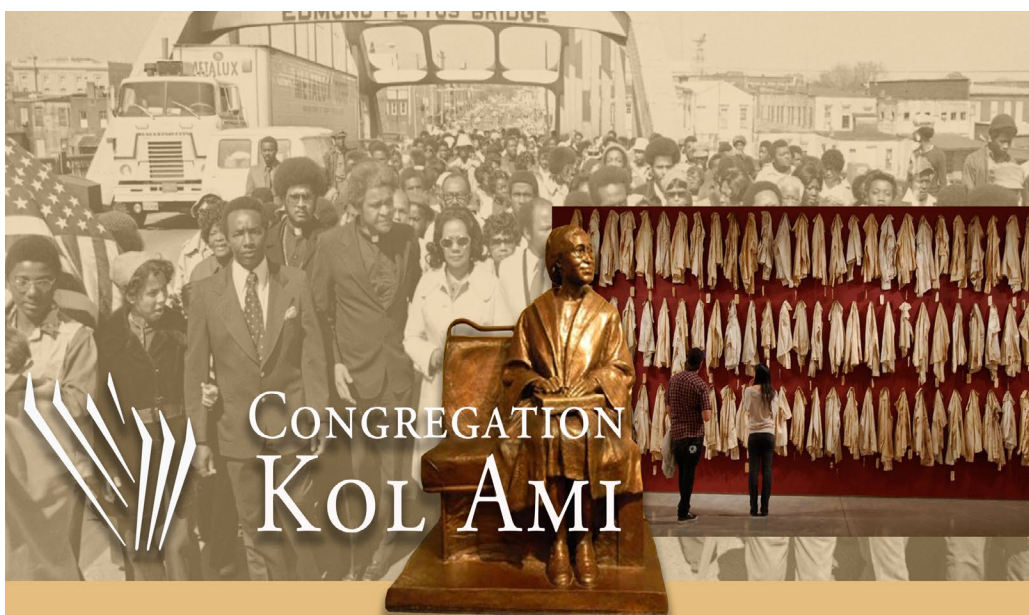


A Message from our Rabbi

“We may have come on different ships,
but we’re all in the same boat now.”

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Since August 14th, 2017 in Charlottesville, we have been reminded that wherever some are vulnerable, all are vulnerable - and that in particular, our safety as Jews is wrapped up in the safety of all minority groups in America. Now is the time to re-immense ourselves in the stories of the Civil Rights Movement, and to recommit to an America of human dignity for all. With wishes for a year of hope and courage -*Shira*



**The Movement Continues.....
An Intergenerational
Civil Rights Journey**

Friday, November 10th - Monday, November 13th, 2017

We will travel together for an educational journey to some of the most important sites of the Civil Rights Movement, starting in Atlanta, and traveling to Selma, Montgomery, and Birmingham.

Highlights of the trip include:

- Friday Night Services with the Jews of Birmingham
- Havdalah on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma
- Sunday Morning Services at the Dexter Ave. Church (the Rev. Dr. MLK's church in Montgomery)
- Rosa Parks Museum in Montgomery
- Stone Mountain
- Civil Rights Museum and the King Center in Atlanta
- Hear the stories of resistance, meet the freedom riders of then and the ones moving the struggle forward today.
- Listen to the Jewish voices of the past century and deepen our own resolve to be part of the change

\$1,000 per person includes:

Rountrip Airfare from NY to Atlanta

Travel by coach bus

**3 Nights (double occupancy)
(at Doubletree hotels)**

All Museum Admissions and Guides

Most Meals

Space is limited.

Full payment required to secure your place

For more information please contact:

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shiramilgrom@nykolami.org or
Ginny Herron-Lanoil at
ginnyherron-lanoil@nykolami.org**

**Space is Limited for this amazing opportunity!
Please email or stop by and fill out a trip form as
soon as possible if you are interested.**

A Message from our Cantor



Entrances to Singing are Everywhere!!

Many of you have inquired about singing opportunities at Kol Ami! We are blessed to have two wonderful community choirs within our congregation. Our first choir “Or Chadash” is for children in grades K-6. This fun and talented group will have the opportunity to perform at various Shabbat services throughout the year as well as perform in our inter-synagogue choral festival on December 10th at Larchmont Temple. We rehearse from 11:00-11:30 on Sundays in the sanctuary whenever there is religious school. Our first rehearsal will be on October 15th.

“Kol Echad”, our teen and adult choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm-8:45pm. Come and join one of our “mini-mesters” and make a “smaller” commitment of time to be part of this wonderful group. Performances include various Shabbat Services, High Holiday Services, the annual MLK Interfaith concert as well as other opportunities. Our first “mini-mester” begins on October 26th. Please see page 26 of this month’s Connection Magazine for more information.

Look forward to making wonderful music together!!

Cantor David Rosen

Do you love music?
Do you start singing along
With every song you hear?
Are your toes
tapping already?



Then come sing with Cantor David, learn about choir and all the ways you can take your love of music and be involved at Kol Ami

Rehearsals will be held Sundays beginning on
~ Sunday, October 15th ~
11-11:30am in the Sanctuary
Open to all K-6 students

Please sign up by October 11th and let us know you're coming!
Email the Cantor's office at cantordavid@kolami.org

OR CHADASH
the Children's Choir of Kol Ami



A Message from our Co-President

A View From the Bimah

Shanah Tovah. As I hope we conveyed during our High Holy Day remarks, Susan and I are both humbled and honored to serve as Co-Presidents of this remarkable synagogue. And sitting on the bimah during the High Holy Days for the first time amplified those feelings exponentially. It is difficult to express how meaningful and overwhelming it was for us to look out at what seemed like an endless sea of fellow congregants joining together as a community to reflect upon the past year and imagine the future.

As I looked around, my eyes caught hold of the old stained glass windows taken from our earliest years of the synagogue and which are now featured in our beautifully renovated sanctuary. I thought back to those early years and marveled at what those founding members who originally installed those windows would be thinking if they were able to join us for our High Holy Day worship. It reminded me that Kol Ami is a living, breathing, dynamic institution that combines our ancient rituals with contemporary ways. Now, perhaps more than ever, Kol Ami serves as a light guiding our community – both our Jewish and secular community – in actively promoting social justice and standing up for those most vulnerable. To many of us, Charlottesville represented a tipping point – a call to action where being a bystander, as opposed to being an active participant, was simply not good enough. The president of a synagogue in Charlottesville wrote afterwards of neo-Nazis marching outside with torches requiring the congregation to have to leave Friday night services out the back door for fear of their safety. The torah scrolls were removed from the Ark and hidden for fear of vandalism and damage. This is simply unacceptable anywhere but especially here in the United States in 2017. Kol Ami was never, and will not be, a bystander. As you will hear more about in the coming months, we have established the #BeTheLight task force charged with building upon our already incredible social justice projects and leading us in finding new ways to get involved and fight for what is right. We also joined with hundreds of other reform synagogues in signing a Brit Olam with the Union of Reform Judaism to commit ourselves to continue to pursue such actions.

We are so proud to serve as stewards of this unique and special sacred place. Just as we individually used the High Holy Days to reflect upon the past year and imagine how we can be better people, we are committed to build upon Kol Ami's rich past to do everything we can to leave it better, stronger and more vibrant than when we started. But we simply cannot do it alone. In addition to our incredible clergy, executive committee, board of trustees, executive director and dedicated and talented staff, we need you. We urge you to explore all that Kol Ami has to offer and there is so much. Whether it be in time and/or financial resources, we call on each of you to stand up and be involved. There are so many opportunities to get involved (at any level of time commitment). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Susan, me or Jess Lorden, our Executive Director or any of the committee chairs. In terms of financial support, I would be remiss to not remind you that dues only account for a fraction of our operating costs and we depend upon our Annual Fund Drive (formerly known as the Kol Nidre Appeal) each year to keep Kol Ami going. So we ask each of you to consider making Kol Ami a priority in your giving and please participate in our Annual Fund Drive at whatever level is meaningful to you, whether that be \$18, \$180, \$1800 or \$18,000. Together we can continue Kol Ami's journey as a leading light in our community, providing a sacred place for us to pray, study, socialize and participate in Tikkun Olam, repairing the world around us.

Susan and I look forward to joining you on this journey.

We wish you a new year filled with health, happiness, love and peace.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu,

Scott

A Message from our Executive Director



On Monday, August 28, 2017 I had the privilege of participating in the Ministers March for Justice in Washington, D.C. with Rabbi Tom, Lisa Borowitz, Ronnie Cohn, Debbi Marcus, about 400 others associated with the URJ Religious Action Center, and about 4000 dedicated social activists.

Why did I march? There are a few influences in my life that I would like to share. Born in the 60s, I was too young to remember the civil rights' protests of that era. But, I vividly remember hearing about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I was fascinated by him – by his courage, by his resolve, by his determination to forge a peaceful path toward equality. When I was a bit older I studied more about Dr. King, wrote a paper about him and even sculpted a bust of him. My parents still display that sculpture, which trust me, is not a fine piece of art worth displaying. One of my favorite of Dr. King's quotes provides: "Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars.... Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." So, when faced with a racist comment, or an anti-Semitic one, I have thought, where do we go from here? What can I do? Only love can drive out hate.

Another and more recent influence for me were words of a poem written by German Lutheran pastor Martin Niemöller. I first heard this poem years ago and many times since. It has always resonated with me. Many, if not most of you, will probably recognize it.

**First, they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Socialist.
Then, they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.
Then, they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Jew.
Then, they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.**

A third influence for me is a phrase I first learned here at Kol Ami - "L'dor v d'or", generation to generation - in the context of our capital campaign fundraiser. To me, "L'dor v d'or" means the generations taking care of each other. It means taking action now for the benefit of our children and grandchildren, just as our parents and grandparents took action to ensure we enjoyed a safe, just, peaceful and free life.

So, I marched holding your hands, my parents' hands, and my grandparents' hands on one side, and reaching for my children on the other. As we heard at the march, "The time is now. The time to wake up is now." It is time for us to come out of our silence and stand up for justice for all American citizens. Especially, as people of faith and people of conscience, we must take action now.

At the march, one speaker said, "The soul of our nation is at stake. It is not enough to say the words. We must open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts. We must march the words." There is power in presence so I chose to be present and to march proudly for justice for myself, for my family and friends of all faiths and colors, and for all of you. You heard about our #BeTheLightforJustice initiative during our High Holy Days services. Please join me and others on this important journey towards justice.

—Jess



A Message from our ECP Director

October ECP Dates and Family Opportunities:

10/4 Sukkot in the Woods Service for families with young children, followed by holiday crafts & dairy dinner (see flyer on page 33)

10/5 and 10/6 ECP Closed for Sukkot

10/6 Shabbat in the Woods Book Share Night 5:30-6:00pm

10/9 ECP Closed for Columbus Day

10/10 4's and 5's Cocktail Party 8:00-9:30pm (off-site)

10/12 and 10/13 ECP Closed for Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah

10/18 2's Parent Coffee

10/19 Open School Night for Parents and Teachers

10/24 First Friends Program begins

10/25 3's Parent Coffee



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18TH

2'S PARENTS COFFEE

**JOIN ME
AT 9:15
IN THE CAFÉ**

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CONGREGATION KOL AMI
early childhood program

building a community of friends one family at a time

Toddlers 14-22 months

(Accompanied by a parent or caregiver)

Take a look and see what it's all about

Beginning with a welcome circle, our morning includes:

- Fine motor play with developmentally appropriate puzzles and toys
- Paint exploration
- Craft activity focused on a Jewish holiday or season
- Oatmeal and water table play, gross motor toys including a pool of balls, slide, teeter totters, and dramatic play in our toddler sized kitchen
- Bean bag chairs for cuddling and reading a story
- Snack
- Music and Movement
- The class is run by our Director Nan Blank
- 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 meets on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:15am

And will run in two 10 week sessions

Session 1: October 24, 2017 – January 9, 2018

Session 2: January 23, 2018 – April 10, 2018

First Friends provides a wonderful segue to our
Early Childhood Program and to our Congregation

Cost per session \$180.00

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 please call

Nan Blank, ECP Director at 949-4717 x107

CONGREGATION KOL AMI

**ECP PARENT TEACHER EVENING FOR
2'S, 3'S, 4'S AND PRE-K'S**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, AT 7:30PM

**Enjoy an Informative
Evening with Us!**

- Meet with your new teachers and ECP staff
- Tour your child's classroom
- Learn about a day in the life of your preschooler
- Meet the parents of your child's friends
- Enjoy coffee and cake with friends



Building a community of friends one family at a time!

Building a Community of Friends, One Family at a Time - Nan

A Message from our Religious School Director



It feels like it was just a moment ago we were relaxing on those last lazy summer days...!

We had a successful opening of Religious School, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur have passed and we have all hopefully had the opportunity to spend some quality time with friends and family. I hope these days have provided you all with some time for reflection.

The importance of community and friendship in our synagogue and our school can not be undervalued. Harry Golden, in the book, *The Right Time* writes: “When I was young, I asked my father, “If you don’t believe in God, why do you go to synagogue so regularly?” My father answered, “Jews go to synagogue for all kinds of reasons. My friend Garfinkle, who is Orthodox, goes to synagogue to talk to God. I go to talk to Garfinkle.”

During the year, your children will be working toward many learning goals. As a part of our school community, we will continue learning to pray together. The words of our prayers will become the vehicle for Hebrew learning in the classroom and we hope this will provide our students with the opportunity to begin to understand the ancient words we all say when we pray. Ultimately, we want them to be able to make their own connections to the prayers we practice. *Tefila* (Prayer) takes place every time your children are here. Together with their classmates, teachers and clergy, we pray in our Sanctuary. You are always welcome to join us. If you want to observe or join in, call me for the schedule or just stop into the Sanctuary any Sunday morning.

As we embark on a new school year, the value of learning within a community is crucial to our success. As a unique place comprised of many communities, Kol Ami gives us the opportunity to reach out and create new connections for our children and ourselves. Judaism is meant to be lived in a community. Sharing Shabbat with other families makes Shabbat better. When people are sick and need others to provide food or comfort, community is indispensable. Whether you come to Synagogue to talk to God, or to make connections with other Jews, we support your choices for Jewish living and hope to provide you with many opportunities to participate in our Jewish community.

Please join us on Wednesday evening, October 11th as we wrap our community in Torah and celebrate Simchat Torah. We will consecrate our new Religious School students as they embark on their Jewish learning at Kol Ami. Please see page 36 of this month’s Connection Magazine for more information

Again...wishing you all a year filled with sweetness.

Felice



A Message from our Director of Youth Engagement

Save The Date for Midnight Run
October 28th, 2017

I write this just before Rosh Hashanah and two days before Religious School and Youth Group activities are starting. Other than planning the year, I am in the midst of reading the fascinating biography of former Israeli president, Mr. Shimon Peres. (Shimon Peres – The Complete Biography by Michael Bar-Zohar).

I love, admire and draw inspiration from Mr. Perez, whose first Yahrtzeit is on the 25th of Elul (the day after I write this). His life story and Israel's history and future intertwine. While my 11th and 12th grades classes will be focusing on Israel this year, Israel will be celebrating her 70th anniversary in May. For all these reasons I have decided to dedicate this column to Mr. Peres and his legacy.

Growing up in Israel in the 80s and 90s, Peres's name was in the news all the time. His political maneuvers, passionate speeches and optimism filled the news. His name was linked in one way or another to every important intersection in those years: in the 80s; the partial redraw from Lebanon, the economic crisis, Irangate, and the London Agreement with Jordan. In the 90s it was the collaboration with Yitzhak Rabin (Z"l), the peace process, receiving the Nobel Peace Prize and losing the election in 1996 to Benjamin Netanyahu. I particularly remember one moment from the early hours of November 5th, 1995 (my 18th birthday). Moments after it was announced that Rabin had passed, Peres, who was now the Prime Minister, was sitting with the entire Israeli government, cameras focused on him, an entire nation in shock, and his expression solemn and severe. After a moment of silence and with his voice cracking, Peres said that it was a very hard moment for him and how he had found a friend in Rabin in recent years. I have that image in my mind because the relationship he had with Rabin over the years was one of mistrust and resentment and they overcame all that to work together, sharing a vision of what Israel can be. The night of the assassination started at a peace rally where the two titans celebrated their achievements and vision (and for some on the right, their failures) together with thousands of people. It was also a celebration of two individuals who learned in their old age to respect and appreciate each other.

Shimon Peres went on to be Israel's president and became known for his endless optimism. He always looked forward while learning from the past. He believed in a strong Israel and strived to make it a better place for Jews of all denominations as well as citizens of all faiths. He was, in my humble opinion, a true Zionist.

With all of that in mind I would like to quote a few words of this great man. These quotes are taken from a book titled "I Am Jewish" – Personal Reflections Inspired by the Last Words of Daniel Pearl, and provide me comfort when I think of recent events in Israel and the United States:

- "The essence of a Jewish state is that it is, first and foremost, a state that is founded on faith – a state that is distinguished by spiritual faith, and not necessarily a state controlled by a religious apparatus".⁽¹⁾
- "Truthfully, there were moments when it seemed that all was lost, that everything had vanished. And then there were other instances, when it appeared that all the problems had been resolved. Yet the former did not happen, and neither did the latter. The road ahead is still very long and hard, but inspiring nevertheless."⁽²⁾

Shimon Peres August 2, 1923 – September 28, 2016
Yehi Zichro Baruch – May his memory be for blessing

Idan Santhaus

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Kol Ami Points With Pride To....



Congregant Dr. Joshua Raff will be leading the panel for the 5th Annual Pancreatic Cancer Symposium on Friday, November 3rd at White Plains Hospital's Center for Cancer Care. The program is designed for the general population and will focus on all aspects of managing pancreatic cancer, including genetics and early detection.

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Forum

event

The 5th Annual White Plains Hospital Pancreatic Cancer Symposium

"Focus on Early Detection & Improved Survival"

date & time

Friday, November 3, 2017
9:00am-12:00pm

location

White Plains Hospital Center for Cancer Care
2 Longview Ave, White Plains

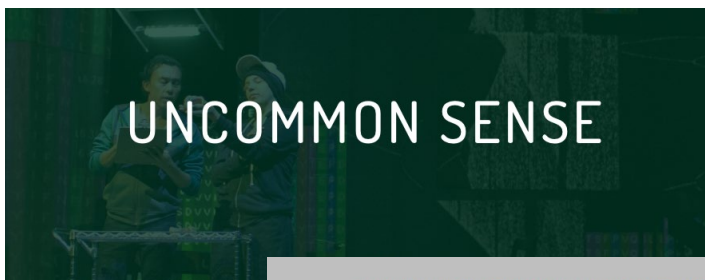
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Valet parking is available at the White Plains Hospital Center for Cancer Care, or metered parking is available at the Longview Municipal Garage.

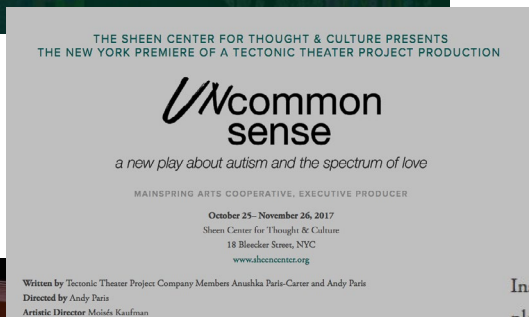
Breakfast will be served. Free & open to the public. To register, please call 914.849.7500



Dr. Raff is the Director of the Digestive Cancer Program at White Plains Hospital, as well as the Leader of the Hospital's GI Cancer Program Conference. Dr. Raff received his medical degree from the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University in 1997. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, and was a fellow of hematology and oncology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine from 2000-2003. Dr. Raff is board certified in Internal Medicine, Hematology, and Medical Oncology. His professional experience and interests include: Cancers of the digestive system, lung cancer, prostate cancer; anemia, platelet disorders, and lymphoma. Dr. Raff is actively involved in clinical research, and is the Principal Investigator of several therapeutic clinical trials at WPH.



Congregants Andy Paris and Anushka Paris-Carter have written a moving and poignant play about living with Autism



Inspired by true stories of people living on the autism spectrum, *Uncommon Sense* is a new play that delves into the mysteries of the brain. This multimedia production weaves together the four personal journeys of Dan, Jess, Moose, and Lali — and their families and friends — as it reveals our universal challenges with "difference," our desire to connect, and the lengths to which we go for the people we love. *Uncommon Sense* embraces all audiences, from those finally seeing their experiences reflected on the stage, to those peering into the autism world for the very first time.

Uncommon Sense will tour in the 2018-19 season.

Around Kol Ami....



Sisterhood Annual “Staplefest” to help prepare
Kol Ami for the High Holy Days



If you take photos at
Kol Ami Events
and would like to
help us share them
in The Connection,
we would love to hear
from you! Please send
photos to:
emilycampbell@
nykolami.org



Women’s Roundtable Breakfast
with Rabbi Shira Milgrom and Speaker Liz Gordon

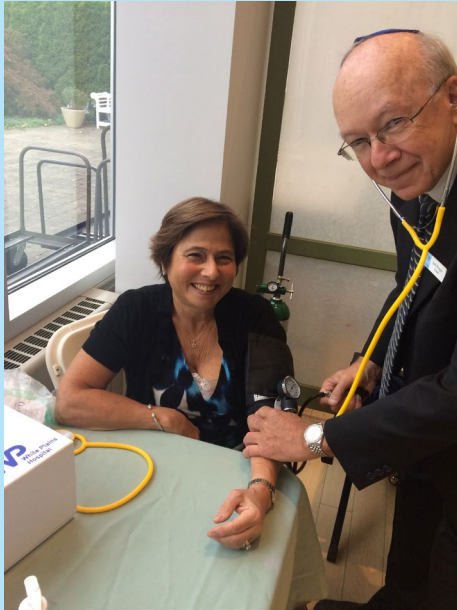
.....Around Kol Ami



Scott Pollak and the sounds of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah



Festive Onegs during the Rosh Hashanah weekend



Dr. Jack Berger and Dr. Randy Berger testing out our medical area for the High Holy Days



2's and 3's ECP Families Host Cocktails and Conversation

Kol Ami Sisterhood

Women of Reform Judaism



Co-Presidents Sheryl Brady, Rachel Eckhaus, Stacey Matusow

“Many hands lighten the load” which was certainly the case at our StapleFest recently, when we prepared shopping bags for our High Holy Day food drive. We were delighted at such a great turnout – more than 25 women strong! – and we continue to attract members new to Sisterhood as well as our veterans. The efficiency with which we were able to complete our task allowed for ample schmoozing and snacking and even enabled us to assemble shloshim meditation booklets, a project developed by congregant (and Sisterhood member!) Judi Brown and Rabbi Shira.

The Kol Ami Sisterhood is proud to serve our Congregation and community as well as to create an opportunity for women to learn, to share, and to celebrate Temple life, their families, and themselves. If you come to worship during the High Holy Days, 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 a myriad of 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. Our social events such as the Havdalah series, Wine and Wisdom, Latkes and Lattes, Ladies Night Out, Passover tasting, and Membership Dinner, just to name a few, continue to attract an ever-growing group of Kol Ami women, and we are thrilled to continue counting new members among our ranks!

We look forward to this year’s High Holy Day food drive surpassing previous records of thousands of pounds of food collected for the Food Bank for Westchester. Our upcoming Sisterhood Holiday Shopping Spree in December will be bigger than ever, and the proceeds of this fundraiser will allow us to continue our support of Kol Ami. Our Purim baskets initiative, while fostering a sense of community, also produces increased revenue. These projects help us fund a variety of Kol Ami and broader Sisterhood causes including underwriting events shared with the Coachman Family Center, providing financial support for musical programs, Shabbat and High Holy Day Onegs, Sukkah decorations, the Religious School Sukkot Festival, Early Childhood Program holiday celebrations, scholarships for high school students, adult education programs, and so much more.

We are blessed to be able to do as much as we do because of wonderful volunteers as well as the dues-paying members of the Kol Ami Sisterhood. 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 the new year. With your dues payment of \$40, you will enjoy discounted or free admission to events we sponsor while helping to deliver all the services provided by the Kol Ami Sisterhood for our Congregation. And of course we hope that you will become an active participant as well; we promise you’ll make some new friends! Our meetings and events are listed on the Kol Ami website at www.NYKolAmi.org/Sisterhood.

On behalf of WRJ Kol Ami Sisterhood, we thank all of you for your past and continued support and wish you and your families much joy and blessing in the New Year.

Social Action Tikkun Olam

Kol Ami Cares *Opportunities for Volunteering*



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

Several of our congregants no longer drive or have difficulty getting to services and special events. Kol Ami Cares maintains a database of members willing and able to provide transportation as needed. Offering a ride even once in a while is hugely appreciated. Also, within our Kol Ami community are older congregants who would welcome a visit in their homes. Many do not have family living nearby and would appreciate the company. Please join our growing list of members who spend time with our housebound congregants. (B'nai mitzvah students may choose this activity as a Mitzvah Project.)

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

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

Betsy McCormack (betsymc@gmail.com)

Ginny Ruder (ginnyruder@gmail.com)

Social Action

Tikkun Olam

KOL AMI COOKS for THE OPEN ARMS MENS SHELTER

Want To Have Fun While Doing Good?

Laura Green and Steve Chistianson, our esteemed "Open Arms Men's Shelter" Kol Ami Cooks coordinators for 15 years, have happily retired to Florida! They have left the Monday Kol Ami Cooks to enthusiastic Kol Ami volunteers Myrna Barzelatto and Leslie Wiesen, who have moved the cooking day from Monday to Tuesday. Kol Ami members Ethel and Murray Shapiro are reprising their roles as 'the grocery shoppers'!

Volunteer cooks, men and women, are needed on Tuesdays, 11:30am – 1:00pm, once a month starting October 10th.

To sign on or ask questions, please contact either Myrna at : mbarzel@aol.com, 914-403-7434 or Leslie at : lsw20@earthlink.net, 914-686-9516

Our well established Sunday Cooking for the Homeless Group under the leadership of Nancy Marcus, will also be continuing this year. Sundays 11:00am-1:00pm starting October 22nd.

To sign on or ask questions, please contact: Nancy Marcus at larrymarcus@aol.com

Cooking will take place in the Kol Ami kitchen. All recipes have been provided.

You don't need to be a chef, but along with the willingness to have a good time, you will need to bring the following: a sharp knife, a cutting board, a towel and 2 pot holders.



The Cabin Group - Alcoholics Anonymous
Weekly (closed) Tuesday and Thursday meetings at 5:45 pm in the Schulman Chapel in the Woods

AL-ANON
Weekly (closed) meetings on Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Schulman Chapel in the Woods

Mitzvah Knitz
Together we'll knit afghans, caps for Israeli soldiers and more.
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am starting October 17, 2017

The Kol Ami Singers
Accompanied by Paul Schwarz, we sing at local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Join us as we bring a little sunshine to the residents and make a difference in their lives. For information, call Murray Shapiro 914-946-7789
Wednesday, October 25th, 2017 at 2:30 PM
King Street Nursing and Rehab
787 King Street
Rye Brook, NY 10573

Kol Ami Food Pantry Hours

Kol Ami Food Pantry is open to serve our congregants, staff and guests of both.

The Pantry is located in the entrance of our gymnasium

and is open Tuesdays 9:30am-11:00am, and also

Thursdays 6:00pm - 7:30pm & Sundays 9:30am - 10:30am by appointment

. Gift cards, private ordering and delivery is also available. For information, gift cards, private ordering/delivery contact Jess Lorden, 914-949-4717 ext. 101.

Social Action Tikkun Olam

Coachman Corner

Spreading Tikkun Olam in our Community

The Kol Ami – Coachman Committee partners with the Coachman Family Center to find opportunities to bring kindness and joy into the strained lives of those in our community who have fallen on hard times.

We kicked off the new school year with generous donations of school supplies from our congregational community. Every Coachman student from pre-k through high school was well prepared on the first day of school with new backpacks, notebooks, pencils, pens, rulers, calculators, and more. A special thanks to Anne Gussoff and to Judy and Stephen Hochman for their contributions and support.

Our September birthday party was sponsored by Jessica and Dave Lorden, and Lori and Rob Abrams. The Coachman kids made beautiful beaded necklaces and kindness rocks, with help from Ana Salzman, one of our Bat Mitzvah students. Further entertainment was provided by Danny Bernstein of Backyard Sports who led the kids in sports and games. Everyone feasted on pizza and cake and left with goody bags that were compiled by Robin Davies-Small and her Shelanu students over the summer.

We are currently looking for sponsors for our next birthday party on October 15th. Please consider co-sponsoring this event with other Kol Ami families. Our Coachman Committee members will be there to walk you through every step!

Please contact Alison Adler (alisonadler@nykolami.org) or Lisa Hochman (lisahochman@mac.com) if you would like to learn more.



Adult Education

Spiritual Journeying Groups

Mussar Classes

This workshop will introduce Mussar practice through tikkun middot (repairing ourselves from the inside out), so that we can act with greater compassion, kindness, and love in our homes, friendships, and work.

Facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax, Spiritual Care Coordinator, WJCS. Please contact Rabbi Wax at pwax@wjcs.com or 914-761-0600 x. 149 to register.

Mondays 12:30-2:00pm

Fee for Kol Ami Members: \$72

Fee for Non-Members \$100

Women in Transition

Are you experiencing/anticipating some of life's changes.

Please join us in an interactive discussion group.

Topics to be discussed include but are not limited to: retirement, aging, down sizing, relationships with adult children, health/well being and other life transitions.

If you are interested in joining the group please contact Sheila Sturmer at

sturmersheila@gmail.com or 914-391-1227

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

Beginning on September 12th

Women's Roundtable Breakfast

Join Kol Ami's remarkable, multigenerational women for learning and friendship with Rabbi Shira Milgrom.

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month,

next meeting on November 1st at 7:45am

The Sephardic Experience

We will look at this remarkable history through the eyes of many of the people who lived it, including using the book "The Jews of Spain, a History of the Sephardic Experience" by Jane Gerber

Meets Mondays 7:30pm beginning October 23rd

Jewish Mindful Meditation

Now entering it's 6th year!

Newcomers are always welcome! Join us in learning mindful meditation, a practice of training the mind and the heart so that we can live with greater clarity, acceptance, and connection. No meditation experience necessary. Led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW, certified meditation teacher, and the WJCS Partners-in-Caring clinician for Kol Ami.

Meets Thursdays from 9:30-10:45am

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

Programs include:

Geriatric Care: management and other senior programs

Jewish Spiritual Healing Center: services for individual and families facing serious illness

The Autism Center: residences for developmentally disabled adults

Center Lane: a center for the LGBT community.... and much, much more

As our congregation's liaison to WJCS, Ruth (an experienced clinical social worker and psychotherapist) can assist synagogue members in assessing and meeting challenging life situations by providing counseling, accessing needed resources and making appropriate referrals. Ruth can be reached at rrosenblum@wjcs.com or at 914-761-0600 ext. 148)

Adult Education

Gather and Study

Israel in the News with David Gravitz

Each session will feature in-depth discussion of news items regarding Israel, both within Israel and regarding Israel's relations with other countries and with diaspora Jewry. History and geography will be featured where appropriate and occasionally guest speakers, both from within and outside Kol Ami, will be invited.

*Meets every other Wednesday from 7:30-8:45pm,
starting on October 18th*

Current Events with Beth & Gene Kava

Each session will provide participants an opportunity for in-depth examination of a current issue of the day.

Participants will examine issues, through various perspectives, using readings, video, or a guest speaker.

*Meets every other Monday from 11:00am - 12:30pm,
starting September 18th*

Kol Ami Book Club

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

Doris Dingott at 914-289-0869
or DLDingott@gmail.com

*Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 9:15am in Room 20
starting September 6th*

Adult Hebrew Classes

Intermediate/Advanced Hebrew with Alice Seidman

Conversational Hebrew, grammar, vocabulary, reading, and translating current Israeli publications in an informal learning environment. Contact Alice Seidman at 914-953-8455 for further information

Meets Sundays at 10am

Parenting Teens Workshops

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

With Susan Davis, LCSW.

*Meets the 1st Thursday of the Month at Noon,
starting in October*

Grandparenting Workshops

Exploring inter-generational experience and Jewish wisdom as we share the challenges and opportunities of grandparenting, with Susan Davis, LCSW.

*Meets the 1st Monday of the Month at 9:15am,
starting in October*

Fun and Games!

Mah Jongg

Wednesdays at 10:30am in
the Kol Ami Atrium

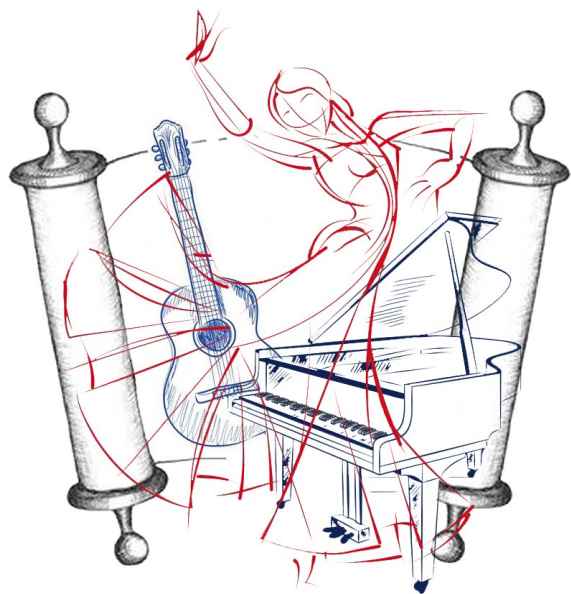
Please email Betsy McCormack
at Betsyrmc@gmail.com
for more information

Game Night

Are you interested in an ongoing
Kol Ami Game Night?! A chance to learn
and play Poker, Canasta, or Pinochle?

Email Murray Shapiro
at GameNight@nykolami.org if you are!

The Arts at Kol Ami



Congregational Choir with Cantor David Rosen and Lenora Eve

Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00pm
For High School Students and
Adults

Do You Like to Sing? Come Join a “Mini-mester” as part of our Adult Volunteer Choir...

Last year, we launched our new “mini-mesters” as part of a new initiative in our Adult Volunteer choir. Our experiment proved to be successful as we saw more than ten new people join our collective voices and sing with us throughout the year at various services, concerts and programs!

What is a “mini-mester” you ask?

Having spoken to many of you about your interest in singing in the choir, I often hear things like “I can’t make the weekly commitment of rehearsal.” While in a perfect world, we would all make time for music in our lives, I understand that each of us has many competing commitments to family, friends and other meaningful things that occupy our time. In an effort to continue to increase our participation and to grow our communal voice, we will be offering three different mini-mesters for you to join us.

How do the “mini-mesters” work?

There will be three separate sessions throughout the year that individuals will have the opportunity to join us for a series of rehearsals followed by a performance. Here are the tri-mesters:

- 1) Late Oct. thru early Jan. 2017 (including singing at one Shabbat service & our M.L. King Jr. Commemoration)
- 2) Late December thru March (includes participation in our annual Purim Shpiel)
- 3) Apr thru June (includes participation in various Shabbat services and High Holiday preparation)

Each mini-mester will include 6-8 rehearsal and you only need to commit to a minimum of one mini-mester! And no, you do not need to be able to read music...just a desire to add your voice to the ensemble.

There has never been a better time or place for you to add your voice to our community. Still not sure? Feel free to join us and try a rehearsal or two...you never know until you try.

Our first mini-mester will begin on Thursday October 26th. Rehearsals take place in the sanctuary on Thursday evenings from 7:45-9:15. I hope you will join us and lend your beautiful voice...If not now, when??

If you are interested in joining us, please be in touch with Ginny at ginnyherron-lanoil@nykolami.org

L’shana Tova Umetuka to all... *Cantor David*

High Holy Day Honors and Thanks

It is with great appreciation, and sincere thanks, that we take a moment to thank those whose participation made our High Holy Days even more meaningful.

Co-Presidents:

Susan Kohn Arovas
Scott Musoff

Charlotte Blotner

Ellen Bittner
Sheryl Brady

Steve Brady
Judi Brown

Emily Campbell
Alec Clarke

Kevin Cohen
David Cole

Paul Davis
Susan Davis

Rachel Eckhaus
Michael Elkin

Past Presidents:

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Ronnie Cohn

Mark Hershey
David Lee

Hank Rouda
Mark Seiden

Neil Tucker

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Charlie Abrams

Lori Abrams

Alison Adler

Eliot Adler

Emma Adler

Micah Arenstein

Alex Arovas

Felice Baritz

Lawrence Benenson

Jack Berger

Nan Blank

Sara Elkin

Genna Farley

Marci Frankenthaler

Rachel Freedman

Jane Friedberg

Linda Forman

Danielle Gecht

Howard Geller

David Gravitz

Roy Gross

Jay Hack

Bonnie Hagen

Lisa Hochman

Ben Hostetter

Adam Hutter

Liz Ilberg

Ben Jeske

Martin Kahn

Jackie Kizer

Adriane Klein

Evelyne Klein

Eric Klein

Howie Klein

Sam Kroin

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Rayna Litt

Jessica Lorden

Stacey Matusow

Paul Mauro

Liz Mayeri

Michael Mayeri

Betsy McCormack

Jack McEvoy

Jeanne McIntosh

Pam Millian

Daryl Moss

David Okun

Myra Oltsik

Gary Orentlicher

Pam Pass

Adrienne Pollak

Scott Pollak

Lilly Port

Mimi Rogowsky

Dana Ross

Susan Ross

Jeff Rothschild

Talia Rothschild

Jean Rouda

Steve Salzinger

Judy Sarch

Mia Shapiro

Murray Shapiro

Alice Seidman

David Seif and Family

Andy Sommers

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Oren Tirschwell

Danny Tisch

Ellen Umansky

Elizabeth Ward

Maggy Weber

Sam Weiner

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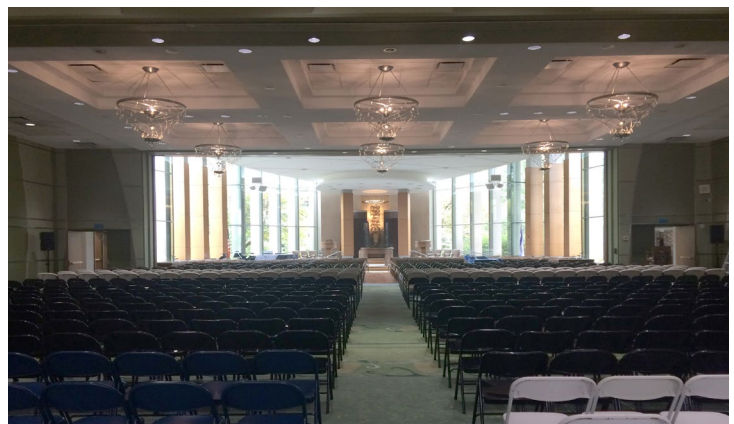
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And a special thanks to Paul Mauro, Ernestina Sanchez, and the entire Facilities Department, for working tirelessly to create our beautiful sacred spaces for the High Holy Days.



Life Cycles

Congratulations

- ✧ To Ellen Kurtz on the engagement of her daughter, Rachel to Jake Ramsey
- ✧ To Jennifer and Josephine Hoffman on the birth of their daughter, Juliette
- ✧ To Hope and Danny Stephens, on the birth of their daughter, Hazel

Condolences

- ✧ To Stacey Winnick Pushkin on the death of her mother, Florence Winnick Pushkin
- ✧ To Sabina Rose on the death of her sister-in-law, Mona Feldman
- ✧ To Andrea and Mitchell Mosk on the death of their mother, Gail Sorrel

In Memorium

- ✧ Mimi Feinberg
- ✧ Dr. Gail Sorrel
- ✧ Tema Kaufman

Generous Contributions

Rabbi Shira Milgrom's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ Best wishes for a speedy recovery from Judy and Jeff Gelfand
- ✧ In memory of Jesse Crell, Paul Klein and Marvin Dingott from Sheila Sturmer
- ✧ To your health from Hermine Miller

Rabbi Tom Weiners's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In honor of wedding of Ethan Carey and Sarah Bushin from David and Laurie Carey
- ✧ In memory of Michael and Sydney Glazer, son and granddaughter of Florence Glazer from Barbara Block
- ✧ In thanks for remarrying us for our 10th year anniversary from Matthew Reed and Suzanne McMillan
- ✧ In honor of Talia's Bat Mitzvah from Andrew and Joele Levenson
- ✧ Remembering King Solomon's Decision from Ethel and Murray Shapiro
- ✧ In memory of his mother, Mimi Feinberg from Joel Feinberg
- ✧ In memory of Florence Winnick from Bonnie and Eric Eilen

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Cantor David's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In honor of Talia's Bat Mitzvah from Andrew and Joele Levenson
- ✧ In appreciation for the funeral of Muriel Wach from Bonnie and Richard Wach
- ✧ In appreciation for the funeral of Vera Rosen, from Dan Rosen and family

Synaplex Circle

- ✧ Maggy and David Weber

Barbara Gruber Fund

- ✧ In memory of Mimi Feinberg from Mathilda (Mattie) Abler, Stephanie Levine, Mimi & Stan Rogowsky

Adult Education Fund

- ✧ In appreciation of Beth and Gene Kava and the Adult Education class from Mattie Abler
- ✧ In honor of the, "Special Birthday", of Myrna Barzelatto from Linda and Milt Persily

Fund for the Needy

- ✧ In honor of Elen Feinberg, daughter of Mimi Feinberg from Mattie Abler
- ✧ In loving memory of Mimi Feinberg from Susan and Ken Gordon

Kol Ami Fund

- ✧ In loving memory of her father, Allan Fudell from Faith Saunders
- ✧ In honor of the clergy and staff of Kol Ami from Benjamin and Rachel Lebwohl
- ✧ In honor of Rachel Klein's Bat Mitzvah from Dorothy Litt
- ✧ In loving memory of Fay Farber, mother of Judith Gelfand from Linda and Jeff Reisner
- ✧ In appreciation from Laurie Newman
- ✧ In honor of Rhona Merkur, Paul Schupak and Elyse Shupak from Diane Tabakman and David Rhodes

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- ✧ Doris Dingott
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- ✧ Rabbi Shira Milgrom and Dr. David Elcott

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**Anti-Jewish Riots in the
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Benjamin R. Gampel



Scholar in Residence Weekend Friday, November 3rd Saturday, November 4th

Our Menu will match the theme of the evening with dinner by Personal Chef, and Caterer, Alberto Alvarez from *No Place Like Home Catering*. Alberto's roots in the culinary arts date back to about age 12 when he first recalls making traditional Spanish patatas bravas alongside his first cooking teacher, his mother Pilar. Alberto received formal training in International Cuisine at the Hospitality Institute of Majadahonda, outside of Madrid, Spain. Since graduating over 20 years ago, he has worked as a chef in a variety of establishments. In 2007, Alberto formed his own personal chef and catering company.

To make reservations online go to: <http://www.nykolami.org/worship/synaplex-shabbat>

Friday night:

"Sex, Food and the Lush Garden:
Religious Piety Confronts
Sensual Pleasure"

Shabbat morning:

"The Muslims Fall and the
Christians are Triumphant.
And what about the Jews?"

Shabbat lunch:

"Gazing into the Countenance
of the Divine: Confronting the
Riddle of Jewish Apostasy"

**All events are free and open
to the community with the
exception of Friday Dinner
and Shabbat Lunch**

5:00pm Explorations in Jewish Music
with Cantor David

5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods for
Young Children and Their Families
A service in story and song

6:00pm Unwind with Hors d'Oeuvres
and Friends

6:15pm Shabbat Services in
the Main Sanctuary

7:15pm Shabbat Dinner
(RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

8:15pm Evening Programming
Keynote speaker Dr. Gampel
Activities for children and teens

9:15pm Evening Oneg
Relax at the end of a long day and
week with dessert and coffee

Dr. Benjamin Gampel BA, Brooklyn College; MPhil, PhD, Columbia University, specializes in the history of the Jews of the medieval and early modern world. For his first book, *The Last Jews on Iberian Soil*, Dr. Gampel spent almost a year in Spain researching local archives. After much work, Dr. Gampel was able to re-create some of the long-forgotten history of the Jews of the Iberian Peninsula. In addition to his scholarship, Dr. Gampel is known as a stimulating teacher and delightful lecturer on the whole range of Jewish history. Truly an energetic scholar and teacher, Dr. Gampel is among a small group of educators dedicated to bringing the history of the Jews to a wide public audience.

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 252 Soundview Avenue, WP, NY 10606

Community & Family Dinner

#Adults ____ x\$25 = \$ ____

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Shabbat Lunch

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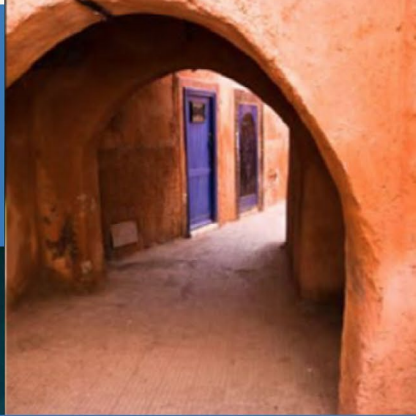
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PROGRAM DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS

Dates	Hotel	City
March 6-9, 2018 Catedral (3 nights)		Barcelona
March 9-11, 2018 Casas de la Juderia (2 nights)		Seville
March 11-12, 2018 Hacienda del Cardenal (1 night)		Toledo
March 12-14, 2018 Conde Duque (2 nights)		Madrid

- DAY ONE ▾ MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018
DEPARTURE

DAY TWO ▾ TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018
ARRIVAL IN BARCELONA

DAY THREE ▾ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018
EXPLORING BARCELONA

DAY FOUR ▾ THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018
FREE DAY IN BARCELONA

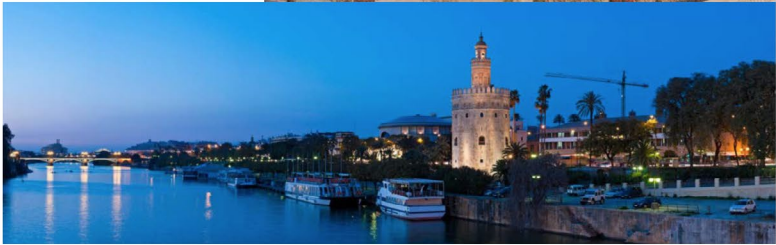
DAY FIVE ▾ FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018
SEVILLE - JEWS OF FIRST TEMPLE
PERIOD

DAY SIX ▾ SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018
CORDOBA - MY HEART IS IN THE
EAST AND WE ARE HERE
- DAY SEVEN ▾ SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018
TOLEDO AND TWO THOUSAND
YEARS OF CONQUEST AND CULTURE

DAY EIGHT ▾ MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018
EXPLORING TOLEDO AND ONWARDS
TO MADRID

DAY NINE ▾ TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018
EXPLORING MADRID

DAY TEN ▾ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018
RETURN HOME





Sukkot in the Woods

A service in Story & Song for Young Families

Join us Wednesday evening,
October 4, 2017
at 5:30pm in the Atrium
for a
Sukkot in the Woods
Holiday Service

Followed by Crafts and a
Dairy Dinner in our Sukkah at 6pm

Let us know if you will be coming!
By calling the ECP Office at 949-4717 x 107
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Everyone is welcome!

SUKKOT FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 8, 2017

9am-12pm,

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Featuring
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*Tikkun Olam, the mitzvot of
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Wednesday, October 11, 2017

6:15pm ~ Main Sanctuary

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Our New Religious School Students
will be called to the Torah to be consecrated and blessed
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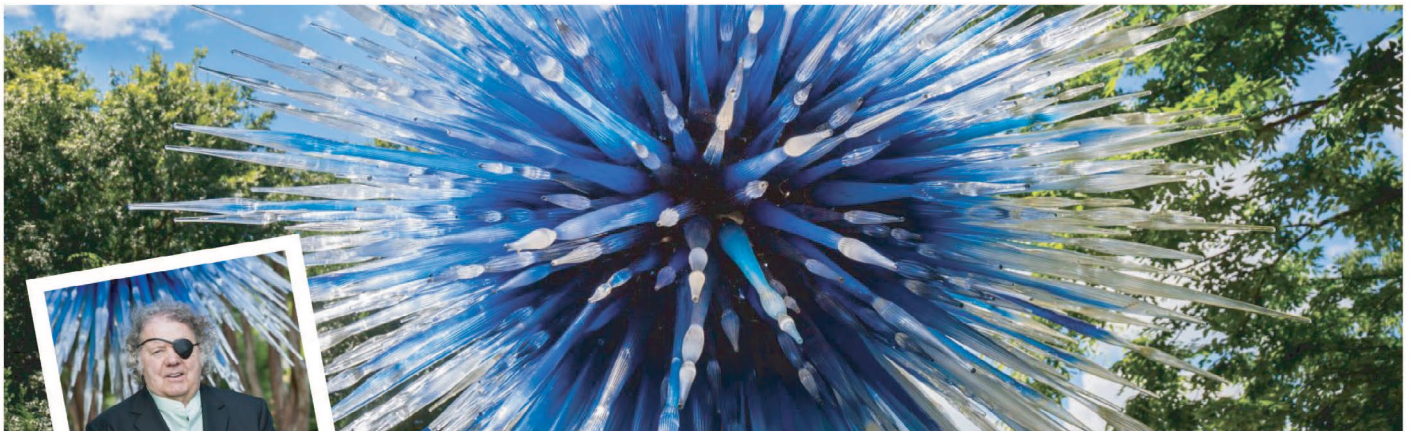


Morning Simchat Torah and Yizkor Service
Thursday, October 12, 2017
10:00am ~ Chapel in the Woods

JOIN KOL AMI FRIENDS FOR A PRIVATE TOUR OF THE

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Exhibit At The New York Botanical Garden



Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 2PM

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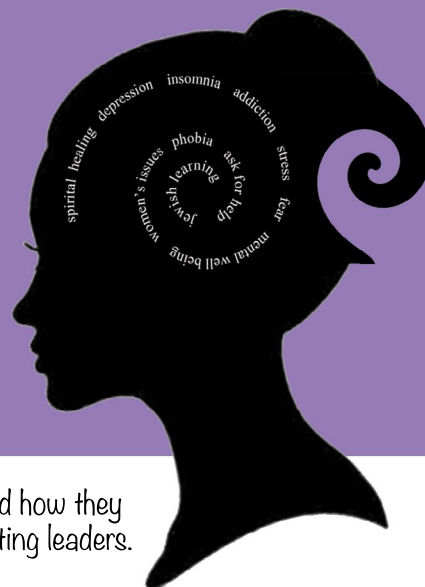
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Tuesday, October 17, 2017

7:30-9:30 p.m. at the home of Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Rabbi Shira Milgrom and Kathleen Pike, PhD Director
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A conversation that will cover

"The Toxic Trifecta of Women, Food, and Body Image" --
food relationships at home, in the community and around the world.

Sunday, December 17, 2017

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

Laurence Magro, MBA, MS, LMHC
Psychotherapist and Mindfulness Educator
Certified MBSR teacher

Introduction to Mindfulness – enhancing well-being and
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Tuesday, February 6, 2018

7:30-9:30 p.m. at the home of Jill Abraham

Laurence Magro, MBA, MS, LMHC

The Role of Self-Compassion in Mindfulness Practice—
knowing what self-compassion is and is not,
cultivating and practicing self-compassion
to find a more peaceful and balanced life.

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

7:30-9:30 pm. at the home of Lauri Carey

Rabbi Pamela Wax, Spiritual Care Coordinator, WJCS

When Blood No Longer Binds:

Talking about Family Estrangement—

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☐ Session 3: Tuesday, February 6, 2018

☐ Session 2: Sunday, December 17, 2017

☐ Session 4 Tuesday, April 10, 2018

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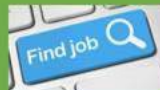
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