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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!*



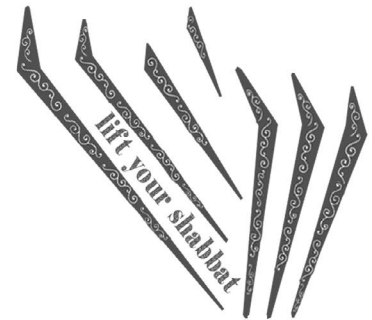
# Worship Opportunities

## 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!*



# High Holy Days 2017

## Worship Opportunities

### Selichot

**Saturday, September 16th**

A Night of Beautiful Music and Spiritual Return

**9:00pm: at Temple Israel Center**

Bring in the season of repentance and renewal with Congregation Kol Ami, Temple Israel Center, and Bet Am Shalom. Refreshments will be served at 8:45pm, prior to the service. Bring your family and friends to this unforgettable and deeply meaningful spiritual experience.

### Rosh Hashanah Eve

**Wednesday Evening, September 20th**

Celebrate as One Community 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Potluck Dessert Oneg to follow

### Rosh Hashanah Day

**Thursday, September 21st**

Early Service	9:00am - 11:15am
Grades K-6: Early Service	9:00am - 11:15am
Late Service	12:15pm - 2:30pm
Grades K-6: Late Service	12:15pm - 2:30pm
Family Service	3:15pm - 4:00pm
Family Reception	4:00pm - 5:00pm
Community Tashlich	5:30pm

### Second Day Rosh Hashanah

**Friday, September 22nd**

Service 10:00am -12:00pm

Reception to follow

### Yom Kippur Eve (Kol Nidre)

**Friday Evening, September 29th**

First Service 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Second Service 9:00pm - 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 30th**

Early Service	9:00am - 11:15am
Grades K-6: Early Service	9:00am - 11:15am
Late Service	12:15pm - 2:30pm
Grades K-6: Late Service	12:15pm - 2:30pm
Afternoon Service (Chapel)	3:00pm - 4:30pm
Family Service	3:15pm - 4:00pm
Memorial & Neilah Service	5:00pm - 7:00pm
Community Break Fast	7:00pm



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**Your High Holy Days tickets now include entry to either the early or late services on both holidays. The choice is yours! There will be sufficient seating at every service.**

### **Guest Tickets**

We welcome guests of your family to worship with us. To order your guest tickets please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the Temple Office. Checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami must accompany your request for guest tickets.

Kol Ami honors the URJ reciprocal guest policy, but please be sure to submit your forms no later than September 16th to allow time for processing. Please list the names of relatives who will be sending us reciprocal forms on your ticket request form.

### **The High Holy Days and Your Children at Congregation Kol Ami**

At Kol Ami, we would like your family to be able to worship together and enjoy age-appropriate prayer. Accordingly, we offer many different formats for prayer on the High Holy Days. All children are welcome to accompany you to adult Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services but they will require tickets. Please use the information below to help you make the best choices for your children's participation. Services will be shown on closed circuit television in the Gallery if your child is not able to participate in our main sanctuary services.

### **Family Service**

Family Service (3:15 to 4:00 PM) offers parents and children of all ages an opportunity to participate in High Holy Days worship together. We keep the service short enough so that it is appropriate for young children. 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. This service does not require tickets.

### **High Holy Days Youth Services**

High Holy Days Youth Services this year will be available for two different groups of students: students in grades K-3 and students in grades 4-6 which will coincide with our Adult Morning Services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Our Youth Services create dynamic, meaningful and age-appropriate holiday experiences for our students. Services will be led by our most creative Religious School staff with participation by our Rabbis. Please note that students not attending one of the special services for their age groups are encouraged to worship with their families.

### **Child Care**

Our Child Care includes meaningful holiday crafts, stories, and music. Child care is not recommended for children under the age of 3. Child Care will be provided for a fee during our Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, our Yom Kippur Early Evening Service and both of our Morning Services. Babysitting is not available on the Second Day of Rosh Hashanah.

In order that we may provide a sufficient number of sitters, a safe environment, and a wonderful experience for your child, **reservations must be made before September 10th.** Please complete the Child Care form sent home in the High Holiday mailing and return to the temple office with your payment.

### **Infrared Listening Devices**

If a member or guest requires an Infrared Listening Device, they may be picked up at the door prior to the service.



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### Atmosphere

As the sanctuary is a place of prayer and meditation during the High Holy Days, we ask that families respect the mood of spirituality and dignity at all times. Kindly refrain from conversation during the course of worship. Families are asked to be responsible for their children's behavior throughout the services. Unless you are a First Responder, please turn off your cell phone before entering the sanctuary.

### Memorial Book & Yahrzeit Wall

If you would like to list your loved ones in our Memorial Book or on our Yahrzeit wall, please fill out the Memorial Book & Plaque form, that was included in the HHD packet, and return it to the Temple Office.

### Financial Obligations

In order for your High Holy Days tickets to be processed, payment of at least half of current dues, the Building Fund, if applicable, all Religious School fees and full payment of outstanding balances from prior years (or an up-to-date arrangement on file) are required. Tickets will be mailed in mid-September provided all financial obligations are satisfied.

### High Holy Days Food Drive Sponsored by Women of Reform Judaism

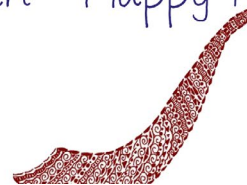
Bags will be handed out during Rosh Hashanah. Please Return them filled on Yom Kippur. Non-perishable food items only. Please - no glass containers. Remember the hungry at this time of year.

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**PLEASE NOTE:**  
All tickets will be  
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*Let's Start a Sweet New Year Together!*

We look forward to welcoming in the New Year as one community at our Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Please bring your favorite nut-free dessert to our congregational oneg. The oneg will immediately follow our Erev Rosh Hashanah Service which is from 7:30pm-9:30pm

Please place your dessert on a disposable plate or place your name on the platter. When you arrive at services, place your dessert on the table in the gallery.  
Thank you.

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We are once again offering the congregation the opportunity to break the Yom Kippur fast together 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 at [lborrowitz@ramius.com](mailto:lborrowitz@ramius.com)

PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BELOW TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE  
NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 19TH

\$27/Adult (if you RSVP prior to Sept.12th) \$32/Adult (if you RSVP after Sept.12th)

\$18/Children ages 6-13, Free for Children 5 and Under

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Please print names of attendees and include ages of children:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ at \$27pp = \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ at \$32pp = \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Children \_\_\_\_\_ at \$18pp = \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of Children 5 and Under (Free) = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami

***Due to the timing of this event,  
reservations WILL NOT be accepted after September 19th***



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An exciting element at the heart of our High Holy Day services is our prayer book, *Mishkan Hanefesh* (Sanctuary of the Soul). This is the first entirely new High Holy Day *Machzor* created for our Synagogue since the mid-1970s; and it is brilliant, innovative, and grounded firmly in our most cherished traditions and music. We are confident it will once again elevate the experience of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as we welcome in the year 5778.

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

The new books come in a set – one for Rosh Hashanah and another for Yom Kippur. We ask that every family participate by purchasing one or more sets of new prayer books into which heart-felt dedication 'bookplates' will be placed.

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

- ✧ For every donation of \$36, a bookplate placed into one book
- ✧ For every donation of \$54, bookplates placed into a set of books (2 book dedications)
- ✧ For every donation of \$180, bookplates placed into four sets of books (8 book dedications)

***How do you want to remember this point in your family's Jewish life?***

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

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

### **Donor Information:**

*(Please print clearly)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose this form and a check made out to Congregation Kol Ami, Memo: **HHD Prayer Book**

**Please complete the Dedication information on the next page for each Dedication message.**  
**Please add additional sheets, if necessary.**

*All contributions are Tax - Deductible*

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### Dedication Form for



#### ***Mishkan Hanefesh Dedication Initiative:***

Your donation includes Dedication Bookplates in our new *Mishkah Hanefesh Machzor*. See below for details on Dedication opportunities.

Go to [www.nykolami.org](http://www.nykolami.org) to order and pay by credit card or complete this form and return it to the temple office with your check.

#### **Donor Information:**

*(Please print clearly)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose this form and a check made out to Congregation Kol Ami, Memo: **HHD Prayer Book**

**Please complete the Dedication information on the next page for each Dedication message.  
Please add additional sheets, if necessary.**

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

q I/We would like to make a contribution for **one prayer book** = \$36.00

q I/We would like to make a contribution for [one to three] # \_\_\_\_\_ **prayer book sets** (x \$54) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

q I/We would like to make a contribution for **four prayer book sets** = \$180.00

q I/We would like to make a contribution for [five or more] # \_\_\_\_\_ **prayer book sets** (x \$45) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

q I/We would like to make an additional tax-deductible gift in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for participating in this special opportunity with us!

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**Dedication Information:** *(Please print clearly)*

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# Weekly Torah Portions for September

## **Week ending September 2, 2017**

### **Parashat Ki'Teitze Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19**

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

## **Week ending September 9, 2017**

### **Parashat Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8**

*Ki Tavo addresses the time when the Israelites will settle in the Land of Israel. The Israelites are instructed to express their gratitude to God for their bountiful harvests and freedom from slavery by tithing ten percent of their crops for the Levite, the stranger, the orphan, and the widow. They are also told that if they obey God's mitzvot faithfully, they will receive every blessing imaginable; and if they do not fulfill their brit with God, many curses will descend upon them.*

## **Week ending September 16, 2017 (Selichot)**

### **Parashiot Nitzavim-Vayeilech**

#### **Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30**

*Moses continues his oration to the people of Israel before they enter the Promised Land in Nitzavim. He reminds the Israelites that God's covenant speaks to all of them and, through them, all future generations. Since God has prohibited Moses from entering the land God has promised to the Israelites, Moses prepares the people for his death and tells them that Joshua will succeed him as their leader in parashat Vayeilech. This parasha also assures the Israelites that they will be successful in re-conquering the Land of Israel and that God "will not fail you or forsake you."*

## **Week ending September 23, 2017**

### **Parashat Ha'azinu Deuteronomy 32:1-52**

*Ha'azinu is known as a shir - a song or poem. This parasha reiterates the agreements made between the Children of Israel and God. It reminds the people of the things God gave them in the wilderness, of the things that happened to them when they disobeyed God, and 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 the people are about to enter into "The Land" under the new leadership of Joshua.*

## **Week ending September 30, 2017 (Yom Kippur)**

### **Parashat Nitzavim Deuteronomy 29:9-14, 30:11-20**

*In the final address by Moses to the Children of Israel, we are reminded that each and every one of us is a member of the Covenant. From our ancestors at Sinai to this very day, each of us is the heir to this sacred tradition. Our tradition is neither too difficult to learn nor too cumbersome to follow. Regardless of our station in life, Torah belongs to all of us. Finally, we are exhorted to "choose life," to love God, to walk in God's ways, and to keep God's commandments. By doing so, we open our hearts to God and to each other.*



# B'Nai Mitzvah

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



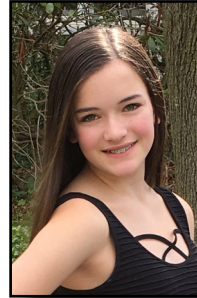
**Benjamin Sidley**, first son of Heidi and Craig Sidley, brother to Isobel and Sebastien, will be called to the Torah on September 9, 2017. Benjamin is entering eighth grade at Highlands Middle School in White Plains where he has been an honor student since he began.

In his spare time, Ben loves to play soccer, socialize with his friends and family, play video games and enjoys consuming large amounts of food. For Ben's Mitzvah Project, he has planned to go to Post Road School twice a week during after school care, to help the lower grades with their homework and any other needs they may have. This is his way of giving back to the community in the institution that he began his academic success. Ben will be very happy to be sharing this special day with his family and friends!



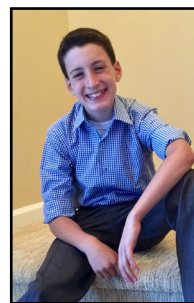
**Rachel Paige Klein**, daughter of Jodi and Howard Klein, and younger sister to Sam and Ellie, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on September 9, 2017. Rachel is entering the 8th grade at Edgemont Jr./Sr. High School after spending the summer at

Camp Ramaquois. Rachel loves cooking, crafts, and working with children. She applied each of these interests to her Mitzvah Project -- working with the children of the Coachman Family Center by organizing and running events at the shelter for homeless families, including a Memorial Day barbecue and summer birthday celebration. Rachel looks forward to continuing to work with the Coachman Center after her Bat Mitzvah. Rachel is excited to be sharing this special day with her family and friends.



**Jillian Ella Bernstein**, daughter of Neil and Andrea, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on September 9, 2017. Her 13th birthday is September 28th. Jillian is entering 8th grade at Ardsley Middle School. She just finished her 4th summer at Camp Lakota and looks forward to being a

counselor in the future. During the school year, she is involved in ballet and Girl Scouts. In addition to her abundant schoolwork, Jillian also enjoys music, dancing, skiing, playing the flute and spending time with her friends and family. For her Mitzvah project, Jillian has been volunteering at the Family Resource Center in Maria Ferari Children's Hospital. She is very excited to share her fabulous day with Rachel Klein and with family and friends.



**Benjamin Harris Landes**, son of Aileen and David Landes, brother of Zachary and Jacob, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday September 16, 2017. Ben is entering 8th grade at Edgemont Jr./Sr. High School and just finished his 6th summer at Indian Head Camp. During

the school year, Ben enjoys soccer, basketball and lacrosse. Ben enjoys participating in the musical productions at school as well. For his mitzvah project, Ben has been volunteering as a homework helper at the Carver Family Center in White Plains. He plans on continuing his volunteer work throughout high school. Ben is excited to share his bar mitzvah with family and friends.

# A Message from our Rabbi



## Sheloshim - The First Thirty Days of Mourning

All human beings are touched by loss; it is the way of the world.

But it isn't the way of the world to go through loss alone, and without love and support.

So many of us have experienced first hand the ever-present wisdom of ancient Jewish tradition during a funeral and in the days following. Jewish families sit shiva ('shiva' is Hebrew for 'seven,' the traditional number of days of mourning.) We stay at home following the funeral, (some for a day, some for three, some for seven) and friends come to visit, to take care of us and to assure us, by their very presence, that life matters - the life of the one they remember, and their lives, too. Many mourners also choose to convene a brief service

at home (a 'shiva minyan'). These prayers connect us to time immemorial, like a tether in the universe, and give us a chance, amid the assuring voices of friends and family, to recite the kaddish. Kol Ami's clergy help lead these services, as does a cadre of incredible, trained volunteers - our shiva minyan leaders.

But then the week of shiva ends - and loneliness sets in. The world reverts to normal; we return to work, carpools, schedules. But of course, nothing is the same as it was before.

Jewish tradition recognizes that mourning doesn't cease with the end of shiva. Jewish practice sets aside the first month (of which shiva is the first week) as a period of mourning - albeit less intense than the first week, but still - we are mourning. Kol Ami has prepared a "ring" of meditations for these first thirty days of mourning. One card for each day: a question, or quote, a thought, or meditation. Grief, for each loss, is uncharted territory. We hope that these reflections will accompany the mourner and strengthen our steps.

This year, we will be gifting these rings at the end of Yom Kippur, following the Yizkor/Memorial and Neilah services - and of course, giving them to each family at the time of a loss.

Following the High Holy Days, you are welcome to come by the office to pick up a ring - for yourself or someone else - if we missed you on Yom Kippur.

We have the power to create a community of loving support, where we deepen our own capacity for giving and where are reminded, when we need it most, how much life matters.

With wishes for a year of giving and receiving,

*Shira*





# A Message from our Rabbi

**Who said, “Pray as though everything depends on God.  
Act as though everything depends on you.”**

**And does it matter?**

It’s been a busy year and a crazy time in our nation, and in the world. During the past twelve months, I’ve been to a number of different gatherings, all convened to focus on fixing the craziness. They took place at a Protestant Church, a Jewish summer camp, The White House, a political rally in DC, and a teachers’ gathering in support of LGBTQ students.

Only recently did it occur to me that almost all of the speakers and gatherings had the very same message. It’s a message that’s well expressed in that wonderful teaching, “Pray as though everything depends on God. Act as though everything depends on you.”

I’ve always appreciated the sentiment behind that great message; but realized I had no idea where it came from. So, I made a quick trip to Google for a definitive answer. Of course, I assumed the source was Jewish. Here’s a few of the “answers” I came up with from my search: the quote is attributed to St. Augustine, and Brigham Young, and St. Ignatius as well as Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel.

After a moment of frustration, the beauty of the universality of that message sank in. The above meetings in DC, and in churches and synagogues all concerned crucial issues of social justice: immigration reform, racism, homophobia, anti-Semitism, Israeli-Palestinian tensions and economic injustice. Obama’s aides, prominent rabbis, ministers who inhabit the national stage, civil rights leaders, all made the same timely point, a point as poignant and crucial on these High Holy Days as ever before in our lives:

Yes indeed, let’s gather and pray and study and meditate, and do acts of T’shuvah, and contemplate our innermost selves, as hard and sincerely as we can.

BUT, none of that will make any significant difference at all unless we leave the safe and comforting walls of our sanctuaries and ACT our convictions with deeds of battling that racism, alleviating that economic injustice, reforming our broken and immoral immigration policies, and educating those homophobic minds and hearts and supporting peace for our Israeli brothers, sisters and their neighbors.

I look forward to PRAYING with you, and then ACTING together.

*Shanah Tovah,*

*Rabbi Tom Weiner*

# A Message from our Cantor

## Kol Ami Welcomes Cantorial Intern Harriet Dunkerley

Beginning September 1st, Congregation Kol Ami is thrilled to welcome our new Cantorial Intern, Harriet Dunkerley. Harriet is a fourth-year Cantorial student in the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Manhattan. She was born in Pittsburgh, PA, and grew up in Annandale, VA, northwest of Washington, DC. After graduating Cum Laude with Honors from Mary Washington College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Performing Arts concentrating in Acting and Vocal Performance, Harriet worked professionally in local and regional theater for 12 years on both the East and West Coasts. She has also worked in management positions in both the Hospitality Industry and in Retail Branch Banking.



During her first career, Harriet sang for many years with various Temple Choirs as a professional vocalist. She also served for several years as a Board Trustee for her home congregation in Nyack, where she was also a member of their choir and an occasional fill-in Cantorial Soloist. In addition, Harriet has worked in multiple synagogues teaching adults and students of varying age groups and levels text and Torah study, Hebrew, prayer preparation and Jewish music, and has also served as a congregational and private b'nai mitzvah tutor. Realizing her dream to become a cantor, Harriet was accepted into cantorial school in 2014 and began her new journey at the DFSSM, aka the "Gold Standard" of academic and musical training for today's cantorate.

Prior to coming to Kol Ami Harriet served for two years as the Student Cantor at Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom in Reading, PA. Harriet is absolutely thrilled to be joining Congregation Kol Ami as a Cantorial intern and cannot wait to become a part of the Kol Ami community.

I, along with Rabbi's Milgrom and Weiner, our staff and our lay leadership are very excited to have Harriet become an integral part of our Kol Ami team. Harriet will be fulfilling a 10-hour/week internship in which she will have the opportunity to co-lead services, work with our adult choir, teach in our religious school, help to train some of our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and to be involved in other various aspects of Temple life. While Harriet will begin her duties in September, she will be fulfilling High Holy Days responsibilities at her previous student congregation.

I know you will join me in welcoming Harriet along with her husband, John and their 10 year-old daughter, Rosella ,over the next few weeks and months to come.

*Wishing all of you a happy and healthy New Year!*  
*Cantor David Rosen*

**Harriet Dunkerley**





# A Message from our Co-President

A new year marks a beginning, a fresh start, great potential, and a sense of optimism that they all bring. We look prospectively, to what the new year can bring us and what we commit to offer of ourselves. What I find especially meaningful about how we observe the High Holy Days, however, is the connection of that new year to the past. Our calendar is cyclical, not linear. Before we look forward, we look backward – to reflect upon, recognize, understand, and learn from our experiences. While we engage in this personal introspection, the High Holy Days give us the opportunity for reflection on a congregational level as well. It is with great honor that Scott Musoff and I assumed the position of Co-President this past July. Since that time, we have worked to establish our vision for Kol Ami and to set goals for our future.

But our future is informed by our past. Scott and I have had the benefit of our outstanding Clergy, dedicated and talented staff, and strong lay leadership that preceded us. Our halls are filled with activity from morning to night. We have an incomparable Early Childhood Program and a vibrant community of young families. Our Religious School is a model for Jewish experiential learning, educating our next generation and instilling a sense of joy in and connection to Judaism. We offer a full calendar of enriching adult education opportunities and continue our tradition of musical excellence with wide-ranging and breathtaking concerts and events. Our sanctuary is filled with beautiful music, prayer and celebration as we join as a community on Shabbat and holidays. Our commitment to engaging in acts of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, is evident in the many efforts we have spearheaded in support of those in need, including but definitely not limited to our partnership with the Coachman Family Center, our establishment and operation of a food pantry, and our sponsorship of a Syrian family seeking their own fresh start. Scott and I understand that we had the good fortune of inheriting a congregation where – to slightly modify the Kol Ami tagline – the most incredible people make the most incredible things happen.

It is now our responsibility to help our congregation do even more and do it even better. Just as there always is room for personal growth, our potential as a congregation has no boundaries. We are limited only by the boldness of our ideas and the strength of our efforts. Scott and I look forward to sharing new initiatives with you in the months to come. There is a place for each of us in this journey. Each connection we make to Kol Ami, each way of participating in synagogue life – from attending services to participating in one of our parenting groups, from adding your voice to our Choir to lending a hand in our Sisterhood Gift Shop, from donating school supplies to our friends at the Coachman to helping the Men's Council direct our Religious School carpool line on Sunday mornings – is significant.

As we embrace the beginning of a new year, we hope you will join us.

Scott and I, along with our families, look forward to welcoming each of you personally at our High Holy Days services and wish you a New Year filled with joy, meaning, and peace. Shanah Tovah U'Metukah!

*L'Shalom,  
Susan*

# A Message from our Executive Director



As I reflect on the past year, from a professional standpoint I am profoundly grateful for your continued warm embrace, for your willingness to share ideas and suggestions, and for your willingness to “roll up your sleeves” on new projects. I hope I have supported you on your path to a meaningful Jewish journey as much as you have helped me with mine. On a personal note, highlights of our year included: Sarah thriving as a school counselor and moving to a new home in Virginia; Robby graduating from college followed by our family trip to France, England, and Ireland; Robby starting his job and moving to a new home (anything would be better than his off-campus house last year!); and Dave and I are continuing to enjoy our adventures as empty-nesters. We appreciate our good fortune and enjoy sharing it with so many of you.

As the High Holy Days rapidly approach, I am looking forward to welcoming everyone as we celebrate the New Year together in our beautiful 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 & Grounds, our custodial staff is hard at work refreshing our buildings and cleaning classrooms and hallways to get ready for the opening of the Religious School and our Early Childhood Program. Once again, our temple calendar is full of wonderful opportunities to worship, study and celebrate, engage as a community, and practice Tikkun Olam. *Dave, Sarah, Robby and I wish you Shana Tova Tikatavu. May this New Year be a sweet one for you and all those you love.*

## EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE- PRAYING TOGETHER AS ONE COMMUNITY

Our congregants and guests will worship together as one community at our early Erev Rosh Hashanah service which will start at 7:30pm. Following services, we will have a Community Potluck Oneg, in which members are encouraged to share their favorite dessert. We invite you to linger and visit with our Temple family at this time.

## LIVE STREAMING OF OUR SERVICES

We will be live streaming our services so that members who are not able to attend services in person are nonetheless able to participate. We will be streaming the following High Holy Day Services: Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah Day Early Service, Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Early Service, and Yom Kippur Day Early Service. Details and passwords will be provided in advance of the services.

## TICKETS

Again this year, only two ticket formats will be printed—one for members and one for guests. These tickets are color-coded and not transferrable. For each service you attend, please show your tickets to an usher.

## GUEST TICKETS

Guest tickets are available for immediate family members (parent or child 26 or older of a member), other family members, and for your out-of-town guests.

## USHERS

Please keep in mind that our ushers are Kol Ami members who give their time to ensure that our services proceed smoothly. Treat them with courtesy and respect. Either Emily or I will be available during every service. If a problem arises, please ask for our assistance.

## PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED MEMBERS AND GUESTS

In considering your needs, we encourage you to attend the early services. Since there is not a 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.

## CHILDCARE

Child Care will be available at Early Evening Services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and at both Morning Services. Reservations must be made in advance by calling the Temple Office or submitting a Child Care Form.

## 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 thirty minutes to reset the sanctuary for these concluding services. If you are planning to attend the Memorial and Neilah Services, please do not arrive prior to 4:30pm. Our ushers have been instructed not to open the doors until such time.

## 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.

*I look forward to seeing  
everyone during this special  
High Holy Days time.  
-Jess*





# A Message from our ECP Director

I am delighted to welcome our entire ECP community to our 2017-2018 school year. I hope all of our families and staff enjoyed a wonderful and relaxing summer. Our Temple staff under the direction of Jess Lorden and Paul Mauro has worked tirelessly with me and my assistants, Lisa Cohen and Tracey Schweber, over the summer months to get our school ready for our September opening and everything is sparkling.

We hosted two wonderful family programs this summer that many of our families enjoyed. Movie night featured Moana to a sell-out crowd! Pizza and ice cream rounded out the evening and a wonderful time was had by all. Our Shabbat in the Woods service and family picnic was another wonderful evening with many families enjoying an evening with friends. The weather was delightful and Shmulik was on hand to entertain us all.

**We will begin our school year on Friday, September 8th with our Annual Ice Cream Social and classroom visiting.** We will begin the following week getting to know all of the children during our home visits. **Our Parent-Teacher Evening is slated for Thursday, October 19th at 7:30pm.**

Our Annual **Family Photo Day** for families is scheduled for Sunday, September 24th from 9:00-4:00. *Picture So Perfect Studio*, an extremely talented husband and wife team specializing in family photography, will be with us this year. Please refer to the flyer in this month's Connection for more information. Pre-registration is required by calling the ECP office at 949-4717 ext. 107 or by emailing Nan Blank at [nanblank@nykolami.org](mailto:nanblank@nykolami.org). **EVERYONE IN OUR KOL AMI COMMUNITY AND BEYOND IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.**

This year we will be hosting a **Sukkot in the Woods Holiday Service**, crafts and dairy supper in our Sukkah for Families with Young Children on Wednesday evening, **October 4th beginning at 5:30.** Please see our flyer in this month's Connection for more details. Please let us know if you'll be coming by either being in touch with me in the ECP office at 949-4717 x.107 or by emailing me.

Please remember all Kol Ami families and friends of families with young children not presently enrolled in our Early Childhood Program are welcome to join us at every program the ECP sponsors. Please refer to the Temple's website and monthly Connections 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*

## September Calendar:

- 9/8 Ice Cream Social 11:30
- 9/11 Home Visits for 2's, 3's and 4's
- 9/11 School hours Pre-k 9:00-12:00
- 9/12 Home Visits for 2's, 3's, and 4's
- 9/13 Pre-K 9:00-2:30
- 9/14 School begins for 2's, 3's and 4's
- 9/24 Family Photo Day  
(pre-registration encouraged)

*Building a Community of Friends, One Family at a Time*



# A Message from our Religious School Director



I still get that feeling of excitement (mixed with a little anxiety) as the beginning of school approaches. As many of our families enjoy end of summer family vacations, we've been busy at Kol Ami preparing for the beginning of a new year. 5778 is upon us! As we look towards the beginning of this New Year, it is my hope that we will be able to continue our focus on building a strong Jewish community for our children and ourselves. We will continue to work to engage in an environment of joyous learning... and to encourage all our families to join us in the commitment of maintaining our Jewish connection in our daily lives. In a world that feels stress-filled and a bit scary – Kol Ami can and should be our safe haven. Our Jewish community continues to provide ways to become connected and engaged in social justice and the holy work of repairing our broken world. Whatever your “Jewish” is... you can find it here.

As I write this, the back to school packets are being prepared. If you did not receive your packet at the end of August, please call! We will continue to publish our weekly newsletter (The Gold Standard) via a weekly email to all our families. Please take advantage of this resource for information about what's happening in our school.

The first day of Religious School is Sunday, September 17th. We hope you will join us on Sunday the Sept. 17th for our Kol Ami Welcome Back Picnic. The first Wednesday is September 27th. Please consider volunteering to help in a class or on a special project. We have plans for a year full of excitement and learning. The best way to give our children a connection to Judaism is to share experiences with them. We invite you to participate with your child.

Make sure you save the date for the upcoming holiday celebrations in the fall:

K-6 Services for Rosh Hashanah - Thursday, September 21st (early & late sessions)

K-6 Services for Yom Kippur - Saturday, September 30th (early & late sessions)

SUKKOT FESTIVAL - Sunday, October 8th

SIMCHAT TORAH/CONSECRATION - Wednesday, October 11th

Pam and I look forward to an exciting year of learning and exploring together!

*Felice*

# A Message from our Youth Director



Save The Date for Midnight Run  
October 28th, 2017

Dear Kol Ami Community,

I am happy to join the staff as the Director of Youth Engagement. Actually, I am not new to Kol Ami at all. I have been tutoring B'nei Mitzvah students on and off for the last 15 years and as recently as last year I had the privilege of teaching a third grade class in the Religious School here at Kol Ami. Taking on a new role in a familiar place comes with great advantages. First, I know where the coffee is. Second, I already know everyone on the staff. But more importantly I know parts of the community and have relations with some families. My goal is to know all of you, and my hope is that you would all feel free to contact me with your ideas, concerns and questions.

In the short time since I have started we have completed renovating our new Youth Lounge (the credit goes to the custodial crew). The room is painted, the new furniture is here and I hope the young congregants will find this space, their own space; to be fun, relaxing and welcoming.

I have participated in an intense and informative training of three days by a Jewish organization called **Moving Traditions**. It is a nationwide program with some 19,000 youths who meet once a month for two hours in small groups to form a tight circle of friends where they can talk about their lives as young adults in a stress free environment.

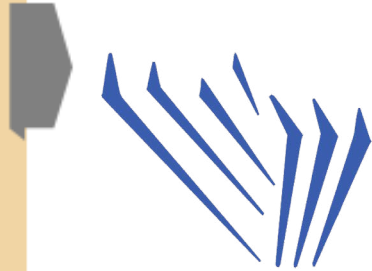
I have also visited Eden Village, a Jewish summer camp about 40 minutes away from us, to learn about a different kind of camp right here in our backyard. It's a great place with an interesting philosophy.

We have a great year of learning and travelling ahead. I will spend the rest of the summer preparing for it. My desk is at the Youth Lounge so please stop by to visit and hear more about Moving Traditions, Eden Village and our plans for the year!

*Idan Santhaus*



# Kol Ami News....



## CONGREGATION KOL AMI

A BELIN AWARD RECIPIENT

### Congregation Kol Ami of White Plains Wins Prestigious Belin Award For Audacious Hospitality in LGBTQ Inclusion Initiatives

**White Plains, NY:** Congregation Kol Ami, a Reform Jewish Synagogue, is pleased to announce that they have received the **2017 Belin Award from the Union for Reform Judaism**. As part of the URJ's vision of Audacious Hospitality, out of over 900 Reform Congregations in North America, Kol Ami is 1 of only 8 URJ Congregations to receive this award for 2017.

This award is given to synagogues that display exemplary work in engaging current members and welcoming people in thoughtful and creative ways. In order to win this award, Kol Ami showed how dedicated they are to be providing a greater level of understanding and commitment to the LGBTQ community with such things as an Annual Pride Shabbat, gender neutral bathroom facilities, an LGBTQ Bulletin Board full of resources and outreach, and specific new inclusionary prayers in their Shabbat and High Holy Day Prayer Books.

Kol Ami also hosted numerous events in the last two years which were open to not just their congregants, but to anyone in the local Westchester communities. Some of the featured speakers included, *Zachary Drucker*; Producer and Actress in the Golden Globe winning TV series "Transparent", *Marc Solomon*; National Campaign Director for "Freedom to Marry", *Andrew Solomon*; author of the best-selling book "Far From the Tree", and *Max Antman*; Legislative Assistant at the Religious Action Center and an advocate on Capitol Hill.

As Rabbi Tom Weiner said when he spoke to the Kol Ami congregation in his sermon on Rosh Hashanah "In all prayers, songs, Torah Readings, meditations, responsive readings.... The LGBTQ community was invisible. The way women used to be; the way people with disabilities use to be; the way non-Jews use to be. There we'd be, sitting at our meetings of the Board, or the staff, or the clergy, or the school committee patting ourselves on the back at how accepting we are. But apparently we weren't doing a very good job of saying it out loud, saying it clearly enough or often enough, or directly to the people who need to hear it the most. So now we are making sure we are."

Congregation Kol Ami will be recognized for this milestone accomplishment at the 2017 URJ Biennial in Boston, MA this December.



# Around Kol Ami....



Kol Ami Retreat: Father's Day Weekend June 2017



Bluegrass Music Festival: July 2017



Bluegrass Music Festival: July 2017



Shabbat Family Picnic: July 2017



WJP Police Night Out August 2017



Cantor David in "Carmen"



Outdoor Summer Shabbat: July 2017



Opera Breve Performs "Carmen": August 2017

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](mailto:emilycampbell@nykolami.org)




Outdoor Summer Shabbat: July 2017



# Kol Ami Points With Pride To....


15th Annual

## Women of Valor



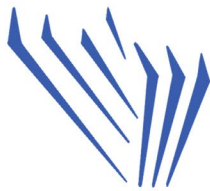
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*"Feeding, clothing and counseling poor families"*

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*"She gives generously to the poor  
Her hands are stretched out to the needy"*  
from *"A Woman of Valor"*  
Proverbs 31:20



Congregation Kol Ami  
is proud to call  
**Lori Okun**  
one of our own!

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### Read About Congregant George Shapiro

BOOKS PROFILE

#### Why George Guidall Is the Undisputed King of Audiobooks

By AMBER LEE BALL AUG. 17, 2017



George Guidall, who has narrated the voices of more than 1,000 audiobooks, in his recording studio.  
For Credit for The New York Times

Mr. Guidall is the undisputed king of audiobooks: more than 1,300 so far, with a stack of new prospects beside his bed awaiting his attention. Audio is the fastest growing format for books, generating almost \$643 million in sales last year, according to the Association of American Publishers, and providing a sideline for plenty of celebrities. Mr. Guidall's rich baritone has been called the voice of choice in this burgeoning industry.

It was never his plan. His father was a pharmacist, as is one of his four brothers, and the other three are doctors, so Mr. Guidall was headed for the family medical profession too. But as a self-described "fat and antisocial" child in New Jersey, he discovered acting when a high school English teacher recruited him to play Teddy Roosevelt in "Arsenic and Old Lace." "She said, 'It'll get you out of gym,' and I said, 'O.K.,' already shivering from shyness," he recalled recently. "She handed me a broom and told me to run up the stairs yelling 'Charge!' Sixteen years of repressed things came out, and I realized how much fun it was."

The family name was Shapiro; Guidall is a permutation of his Hebrew name, Gedalyah, suggested when he was acting in a theater group touring in the Middle East in the early 1960s. He returned to school in his 50s to receive a master's degree in social work, practicing as a therapist while continuing to act in soap operas and onstage.

It usually takes three or four days to record a book. Mr. Guidall scans it beforehand but does not meet the author ("It wouldn't do any good; the author would lay down a framework that I wouldn't welcome"), occasionally adding an interview afterward.

For the full NYTimes Article on Mr. Guidall, go to:  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/17/books/george-guidall-audiobooks.html>

# Kol Ami Sisterhood

## Women of Reform Judaism



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.

We are especially proud that our High Holy Day food drives have been surpassing all expectations with thousands of pounds of food collected for the Food Bank for Westchester. We held a very successful Shopping Spree/Boutique with more than 40 vendors who left the event happy, and even more importantly, this fundraising effort provided us with the means to continue our support of Kol Ami. Our Purim baskets project, while fostering a sense of community, also resulted in increased revenue. These projects helped us fund a variety of Kol Ami and broader Sisterhood causes including underwriting events shared with the Coachman Family Center.

Our social events such as the Havdalah series, Ladies Night Out, Passover tasting, and Membership Dinner attracted a large number of Kol Ami's women and brought us new members. We plan to host many of these events next year along with other new and exciting initiatives. We were also able to provide financial support for the Early Childhood Program holiday celebrations, scholarships for high school students, adult education programs, Shabbat and High Holy Day Onegs, the cellist for Kol Nidre, Sukkah decorations, 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](http://www.NYKolAmi.org/Sisterhood).

On behalf of the 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.

*Co-Presidents Sheryl Brady, Rachel Eckhaus, Stacey Matusow*

# 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](mailto:betsymc@gmail.com))

**Ginny Ruder** ([ginnyruder@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyruder@gmail.com))



# Social Action

## Update on Our Refugee Family

As most of you know, Congregation Kol Ami, along with Scarsdale Synagogue Tremont Temple Emanu-el is sponsoring and assisting a Syrian refugee family. We could not have taken on this responsibility without the support and assurance from Rabbi Shira and Jess that Kol Ami was behind us financially and officially.

Our family arrived on June 7, 2017 and they are settling into their new life in the United States. As an introduction for those of you who have not met them, the dad and mom are Salam Shatlo and Amina Ahmad. They have three children, Alan, age 9, Digar, 8, and Layla, 5. They are Kurdish and lived in Aleppo, but they came here from Malaysia where they had been living for a few years after escaping violence in their neighborhood. Everyone in the family speaks English, but the children are more fluent than their parents due to attendance at a UN school for refugees in Malaysia.

When the family arrived here, they were happy to move into a fully furnished and stocked two bedroom apartment very close to downtown White Plains. Many thanks to the various housing committees that made sure all was in place.

The family has established a routine that is helping them acclimate to life here. Amina goes to ESL in the morning and Salam goes in the evening. They get to their classes by bus and they go regularly. Several of you from the Community Connections committee have volunteered to assist by driving them when you can. They are enjoying the classes and don't like to miss them.

The kids enjoyed their regular summer programs as well. Alan and Digar attended Bits N' Pieces Summer Camp held at the Church Street School and Layla attended a program at the Delany Center for Educational Enrichment on the Pace Law School campus. Salam goes to a dental lab on North Broadway by bus where he spends a few hours observing and now beginning to do some hands on work. Salam trained many years ago as a dental technician and thanks to a Kol Ami member in the dental profession, he has had the opportunity to observe in two labs. Salam is very happy with this opportunity. Amina is an experienced seamstress and hopes to work at home around the kids' school schedule. All three kids are registered at Church Street School. Our employment and education committees have been outstanding. Salam and Amina are learning their way around the neighborhood and the markets. They are very familiar with Shop-Rite, Target, and Walmart. Also, CVS, just off of Main St and the optical place where Alan will get his glasses. A generous pediatric ophthalmologist on our health committee

has provided a free medical exam for Alan and free sports glasses for him. The other two kids have upcoming appointments. Medical insurance for the family has just been activated and the family has many scheduled appointments for medical exams. The health committee is coordinating all these appointments.

On Sundays, the family has been going to the Sarah Lawrence family refugee program which everyone enjoys immensely. There are games and activities for the kids, lots of opportunities for the adults to socialize - they have met and connected with other Syrian families - and of course there is food and ice cream.

We have the good fortune to be working with a wonderful HIAS case manager. The family is receiving social service benefits but we need to continue to raise money to cover housing costs and other expenses. Social service benefits are not enough.

Thanks to you all for your efforts and support. Many of you have reached out in kind and unexpected ways and the Shatlos are very grateful. You have made a difference in their lives. Also, special thanks to those of you who have emerged as leaders in your committees and have done outstanding work in providing continuing research into resources and hours of important support for our family. These dedicated and generous people are Rachael Arenstein, Sheryl Brady, Wendy Busch, Nancy Ellis, Lisa Hochman, Amy Kellogg, Melissa Puius, Pam Rubin and Anne Wright.

For those of you in our congregation who would like to help, we are still fundraising on behalf of the Shatlo's and refugee families. Together we have raised nearly \$20,000 for our Refugee Fund. With rent at \$2,250 per month and heavy start-up expenses, we are still in need of additional donations.

- \$1,000 donation will purchase a professional sewing machine and sewing supplies
- \$360 donation will fund afterschool programs for 3 kids
- \$200 donation will fund bus usage for a month
- \$100 donation will fund one month of internet and cable
- \$36 will fund one month of cell phone usage

Donations can be made to the Kol Ami Refugee Fund (c/o Madiha Tubman, 252 Soundview Avenue, WP, NY 10606) or by credit card online at <https://congregationkolami.com/forms/refugeefund>.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.  
Susan and Paul Davis

# Social Action

## Tikkun Olam

### KOL AMI COOKS for THE OPEN ARMS MEN'S 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, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, once a month starting October 10th. 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 following Tuesday cooking dates are:

2017: Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

2018: Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, February 13<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>,  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

### 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, September 6th, 2017 at 2:30 PM  
The Kensington  
100 Maple Avenue, White Plains



## 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

Sundays 9:30am - 10:30am, Tuesdays 9:30am-11:00am and Thursdays

6:00pm - 7:30pm. Gift cards, private ordering and delivery is also

available. For information, gift cards,

# 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.

Each month sponsor families host a birthday party for all Coachman kids celebrating a birthday that month. Yet, did you know you don't have to sponsor a birthday party to participate? Do you have a skill, talent or hobby you would like to share? Perhaps you could lead a craft project such as decorating cupcakes or making slime, or entertain the kids with magic, puppet shows, games or music? Or maybe you just have enough time in your schedule to help us wrap birthday gifts? All we need is your enthusiasm to spread some birthday cheer.

In addition to our monthly parties, the Kol Ami - Coachman Committee coordinates Mitzvah Mornings where children and adults come together to make goody bags and birthday cards for the monthly parties. We also organize projects and events such as drives for school supplies, clothing, sports equipment etc., host Thanksgiving dinners, Memorial Day BBQs and Mother Day celebrations to spread Tikun Olam and strengthen the bonds within our community.

Please contact Alison Adler or Lisa Hochman if you would like to learn more.

[HelpTheCoachman@nykolami.org](mailto:HelpTheCoachman@nykolami.org)



*July and August birthdays were celebrated with a party sponsored by Rachel & Jodi Klein with help from Debbie Linder and Nora Groban. Entertainment was provided by Dillon and Audrey, protégées of Danny Bernstein at Backyard Sports.*



*Our June birthday party was sponsored by the Florin, Lewis and Sperling families and musical entertainment was provided by Songs for Seed.*



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, starting September 6th from 7:45am - 9:00am*

### 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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>*

### 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 18<sup>th</sup>*

### 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](mailto: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, s  
tarting in October*

## Fun and Games!

### Mah Jongg

Wednesdays at 10:30am in  
the Kol Ami Atrium

Please email Betsy McCormack  
at [Betsyrmc@aol.com](mailto:Betsyrmc@aol.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](mailto:GameNight@nykolami.org) if you are!



## Join Us for Our Synaplex Events for 2017-2018

These are special Friday evenings (unless otherwise noted)  
which include worship, music, speakers,  
food and socializing!

**5:00pm Explorations in Jewish Music w/Cantor David**

**5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods for Young Children and Their Families**

(A service in story and song for young families. Supervised childcare, light supper, and Shabbat Crafts)

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

**6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Main Sanctuary**

**7:15pm Shabbat Dinner (with catering by local restaurants and chefs)**

**8:15pm Evening Programming** (Adult learning, keynote speakers,  
activities for children, youth group activities, mitzvah projects, movies, sports, games, and more!)

**9:15pm Oneg**

(Relax at the end of a long day and week with ice cream, cake, and coffee)

**Anti-Jewish Riots in the  
Crown of Aragon and  
the Royal Response,  
1391-1392**

Benjamin R. Gampel



**Friday, November 3rd and  
Saturday, November 4th  
Dr. Benjy Gampel  
The Jews of Spain**

**Friday, December 1st**

**Dr. Eric Kandel**

**Memory and The Aging Brain**



ERIC R. KANDEL  
Winner of the Nobel Prize



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IN ART AND  
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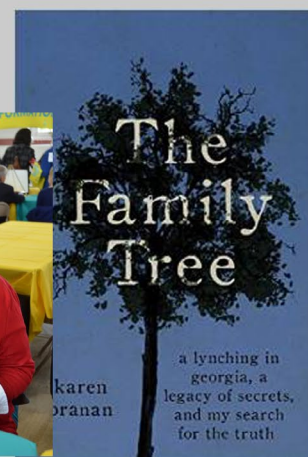
BRIDGING THE TWO CULTURES



**Friday, January 26th  
Galeet Dardashti  
Shabbat Shira  
with Divahn!**



Friday, February 9th  
 Karen Brennan  
**The Family Tree:**  
 A Lynching in Georgia, a legacy  
 of secrets and my search for the truth



Friday, March 23rd  
 Judge Laura Safer Espinoza,  
 Rev. Noelle Damico,  
 and Gerardo Reyes Chavez  
**The Coalition of Immokalee Workers**

Friday, April 20  
 Alexandra Zapruder  
**Twenty-Six Seconds: A Personal  
 History of the Zapruder Film**

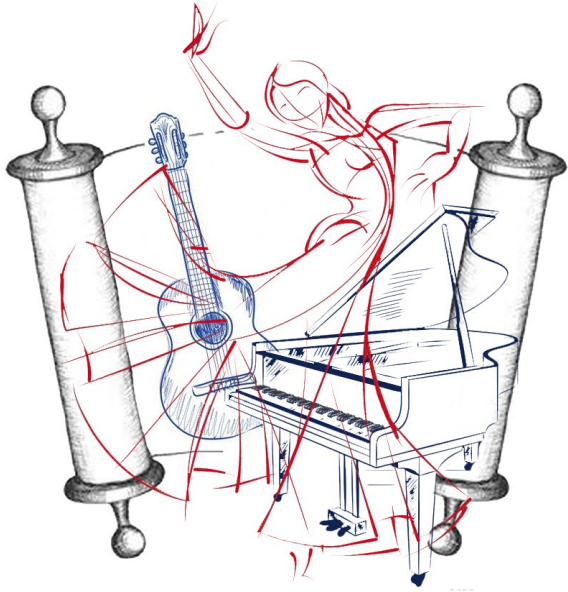


Friday, May 4th  
 Kol Ami Trial  
**Joseph: On Trial for the  
 Amazing Technicolor  
 Manipulation of the Market  
 and Financial Fraud**

All Events are Free and Open to the Community with the Exception of  
 Dinner. Please watch for emails about Registering in upcoming weeks.



# 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](mailto:ginnyherron-lanoil@nykolami.org)

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



# LEGACY FUND

## DID YOU KNOW...

Legacies are created during a lifetime, a living activity explored while we are enjoying life!

When our family celebrates a Jewish holiday, we combine beloved traditions handed to us from past generations and also include something special from our present, all of which, in turn, gets passed on. This is part of a personal legacy.

Congregation Kol Ami preserves treasured religious rituals and expressions of spirituality from our rich Jewish history and is always creating new opportunities to enhance our experiences of Judaism as a community. This is part of Kol Ami's legacy.

By supporting The Kol Ami Legacy Fund, each of us can be part of an essential collective financial legacy reflecting our cherished Jewish values by making sure Congregation Kol Ami remains a strong and exciting force enriching Jewish life for future generations, as it has for so many before us.

To explore the ways you can make a planned gift to The Kol Ami Legacy Fund, contact Evelyne Klein at 914.761.7659, [aspencup@aol.com](mailto:aspencup@aol.com) or Judi Brown

### "REMEMBER THE DAYS OF OLD . . ." Deuteronomy, Chapter 32

H23

On December 10, 1923, at the Fenimore (now Fenway) Country Club in White Plains, the Jewish Community Center was formed and organized. That evening, in the same building in which we are holding our 55th Anniversary Dinner Dance, a Constitution and By-laws were adopted, the first Board of Trustees and the first Officers were elected.

The birth of our Temple was the result of a union between two groups. One was the "White Plains Religious School", founded by a few caring parents who wanted their children educated in Reform Judaism. The other was the "Jewish Center of White Plains," a Reform Temple. Many of our founders belonged to both groups.

A School and a Temple — education and worship — on these two cornerstones of Judaism, the Jewish Community Center was founded. We have built on them through good times and bad, through war and peace for 55 years. In addition to fulfilling our own and our children's Judaic needs, our Temple has been a continuing force in the life of the White Plains-Scarsdale community and a leader in the Reform movement through its membership in the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.



P. IRVING GRINBERG  
PRESIDENT  
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER  
OF WHITE PLAINS  
1923 - 1948

# Life Cycles

## Congratulations

- ✧ To Susan and James Marell on the marriage of their son, Michael Marell to Gila Vinas
- ✧ To Adrienne and Scott Pollak on the marriage of their son, Max Pollak to Heather Winegrad
- ✧ To Drs. Robin and Alan Cohen on the marriage of their daughter, Cara Cohen to Jason Angelico
- ✧ To Polly and Justin Klein on the birth of their daughter, Vera Anne Klein
- ✧ To Burt and Patty Wohl on the marriage of their grandson, Zachary Nash to Jessica Grabowski
- ✧ To Genna Farley on her engagement to Matt Fleming
- ✧ To Ronnie Cohn on her daughter, Genna Farley's engagement to Matt Fleming
- ✧ To Barbara Klein on the birth of her granddaughter, Remi Jane Rosenthal
- ✧ To Dorothy and Julius Klausner on the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Klausner to Jeremy Lubin
- ✧ To Lawrence and Elyse Berenson on their marriage
- ✧ To Lauri and David Carey on the marriage of their son Ethan to Sarah Bushin
- ✧ To Mattie Abler on the birth of her great-granddaughter Kyra Zoe Asamaz

## Condolences

- ✧ To Maren Lewis on the death of her grandmother, Dorothy Sandler
- ✧ To Laurie Thomas on the death of her mother, Jeanne Thomas
- ✧ To Matthew Siglag on the death of his mother, Marilyn Siglag
- ✧ To Ruth Goldberg on the death of her long- time partner, Jesse Crell
- ✧ To Doris Dingott on the death of her husband, Marvin Dingott
- ✧ To Craig Bernstein on the death of his father, Lawrence Bernstein
- ✧ To Jill Chesler Schwartz on the death of her mother, Susan Phyllis Chesler
- ✧ To Jonathan Appel on the death of his brother-in-law, Earl Freeman
- ✧ To Susanne Handel on the death of her mother, Frances Messinger
- ✧ To Howard Rodstein on the death of his father, Martin Rodstein
- ✧ To Dan Rosen on the death of his mother, Vera Rosn
- ✧ To Bruce Rosner on the death of his mother, Arlene Rosner
- ✧ To Norma Benardette on the death of her brother, Robert Benardette
- ✧ To Richard Wach on the death of his mother, Muriel Wach
- ✧ To Fran Stone on the death of her Sister in law, Barbara Stone

## In Memorium

Carol Braten

Marvin Dingott

Carol Shifrin



# Generous Contributions

## **Rabbi Shira Milgrom's Discretionary Fund**

- \*Thank you from Lilly Port
- \*In honor of Paul Davis in appreciation of excellent leadership in prophets seminar from Linda and Milt Persily
- \*In memory of Paul Klein from Linda and Milt Persily
- \*In memory of Paul Klein from Stephen and Elaine Loewengart
- \*In memory of Ruth Elcott from Susan and Ken Gordon
- \*In celebration of Ed Stotsky's special birthday from Ken Jurist
- \*In honor of Allie Kremer's Bat Mitzvah from Marc Kremer and Lara Graff
- \*In memory of Paul Klein from Edward and Marian Steinberg
- \*In honor of Jenna's Bat Mitzvah from Cindy and Scott Musoff
- \*In honor of Alice Seidman's ongoing dedication to teaching Hebrew language and literature from her students Joel, Lyn, and Steve
- \*In memory of Jesse Crell from Ruth Goldberg
- \*In memory of Paul Klein from Barbara Block
- \*In memory of Marvin Dingott from Barbara Block
- \*In memory of Paul Klein from Roseanne Klein and in honor of Ellen Sarna, Marjorie Bruckman, Marian Steinberg, and Yvette Lawrie who helped with the shiva and were extraordinarily there
- \*In memory of Paul Klein, Jesse Crell, dear friend of Ruth Goldberg, and of Marvin Dingott from Barbara Wexler
- \*In memory of Jesse Crell from Myrna Barzelatto
- \*In memory of Gerald Barnett from Hillary Barnett
- \*In honor of Susan and Paul Davis and the work that they and their committee is doing to help with making the world a better place for everyone from Janet and Mark Hershey
- \*In memory of Elaine Cohen from Heidi Cohen and Greta Cohen Goldstein
- \*In memory of Marvin Dingott, Paul Klein, and Ron Gottlieb from Myrna Barzelatto
- \*In gratitude for her granddaughter, Rebecca Petschek-Kohn's wedding from Elaine Petschek
- \*In memory of Marvin Dingott and for Rabbi Shira's support for the family from Doris Dingott

## **Rabbi Tom Weiners's Discretionary Fund**

- \*In honor of Stephanie Kornberg's Bat Mitzvah from the Josephson-Kornberg family
- \*In honor of wedding of Margot Moshowitz and Andrew Lefkowitz from Kenneth and Jacqueline Lefkowitz
- \*In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Ellie Raff from Kerry Binder and Josh Raff
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- \*In memory of Peter B.Kaye from Morley Kaye

- \*In support of our programs for the high school and college students from the Susan and Kenneth Wallach Foundation
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- \*In memory of Sylvia Roth from Helen Roth
- \*In honor of Eli's Confirmation from Lisa Hochman and Kevin Worth
- \*In honor of Jenna's Bat Mitzvah from Cindy and Scott Musoff
- \*In honor of the wedding of Rebecca Hayn and Burke Doran from Robert Hayn
- \*In honor of the wedding of Rebecca Hayn and Burke Doran from Ellen Hayn
- \*In memory of Gerald Barnett from Hillary Barnett
- \*In appreciation for officiating at their wedding from Cara Cohen and Jason Angelico
- \*In memory of Mrs. Sylvia Roth from Karen and Michael Rosen
- \*In appreciation from Carmen Lowenthal and Eric Tirschwell

## **Cantor David's Discretionary Fund**

- \*In appreciation for the Bat Mitzvah of Stephanie Kornberg from Elaine Josephson/Kornberg family
- \*In appreciation for Ellie Raff's Bat Mitzvah from Kerry and Josh Raff
- \*In appreciation for Allie Kremer's Bat Mitzvah from Marc Kremer and Lara Graff
- \*In appreciation for Jenna's Bat Mitzvah from Cindy and Scott Musoff
- \*In appreciation of service at mother's funeral from Lisa and Matt Siglag
- \*In memory of Dan Jackler from Stephen Haber and Ann Jackler

## **Barbara Gruber Fund**

- \*A generous donation was made by Matt Gruber in memory of his beloved wife Barbara Gruber

## **Adult Education Fund**

- \*In appreciation of an afternoon of learning and discussion with Ruth Goldberg, Madiha Tubman and the Brandeis group from Lauren and Jerry Schwartz
- \*In honor of Beth and Gene Kava and their Current Events Class from Marjorie Bruckman
- \*In loving memory of Marvin Dingott, husband of Doris Dingott from Marian and Ed Steinberg
- \*In appreciation of Betsy McCormack from Lori, Meg Rachel, Rebecca and grateful Mah Jongg students

# Generous Contributions

## **Flowers and Landscaping Fund**

- ✧ In honor of Maggy Weber and her, "Special Birthday" from Lisa Borowitz

## **Biennial Fund**

- ✧ Lisa K. Borowitz

## **Fund for the Needy**

- ✧ In loving memory of Gerald Joseph Barnett, father of Pam Pass and Hillary Barnett from Patty and Bert Wohl
- ✧ In loving memory of Marvin Dingott from Susan and Ken Gordon, Beth and Gene Kava and Patty and Bert Wohl
- ✧ In loving memory of Paul Klein, husband of Roseanne Klein from Beth and Gene Kava
- ✧ In loving memory of Jesse Crell, partner of Ruth Goldberg from Beth and Gene Kava
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- ✧ In appreciation from Judith and Stephen Hochman
- ✧ In honor of Rabbi Shira Milgrom's continued health from Patty and Bert Wohl
- ✧ In appreciation for the honor of carrying the torah on Holocaust Remembrance Day from Bert Wohl

## **Food Pantry**

- In loving memory of Benjamin Brody from Michael
- ✧ and Sandra Mason

## **Kol Ami Fund**

- ✧ In loving memory of her husband, Marshall Saunders from Faith Saunders
- ✧ In loving memory of Gerald Joseph Barnett from Karen and David Cole
- ✧ In loving memory of Paul Klein, husband of Roseanne Klein, from the colleagues of Dr. Hannah Lipman, daughter of Paul Klein, at the Geriatrics Division of Montefiore Medical Center, Grace Wiggs, Marsha Cohen, Ruth and Gerald Stern, and Rosalyn Rubin
- ✧ In appreciation from the students and PTA of Kodomo Kuni
- ✧ In loving memory of Jesse Crell, long-term partner of Ruth Goldberg, from Carol and Gene Klein

- ✧ In loving memory of Marvin Dingott from Evelyne and David Klein
- ✧ In loving memory of Mitzie Mason from Michael and Sandra Mason
- ✧ In loving memory of Sylvia Gelfand from Judy and Jeff Gelfand
- ✧ In loving memory of Bertram Goldstein, father of Eric Goldstein from Karen and David Cole
- ✧ In loving memory of his mother, Dr. Lois Eil, from Dr. Charles Eil
- ✧ In loving memory of George Kroner from Vivian Kroner

## **Religious School/Yad B'Yad Fund**

- ✧ In appreciation of the support from Congregation Kol Ami from the family of Gerald Joseph Barnett
- ✧ In loving memory of Gerald Joseph Barnett from Alison and Andrew Adler, Karen and David Cole, Robin Davis Small, Adam Small, Lisa Hochman, Kevin Worth, Debra and Anthony Zitrin
- ✧ In honor of Rabbi Shira Milgrom's continued health from Kay Osborne

## **Early Childhood Fund**

- ✧ In honor of our son, Scott Musoff, becoming the Co-President of Congregation Kol Ami, from Sandy and Wally Musoff
- ✧ In appreciation for nine amazing memorable years from Meredith, Vic, Hannah, Nate and Jack Cohen

## **Retreat Fund**

- ✧ In appreciation from Judith Brown

## **Rick Kraver College Fund**

- ✧ In appreciation from M.J. Weinstein

## **Prayer Book Fund**

- ✧ In honor of the wedding of Michael Marell, son of Susan and James Marell to Gila Vinas, from Bonnie and Eric Eilen



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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







# Family Photo Day

Sunday, September 24th, 2017

9-4pm in 30 minute sessions (Rain or Shine)

**\$200.00 Sitting Fee**

With your donation you will receive a 20 minute photoshoot by talented experts and a fully edited CD of 10 high resolution photos. Photos are taken on our beautiful Kol Ami grounds and with early Fall sceneries.

Introducing our photographers  
Tracy and Michael Tamucci  
An extremely talented husband and wife team  
specializing in family photographs.

You can view **Picture So Perfect Studio's** work on their Facebook Business Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Picturesoperfectstudio.com>

It's easy to reserve your spot!  
Sign up by calling 949-4717x107  
or by emailing Nan at [nanblank@nykolami.org](mailto:nanblank@nykolami.org).  
Payment must accompany registration to reserve a time slot.

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# First Taste: A Year of Jewish Stories



The Kol Ami Religious School presents a new opportunity for families with 4 & 5 year olds.

Join us each month for stories, songs, projects and more.  
This program will include opportunities for parents and children to learn together.

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**Sundays 9:15-10:45 AM**

Dates: **10/8\*** \*Orientation and Sukkot Festival  
10/29, 11/19, 12/17, 1/21, 2/11, 3/18, 4/15, 5/13  
*Family Shabbat service & Dinner ~ 1/19/18*

**\$360**

**Advance Registration Required - Space is Limited**

Priority given to Kol Ami members

For more information email Sara Elkin at  
[ayearofjewishstories@nykolami.org](mailto:ayearofjewishstories@nykolami.org)

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## First Taste: A Year of Jewish Stories Registration Form

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include a check for \$360 payable to Congregation Kol Ami  
and return to the Religious School Office.**



Do you have a student going off to  
college or grad school?

One or two of them there already?

We want to stay connected with them!

Once we have your student's contact information they will receive invitations from Rabbi Tom to get together (both at college and locally), as well as holiday greetings and gifts sent to them from Kol Ami.

Please visit our Website and fill out the online form at:

[NYKolAmi.org/College-Info](http://NYKolAmi.org/College-Info)

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# 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  
or by emailing Nan at [nanblank@nykolami.org](mailto:nanblank@nykolami.org)

Everyone is welcome!

# SUKKOT FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 8, 2017  
9am-12pm,

*Everyone welcome!*

Featuring  
a petting zoo  
sukkah decorating,  
music, crafts, food



*Tikkun Olam, the mitzvot of  
Sukkot and family*

*Please bring a bag filled with canned goods to the atrium as we  
continue to feed the hungry in our midst*



*A joyous evening of dancing and celebration...*  
**Erev Simchat Torah & Consecration**  
**Wednesday, October 11, 2017**

*6:15pm ~ Main Sanctuary*

*Take part in dancing around our Sanctuary  
with flags and Torah scrolls*

*Join together with the congregation as we  
encircle our community in Torah*

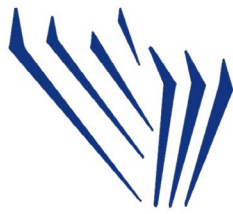


**Our New Religious School Students**  
will be called to the Torah to be consecrated and blessed  
as they begin their Jewish learning at Kol Ami



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





# CONGREGATION KOL AMI

Congregation Kol Ami and Sababa Surf Camp  
proudly present:

## Our High School Tikkun Olam Trip to Puerto Rico

Save the Dates!  
Winter Break  
February 19-26, 2018



RSVP now to Idan at:  
[IdanSanthaus@ngkolami.org](mailto:IdanSanthaus@ngkolami.org)  
Only 20 spaces available!!

\$500 deposit due by September 22nd  
Space is limited.

\$2,750 (Scholarship is available,  
contact Rabbi Tom)

*Sababa Judaism is just like its name:  
It's a no worries, all good approach to Jewish life  
...but it's even much deeper than that!*

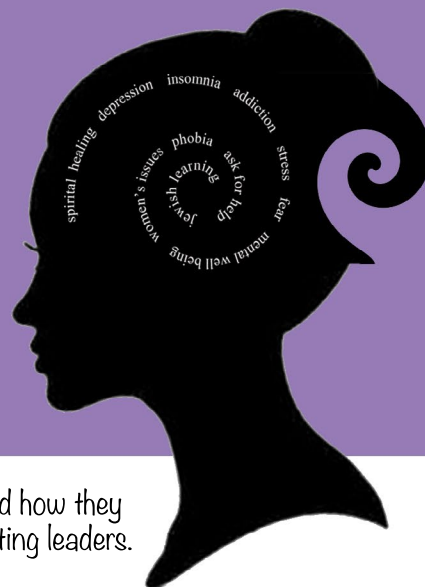
*'Sababa' teaches us to be in the moment  
and to be fully present. It allows us to disconnect  
from technology, and reconnect with ourselves,  
our peers, and the nature around us.*

*Learn to snorkel, surf, as well as Tikkun Olam  
projects! Shabbat bonfires on the beach,  
cooking meals together, and more!  
Have an amazing experience creating a strong  
community with great friends.*

*Join Rabbi Tom, Youth Director Idan Santhaus, and Sababa  
Director Danny Mishkin for an amazing experience of service,  
de-stressing, surfing, cross-cultural exchange and community  
building. We will be engaging in a community development project,  
and studying our social justice efforts within a Jewish framework.*

# KOL AMI WOMEN'S OASIS AT HOME

## GETTING IN TOUCH WITH MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH A JEWISH LENS WE CONTINUE...



Because of you, the Kol Ami Oasis at Home continues to explore mental health issues and how they affect women. You will learn from trusted and familiar friends...and meet new and motivating leaders. All of our teachers speak from minds of great wisdom and hearts filled with compassion. Prepare yourselves to be inspired.

**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  
& Scientific Co-Director of the Global Mental Health  
Program at Columbia University

A conversation that will cover

"The Toxic Triecta 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  
reducing stress through education and practice.  
Incorporating mindfulness into daily life.

**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—

Using Jewish sacred and secular literature as the backdrop, we will  
address the pain experienced by those who choose to estrange  
themselves from family members as well as those who  
are unwillingly cut-off. Finally, we will discuss the  
fundamental Jewish themes of forgiveness and teshuvah  
and what happens when such ideals collide with reality.

Register for the Oasis at Home Series today



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

☐ Session 1: Tuesday, October 17, 2017

☐ Session 3: Tuesday, February 6, 2018

☐ Session 2: Sunday, December 17, 2017

☐ Session 4 Tuesday, April 10, 2018

For further information contact

Jill Abraham 472-5806 or jill.sa2@verizon.net Lauri Carey 472-8076 or lauricarey@hotmail.com



**CONGREGATION KOL AMI  
ON-LINE DIRECTORY  
2017-2018**



CONGREGATION  
KOL AMI

Congregation Kol Ami's Twenty-First Annual Directory will be made available to all of our members in September. Some of the benefits of our online directory include:

- Easy access via all computers, tablets and mobile devices so you may access it from anywhere, and you'll have a password, so your access (and the information ) will be secure
- Password protection enabling access to our members only
- Easily-made updates. In the event of a change in a congregant's address, phone, or email information, updates are easily made by the congregant, and immediately live, enabling others to continue to contact you
- Easily identifies household members regardless of last name
- The directory is searchable. Members may search by the first name, last name, street, email or any portion/combination, making it easy to find people with partial information. You may assign people to groups of your own, thereby facilitating the formation of email groups, carpools and other gatherings
- Photo capability. Congregants may upload photos, if desired, making it easier to place names and faces together
- Live website links. The directory features live links to the websites of all vendors who advertise with us so it will be even easier for you to patronize the vendors who support our community
- Links for most pieces of congregant information. Clicking on an address links to Google maps for directions. Clicking on an email address launches an email to the person. From a mobile device clicking on a phone number will dial it, and clicking on a mobile number will text it
- Environmentally green and friendly.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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

Also NEW and launching in OCTOBER will be our Directory App for Iphone and Android. This will make accessing and using our online Directory even easier! Stay tuned for more details on how to use this wonderful new option.



# THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP AT KOL AMI

## Everything You Need to Get Ready for Rosh Hashanah

Available Early September in the Gift Shop

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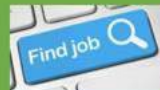
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