



You are invited to
The Dedication of our New Sanctuary
Shabbat of Hanukkah
Friday night, December 14, 2012 at 6:15 pm

Two thousand years ago, our people
re-dedicated the sanctuary of
the Temple in Jerusalem and rekindled the holy light.
That was, of course, the first Hanukkah.
Hanukkah means dedication.

Join us as we celebrate and honor our exquisite new sacred space.

The evening will be filled with Hanukkah activities and learning
for children and adults.

**Please see the the December Synaplex flyer
on page 17 for details of the evening.**

SERVICES

Saturday, December 1

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 11:00 am **SERVICE**
 5:30 pm **SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE:** B'nai
 Mitzvah of Mark Perlman & Matthew Reynolds

Friday, December 7

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

Saturday, December 8

Erev Chanukkah-light first candle
SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 11:00 am **SERVICE**
 10:30 am **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:** Bar Mitzvah of
 Justin Gordon

Sunday, December 9

LIGHT SECOND CANDLE

Monday, December 10

LIGHT THIRD CANDLE

Tuesday, December 11

LIGHT FOURTH CANDLE

Wednesday, December 12

LIGHT FIFTH CANDLE

Thursday, December 13

LIGHT SIXTH CANDLE

Friday, December 14

LIGHT SEVENTH CANDLE
SPECIAL HANUKKAH SYNAPLEX & DEDICA-
TION OF OUR SANCTUARY
 5:30 pm **SHABBAT IN THE WOODS** in Gallery
 6:15 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE** in Main
 Sanctuary

Saturday, December 15

LIGHT EIGHTH CANDLE
SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 11:00 am **SERVICE**
 5:30 pm **SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE:** Bat Mitzvah
 of Gabrielle Falk in Sanctuary

Friday, December 21

5:30 pm **SHABBAT IN THE WOODS** in Gallery
 (No childcare, no crafts)
 6:15 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE** in Main
 Sanctuary

Saturday, December 22

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

Friday, December 28

5:30 pm **SHABBAT IN THE WOODS** in Gallery
 (No childcare, no crafts)
 6:15 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE** in Main
 Sanctuary

Saturday, December 29

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

Friday, January 4, 2013

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

Kol Ami's Inclusion Committee

This committee is here to assist any member or visitor
 with concerns about accessibility,
 a specific disability or inclusion in our activities.

Please contact any one of us to
 hear your concerns or suggestions.

Gene Kava, esqesk@aol.com

Donna Klein, dklein@donnakleinassociates.com
 or Rachel Feld-Glazman, rfeldglazman@gmail.com

Weekly Torah Portions for December

Week ending December 1, 2012

Parashat Vayishlach Genesis 32:4-36:43

Jacob is ready to go home after fleeing twenty years earlier, and has to reconcile with his brother Esau. He has a dream on the way and encounters a divine messenger. Jacob is renamed Israel, meaning "struggles with God." Our narrative leaps forward in time to the moment when Jacob's children are now adults and his daughter, Dina is raped. Jacob's sons Simeon and Levi avenge the crime.

Week ending December 8, 2012

Parashat Vayeshev Genesis 37:1-40:23

Vayeshev begins the final extended narrative of Genesis, the Joseph story. The Joseph story functions as a bridge between B'reishit (Genesis) and Sh'mot (Exodus) in that Joseph, his brothers, and eventually his father begin in Canaan but end up in Egypt. The *parashah* weaves together the themes of family and betrayal so evident in the early stories of Genesis with the larger national themes of suffering and redemption that form the backbone of Exodus.

Week ending December 15, 2012

Parashat Miketz Genesis 41:1-44:17

This week's *parashah* continues the story of Joseph, miketz, "at the end of" his prison term. Joseph has been Pharaoh's prisoner for two years, and is released from jail in order to interpret Pharaoh's perplexing dreams.

Week ending December 22, 2012

Parashat Vayigash Genesis 44:18-47:27

Joseph's brothers are in Egypt to get food to bring back to famine-ridden Canaan. Our *parashah* begins with the brothers standing before Joseph, who is the vizier of Egypt, and Judah asking to be imprisoned in place of his youngest brother Benjamin (whom Joseph framed). Judah, who once convinced his brothers to sell Joseph into slavery rather than kill him, argues for Benjamin (Rachel's only other child) because he fears that any harm to Benjamin would break his father's heart.

Week ending December 29, 2012

Parashat Vayehi Genesis 47:28-50:26

The final *parashah* in B'reishit brings the first book of the Torah full circle. The family stories of patriarchs and matriarchs culminate in the blessings of Jacob to his sons and grandsons. The centerpiece of this portion is a sequence of twelve blessings, delivered by Jacob to each of his sons. Jacob brings his entire family together to hear his words.

A New Home At Last

"You know what I am going to see in there?" Bernice asked me. "No, what are you going to see?" I asked. She looked out the window at the old building, smiled and said, "Ghosts. Good ghosts, but ghosts." No, this isn't a belated Halloween article, rather the sharing of a most beautiful visit connecting our old synagogue building on Sterling Avenue to our new sanctuary on Soundview Avenue.



Past President Bernice Brussel and Rabbi Tom Weiner in the original Sterling Avenue sanctuary.

Our past president and precious member Bernice Brussel (nee Kraus) joined the synagogue with her parents, Mortimer and Gertrude, in the early 1930s. A few years later, at a Friday night service for young adults, she sat next to a charming young fellow, Harrison Brussel. In 1941 they were married, right there in the sanctuary on Sterling Avenue. That space, with its pews carved with the Star of David and its wrought

iron chandeliers, looks very much the same today as it did when it was built. The Brussel's relationship with the congregation was busy and full through all these decades and continues to be so till this very day.

If you didn't already know it, that beautiful little stone building on 16 Sterling Avenue and Post Road, right across from the Post Road Elementary School, was our original synagogue building, built by our congregation in the early 1920s. Today it is occupied by the Salvation Army's Church.

As the dedication of our new sanctuary approaches, we very much want to connect our old synagogue with our newly imagined space. This has unfolded in two beautiful ways: a visit to our first building with Bernice, and a way for the old sanctuary to have some presence in the new.

The "ghosts" that Bernice were referring to on that day were all of her memories of family, friends, High Holidays celebrated, Torahs marched on Simchat Torah, projects, parties, and dances in the social hall and the hours she spent teaching and learning in the building's classrooms.

As we walked through the building she showed us the pew she always sat in with Harrison at services; we saw the classroom in which she taught Sunday school; the stage upon which she, Harrison and others put on many shows in the social hall and the Rabbi's Study. It really was a very cool visit.

One of the Salvation Army workers came up to us and reluctantly shared a story. "You know, we felt bad all these years. When we first took over the building from you, there were these beautiful stained glass windows on either side of the sanctuary. Some people

back then thought that since they had specific Jewish images, we should remove them. So we did. And we have no idea what happened to them; they were probably thrown away. We have always felt badly about that."



Bernice's face lit up when she excitedly interjected, "I know where they are! We saved them! We took them with us and they have been in the basement on Soundview Avenue ever since." Indeed, every few years someone would comment on those "old stained glass windows" taking up room in the basement. On more than one occasion it was suggested that they be finally thrown away. But we kept them.

When we told the woman on Sterling Avenue that we had them all this time and that they are now going to be placed in our sanctuary, she was thrilled and relieved.

So next time you are in the new sanctuary and you look above the doors on either side of the sanctuary, you will see these magnificent stained glass windows, created in a Tiffany style. Know that they are not imitations or recently acquired antiques. They have been with us since the early 1920s. They simply moved down the street with us 60 years ago. And when you sit in the sanctuary and look out the brand new floor-to-ceiling windows, you will see echoes of reflections of the stained glass. Let's always remember our gift to future generations will always echo with the beauty and love of our founding generations almost a century ago.

Tom



The interior of our first sanctuary as it appears today.



Windows from the original synagogue placed in our newly renovated sanctuary

From the Religious School



As December rounds the corner, what is most on our children's minds is VACATION! There is still much to do before everyone heads off for that anticipated winter break. Our 2nd Grade students and their parents will participate in the rescheduled "What's in a Name" program on Dec. 2. Our 3rd Grade students and their parents will join together to read and discuss the book Christmas Menorahs on Sunday Dec. 16 and our Fifth Grade will have the opportunity to participate in a special art program with our beloved Artist in Residence, Avi Zukerman on December 12.

The first candle of Hanukkah is the evening of Saturday, Dec. 8. We are excited to plan a community celebration of Hanukkah this year, centered on the rededication of our Sanctuary. At a SYNAPLEX Shabbat, the evening of Friday, December 14, we will light candles together, celebrate Shabbat in our beautiful new space and have the opportunity to create an art project together with Avi Zukerman. It will truly be a night filled with light.

The History of Hanukkah

Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev (Dec. 9 this year!) and lasts for eight days. It commemorates the victory of Judah Maccabee and his followers over the forces of the Syrian tyrant Antiochus Epiphanes and the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem, which the Syrians had profaned. Hanukkah celebrates more than the end of an unsuccessful attempt by an outside power to destroy Judaism. The threat to Judaism was both internal and external.

The assimilation to Hellenistic culture was so great that certain elements within Jewish society sought to become fully assimilated, to be accepted as Greek citizens and to participate in Greek culture at the expense of their own unique Judaic culture. The resistance of the Maccabees and their allies to the blandishments of assimilation preserved Judaism. The story of Hanukkah is the age-old struggle of the Jewish people to remain in a non-Jewish world.

To celebrate their victory and to re-dedicate the Temple, the Maccabees proclaimed an eight-day festival, which was to be observed annually. According to the Talmudic legend, when the

Hasmoneans recaptured and cleansed the Temple, they were able to find only a single cruse of oil with the seal of the High Priest, sufficient for one day's lighting of the Menorah. But, as the story goes, a miracle occurred, and it burned for eight days.

The nightly kindling of the Menorah with its increasingly brighter light has become a symbol for both our physical and spiritual resistance to tyranny and assimilation. Jewish tradition has preserved this two-fold concept of resistance. The "Not by might and not by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord (4:6)."

Enjoy the celebration of freedom that Hanukkah represents and enjoy the time together with your families that vacation provides! Take the time to shine your light on the world around you and appreciate how lucky we are to live in a world that cherishes this freedom. We return to our Religious School classes on Wed. Jan. 2 and Sunday, January 6.

Felice

From the Director of the Early Childhood Program

November smelled wonderful! From pumpkin bread and cranberry sauce to corn bread and roasted pumpkin seeds, to sweet potatoes and cranberry sauce—all of us had a delicious time! We made placemats, hand-print turkeys, clay turkeys, Indian headdresses, Indian corn prints, beaded necklaces, and learned about the Pilgrims and the Native Americans.

We learned some very silly songs like *The Turkey Ran Away*; *Gobble, Gobble, Turkey Lurky* and *The Turkey is a Funny Bird*. Our Pre-K's invited their families for a Thanksgiving brunch and baked 3 types of bread, made their own butter and made a "family" fruit salad! Our 3's enjoyed a feast as one community and our 4's hosted our 6th Intergenerational Feast by extending an invitation to their grandparents. The grandparents who joined us were thrilled! Most important though, we learned what we are thankful for: food, friends and family.

Our **2K Turkey Trot** was a huge success! About 25 families participated in this wonderful event teaching Tzedakah while enjoying a morning with friends. Turkeys, canned foods, stuffing and cake mixes were collected and given to the Westchester Food Pantry. After walking down Soundview, our families feasted on donuts and apple cider and a wonderful morning was had by all.

Our **November Book Fair** was equally successful and we want to thank the entire Kol Ami community for helping it to be so much fun. We opened the Book Fair with our annual Story

Hour with Illustrator Mary O'Keefe Young, who delighted us by reading from her book, *Happy Hanukkah Curious George*. We were so proud to share the spotlight with The Children's Hospital at Montefiore again this year, sending lots of donated books to ill children.

A very special thank you goes to our incredible Book Fair Chairpersons—Meredith Cohen, Robin Davies-Small and Lisa Bernstein—for their hard work and dedication. A big thank you also goes to the rest of our Book Fair volunteers for helping to make the week so successful.

This month our 4's will host a **Winter Party** for our friends from Kodomo Kuni, the Japanese preschool in our building. The children will spend a morning together sharing a winter craft project and a special holiday snack. All of our families will also enjoy sharing Hanukkah together as one community at our family **Hanukkah Concert on Thursday, December 13th**.

Our December tzedakah project will involve the children in the ECP creating holiday placemats to be given to Meals on Wheels of White Plains. These placements will be delivered to our elderly and homebound friends in White Plains over the holidays.

Watch in early January for our fun-filled **Havdalah in Pajama** afternoon on Saturday, January 5 from 4:30-5:30 – please refer to our flyer in this month's Connection for additional information. Remember, all families with young children are invited and encouraged to come and

enjoy this delightful program with Rabbi Tom Weiner and myself.

The Early Childhood Program of Congregation Kol Ami has served our own community and the greater community of lower Westchester for well over 40 years. Our philosophy is simple: we are dedicated to implementing a comprehensive and developmentally sound early childhood curriculum that promotes social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth. The development of spiritual and moral values and the joyful celebration of the Jewish holidays are important ingredients to our program as well. We have an incredible, vibrant and talented staff and an inviting facility that is warm and welcoming. In short, we have a great deal to be thankful for and proud of.

What else could we possibly need? We need you! We need everyone in our congregation to partner with us and to help us continue to build our 'community of friends' one family at a time. We need you to spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors that Kol Ami's Early Childhood Program is a very special place. We need you to build with us today so we can strengthen our Congregation's foundation for tomorrow. Partner with us, support us and help us continue to build for a strong future. It's in all of our hands and well within our reach.

Nan



EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM
OF CONGREGATION KOL AMI
PRESENTS

SUZI SHELTON



AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC AND FUN FOR EVERYONE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th, 2013 at 1:30
JOIN US PRE-CONCERT AT 12:45 FOR
FACE-PAINTING, CRAFTS AND BAKED GOODIES

KOL AMI ~ 252 SOUNDVIEW AVENUE ~ WHITE PLAINS
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE BY CALLING 949-4717 X107
ADULTS \$15 ~ CHILDREN \$10 ~ BOOK OF 5 \$50 ~ \$15 AT THE DOOR



CONGREGATION KOL AMI
early childhood program

building a community of friends one family at a time

First Friends is an ECP program for Toddlers 12-22 months (accompanied by a parent or caregiver)

We're opening a new section of First Friends Beginning Tuesday, January 8th!

Facilitated by our Director, Nan Blank and our 2's teacher Lisa Beyer

First Friends will run from January 8, 2013 - May 28, 2013

The class will meet for 17 sessions • Tuesday mornings from 9:30-10:45 • The cost is \$600.00
The fee is payable in full at the time of registration

To join us send your check to the ECP office by Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

A minimum of 10 children are needed to run this class

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

Membership to the Temple is included with this registration*

If you have a toddler and you're looking to make some new friends what are you waiting for?

Maybe the time is right To think about joining us!

For more information about Membership please call Nan Blank, ECP Director at 949-4717x107

Congregation Kol Ami Early Childhood Program



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

Mommy Talk!

Designed for moms and infants 2-9 months. Our discussions will be led by Susan Davis, CSW

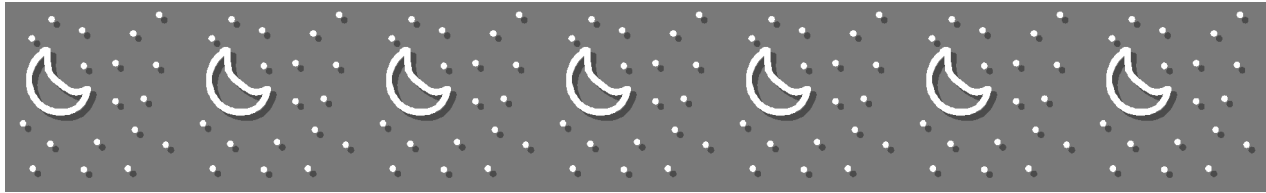
Topics will be related to parenting babies at this stage

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

Meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 9:00 – 10:00 am

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

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



The Early Childhood Program of Congregation Kol Ami
 Invite all families with young children to
A Havdalah and Sh'ma Pajama Party!



Join Nan Blank and Rabbi Tom Weiner
Saturday Afternoon, January 5, 2013

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Enjoy the Sweetness of Havdalah with Family and Friends!
 Crafts, Family Learning and Snack

Come in your Pajamas!



Admission: Please bring a new pair of Children's Pajamas to be donated to the local family shelter.

Reserve your place today by calling Nan Blank at 949-4717, choice 4
 See You There!



Kol Ami Early Childhood Program

Warm, Nurturing and Enriching

Registration for 2013-2014 Now Open

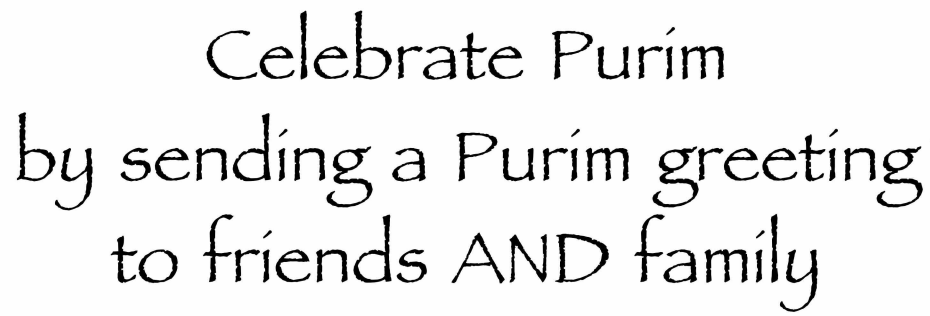
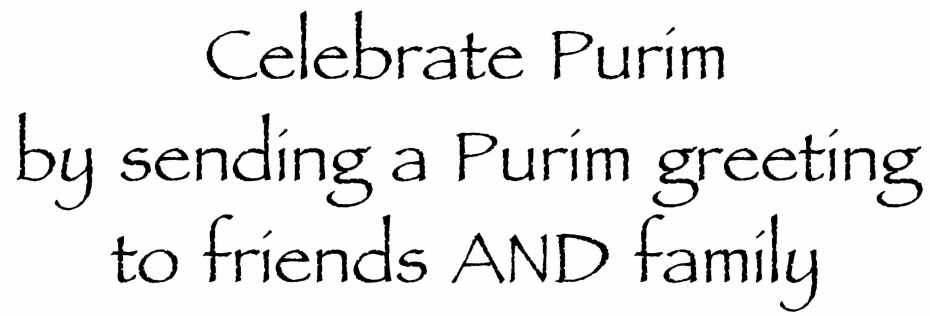
First Friends: A Toddler Program

2, 3, 4 and 5-Day 2's • 3, 4, and 5-Day 3's • Morning 4's

Full & Half-Day 4's • Extended Day Program for 3's & 4's

A Step Ahead! Our Pre-K program for children turning 5 from September through December

Call for an appointment and tour today • Nan Blank, Director, at Ext. 107

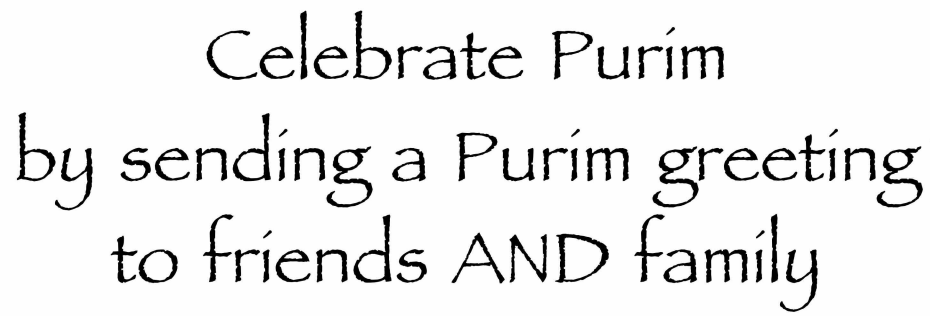


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Save The Date

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2013 at 4:00 P.M.

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NO ADMISSION CHARGE. THERE WILL BE A FREE-WILL OFFERING.

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

For information contact MLK Institute

914-949-6555 or info@mlkwestchester.org



Save the Date: February 10, 2013

Meet Our Members

Our members have so many interesting backgrounds—we love to share their stories! Here, Harley Lewis tells us a little about herself.



HARLEY LEWIS

The devastation caused by super-storm Sandy is fresh in our memories. Individually and as a community, we have tried to be of assistance to those left homeless and those who are hungry. Reaching out to the homeless and the hungry has been a tireless mission of Harley Lewis, a long time member of Kol Ami.

Harley reminds us that Westchester is wealthy but also is a county dramatically divided between the rich and the poor. She tells of a local teacher who asked her class if anyone had experienced hunger. Several children raised their hands and, when the teacher asked them individually what they did, they each responded, "We go to bed."

Harley was one of the founders of the Westchester Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless, a 501(C)3 not for profit organization established in the early 80's. The total number of autonomous

food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters comprising the Coalition has increased from around 10 then to 141 now. That number has been increasing every year due to the growing number of people living in poverty in the county. The purpose of the organization is to provide for our community and, in Harley's words, to be a voice for the hungry and the homeless. Volunteers from various civic groups and houses of worship provide funds, food and time; Harley was the volunteer president for 12 years.

Food and clothing are collected at Kol Ami on a regular basis. Harley encourages us to put cans of non-perishable foods in the trunks of our cars and to put a can or two in one of the food bins whenever we come to the synagogue. Her motto is "One CAN CAN make a difference." Harley was married for 59 years to Dick, who passed away in 2005. Dick was also very active at Kol Ami, having served, among other activities, as board vice-president. Together they collected food from supermarkets as well as from the temple and delivered it directly to needy families, soup kitchens and shelters. When Dick became ill, this meant a slowdown to their mission until Murray Shapiro graciously volunteered to help. Each week, he is the one who picks up the food donated to the temple and now brings it to The Bridge Fund Pantry. The Bridge Fund is an organization that Dick was involved with, whose mission is to prevent homelessness.

Harley served on the White Plains Commission for the Hungry and Homeless and was very involved in starting the afternoon learning center for children of families living in what was then the Coachman Hotel. Many volunteers from Kol Ami taught there. Harley was also involved in the start of SHORE (Sheltering the Homeless is Our Responsibility, Inc.) which supports a men's shelter in White Plains that houses about forty homeless men each night. The Social Action Committee regularly

sponsors Cooking for the Homeless as well and donates the food there.

Harley can describe the hurdles that she and others had to overcome in order to get us to where we are today. And, she is quick to point out, there is much more to do. Harley feels that folks at Kol Ami know what is needed and are very involved. You can help! For example, Harley is involved with Elaine Cohen in coordinating the knitting group at Kol Ami. The group meets every third Thursday in room 20 and welcomes new knitters. They have knitted hats for children with cancer, helmets for Israeli soldiers and lap robes for hospitals and nursing homes.

Harley has three sons, Jim, Rich and Tom, three daughters-in-law, and six grandchildren; all follow in her footsteps. Her sons and two of her grandchildren attended Kol Ami. She was the Kol Ami librarian and served as Social Action chairperson for many years. Harley grew up in Elberon, New Jersey, and spent summers in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. She and Dick owned and operated a restaurant there.

"Temple has become a community for me," Harley says. "Fifty years ago, I could not imagine that would happen."

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

From Our Co-Presidents: *Our Volunteers in Action*

Thanks to our talented and committed corps of lay leaders and volunteers, there are seemingly endless new programs, events, and opportunities. Our clergy and staff, of course, contribute to everything we do, but this month we want to briefly highlight three volunteer-led initiatives that will provide long term enhancements to our sacred community.

Sanctuary Dedication – December 14, 2012

For those of you who have not been in the Temple recently, we encourage you to drop by and have a look at our beautiful new Sanctuary. The Sanctuary will be officially and joyously re-dedicated to our congregation at the Synaplex Shabbat of Hanukkah on December 14th. It is truly a product of the vision, generosity and "sweat equity" of so many in our congregation. Please join us on December 14th for what we know will be a meaningful and memorable evening, which would not have happened but for the talent, commitment and perseverance of so many congregants.

Committee Fair

As we discussed in prior Connection articles, our Board has re-imagined and revamped our committee structure. The overriding goal of this restructuring was to break down silos that sometimes separate and to foster coordination and synergies among the different committees. We have grouped the committees into four separate clusters or pods. Each cluster of committee chairs, in turn, reports to a Temple officer. On November 26th, all of our committee chairs met at a "Committee Fair", run by Vice Presidents Hank Rouda and Jess Lorden. Ideas were flying, bonds were being formed and the atmosphere was truly electric. Ultimately, the goal of this process is to induce more congregants to try something and get involved in a way and at a level that is personally comfortable.

Jewish Greening Fellowship

On behalf of our congregation, Daryl Moss has submitted a grant application for the Jewish Greening Fellowship. It is an 18 month program which provides guidance

and training to Jewish organizations to reduce our environmental impact, generate a meaningful response to climate change and strengthen environmental awareness and sustainability. The grant helps support energy audits, energy efficiency upgrades, educational programs and much more.

These are just three of the many examples of successful efforts that serve to foster and strengthen our community – physically, culturally, socially and spiritually. These are just three of the many reasons why we can never say "thank you" too often to our volunteers!

With our warmest wishes for a peaceful and joyous Hanukkah,

Ronnie and Mark



Photo by Mariela Melamed

Planned Giving Opportunities

Look for information in the January Connection!



Members of Kol Ami traveled to St. Luke's Church in Brooklyn to help with relief work for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Several generations worked together to lend a hand in preparing food, moving and sorting supplies, and helping in any way they could.

The Annual Fund Campaign

(formerly known as the Kol Nidre Appeal) is still underway, and we are aiming for 100 percent participation from our congregants. The Annual Fund supports the operating budget for the synagogue.

Dues alone do not bring in enough funds to cover all of the extensive programming we offer and maintenance of our buildings and grounds. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your donation, you still have time. As you are planning your end of the year charitable giving, we hope those of you who have not contributed to the Annual Fund will put Kol Ami high up on your list.

Wishing you a healthy and happy holiday season,
Daryl and Michael Moss Ellen and Jonathan Litt
Annual Fund Co-Chairs

FRIDAY SHABBAT WITH FRIENDS

Friday, December 7 — following services at 7:30 pm

At the home of Evelyne and David Klein

Join us at Kol Ami for Friday night services and celebrate Shabbat at dinner with old and new friends in the warmth of a fellow congregant's home.

To enable everyone to participate (not just the hosts) there is a cover charge of \$10.00 per person
Advance sign up is essential as space is limited

Please RSVP to Ilene Miller (imillerkolami@gmail.com or 949-4717 x 111) by December 5
Address provided upon reservation.

SATURDAY HAVDALAH WITH FRIENDS

Saturday, January 26 — 7:00 pm

At the home of Jean and Hank Rouda

To enable everyone to participate (not just the hosts) there is a cover charge of \$10.00 per person.
Advance sign up is essential as space is limited

Please RSVP to Ilene Miller (imillerkolami@gmail.com or 949-4717 x111) by January 25.
Address provided upon reservation.

Shabbat with Friends Dates/Hosts

Dec. 7	Evelyne and David Klein
Jan. 25	Ginny and Brian Ruder
Mar. 8	Judy and Bob Asher
Apr. 19	Lisa Borowitz

Havdalah with Friends Dates/Hosts

Jan. 26	Jean and Hank Rouda
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Hanukkah Celebration!

Adults Only

A Kol Ami Tradition

Monday, December 10, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Enjoy a special Hanukkah dinner
with your Kol Ami friends
at the home of Ruth Goldberg

Light Candles, Eat Latkes, Sing Hanukkah Favorites,
Spin Dreidels, Share in a Grab Bag
(For the Grab Bag — Please bring a wrapped item that you
would like to “regift” or something you find for \$10.00 or less)

If you have a special menorah that you would like to light,
please feel free to bring it.

Please come and bring a friend!
\$25.00 per person — Please RSVP by December 3rd.

Hanukkah Celebration! (Adults Only) — Monday, December 10, 2012

Name(s) _____
of people _____ Amount enclosed _____
Email _____ Phone # _____

Please mail this form and your check, made out to Congregation Kol Ami, to 252 Soundview Ave.,
White Plains, NY 10606. Questions: Call Lisa Borowitz 914-472-5484 or email lborrowitz@ramius.com.



Adult Education

We hope you picked up your copy of the new Adult Education brochure. Copies are available in the office for pickup.

Shema: Jewish Group Spiritual Direction

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

Mondays, 10:30 am - 12 noon
Dec 3

Schulman Chapel in the Woods
Facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax,
Spiritual Care Coordinator
Westchester Jewish Community Services

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

Led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW,
The new WJCS Partners-in-Caring clinician
for Kol Ami
Thursday mornings, 9:15 - 10:30 am
Jewish contemplative practices for clearing the mind,
softening the heart and opening to the One. All
Welcome. No meditation experience necessary.
Schulman Chapel in the Woods

Parenting Workshops

with Susan Davis, LCSW:

Mommy Talk!

Designed for moms and infants
age 2 - 9 months.

Topics at this drop in group will be related to parenting babies at this stage.

We will meet in the Gallery.

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday
Dec. will meet 12/20 only

9:00-10:00 am

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

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

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

2nd Monday of the month
9:30 - 11:30 am

Adolescent Parenting Workshops

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

First & third Thursdays of the month

First Thursday: 9:45 – 11:45 am

Third Thursday: 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

Grandparenting Workshops

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

First Monday of the month
9:15 - 10:45 am

Weekly Torah Study: Parashat Hashavua

Every Friday morning 10:00 – 11:30 am

Led by Kol Ami members

Kol Ami Reads/Book Club

Meets the first Wednesday of every month
throughout the year. 9:15 am

Meets in Room 20

For more information

call Doris Dingott at 289-0869

Mah Jongg and Bridge

Open To All: Experienced and Novice

Wednesdays 11:30 am

Kol Ami Atrium

Email Wendy Roos to be added
to the Mah Jongg email distribution
wendyroos1@aol.com

Wisdom of the Sages

Lunch and Learn at Kol Ami

Bring your lunch and learn with Rabbi Tom. All
are welcome. Lively discussions of the world
and our lives based on some of the provocative
and fascinating
texts of Jewish learning.

Tuesdays, 12:00 noon

Israeli Folk Dance

with Shmulik Gou-Ari*

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

Wednesdays No class 12/26

7:30 – 8:15 pm Beginners

8:15 – 10:00 pm Open Dance

Individual sessions -

\$10 members, \$13 non-members

Current Events

with Beth and Gene Kava

Each session will provide the participants an
opportunity to examine
a current issue of the day in depth.

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

Dec 10; Feb 11 & 25; Mar 18;

Apr 8 & 22; May 6 & 20

Mitzvah Knitz

Together we will knit baby afghans, caps for
Israeli soldiers, and more.

Third Thursday of the month

12:00 noon – 2:00 pm

Hebrew Classes for Adults*

Pending sufficient enrollment

\$150 per semester (scholarships available)

\$180 per semester for non-members

Wednesday Evenings

with Emily Fields

Advanced Beginners - Aleph Isn't Tough

6:30 – 7:30 pm

No class 12/26

Sunday Mornings

with Emily Fields

Advanced Beginners - Aleph Isn't Tough

10:00 – 11:00 am

Intermediate

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

No class 12/23, 12/30

Sunday Mornings

with Alice Seidman

Intermediate/Advanced

Conversational Hebrew, grammar, vocabulary,
reading, and translating current Israeli publica-
tions. An informal learning environment.

9:30 – 10:30 am

No class 12/23, 12/30

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

Women's Roundtable Breakfast

Join Kol Ami's remarkable, multi-generational
women for learning & friendship

With Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Wednesdays, 7:45-9:00 am

12/5, 1/2/2013, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1

Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah

Make New Friends and Ask Great Questions

Tuesdays 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Dec 11, Jan 15 & 29, Feb 12 & 26,

Mar 12, Apr 9

Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Second year of a two year course

Winter Jewish Film Festival

Screening of Israeli films and films
with Jewish content

Selected Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm
in the Petschek Gallery

Moderated by Roger Seti

Free admission & open to the Community

12/4, 1/8, 2/5 & 3/5

12/4: "The Debt" The appearance of a
Nazi war criminal said to have been killed
35 years prior pulls a former Mossad agent
back into her past in this suspense film.
Now, she must prevent the truth—namely
that she let her prisoner escape—from
reaching daylight.

Community Organizing at Kol Ami

As Reform Jews, pursuing justice and working together to create a better world is central to who we are as individuals and as a community. We see brokenness around us, and we seek to be repairers of the breach.... By training ourselves ... in the tools and tradition of community organizing, we grow our capacity to have a meaningful and systemic impact on our communities." (*Just Congregations, Union for Reform Judaism website*)

Almost three years ago, Congregation Kol Ami embarked on a project to "build a congregational community in which action for the public good is integrated with ritual and educational life". And as Rabbi Milgrom put it, "We have no idea what shape the project will take; it is literally in our hands."

We describe here the work of our hands over these last few years and hope you will join your hands with ours as we continue to build relationships among our fellow congregants as well as with like-minded faith-based and other institutions in order to engage in meaningful and transformational change that will result in a better Congregation Kol Ami and Westchester for us all.

Beginning in 2009, congregational volunteers began working with professional community organizers from Metro IAF, an affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation (the

largest network of multi-faith-based community organizations in the U.S.), and we have engaged in training to enable us to identify the concerns and hopes of our membership. Hundreds of conversations have taken place in the form of in-person one-on-one relational meetings, community roundtable discussions, and telephone interviews. From these interactions, the need for affordable, reliable, and safe transportation for our senior population has emerged over and over again.

In November 2011, Congregation Kol Ami joined Westchester United, a growing network of synagogues, churches, mosques and other community organizations working together to build a power base to generate positive social change here in Westchester. Under the auspices of Westchester United, our congregation has been an active participant in the Senior Caucus, conducting research and attending meetings in order to identify resources available in Westchester for senior transportation as well as gaps in services that may exist. Determining what improvements might be made and working with public officials to effect solutions is a goal of Westchester United.

Kol Ami is also represented in Westchester United's Education Caucus. Our work led to Westchester United's first public action, on July 26, 2012, when the 19 member

organizations rallied in support of guaranteeing and protecting access to kindergarten in Westchester. New York is one of only eight states in the nation not requiring school districts to offer kindergarten, and with the recently adopted 2% tax levy cap, there is a real concern that in the future, kindergarten programs may be at risk. In fact, this past year, because of budget constraints, Port Chester considered cutting their full-day kindergarten to half-day. We are concerned that this could happen in other districts in Westchester as well. As a result of Westchester United's spearheading this effort, State Assemblywoman Amy Paulin has agreed to work with us to sponsor legislation to mandate kindergarten in New York State.

At the same time we are seeking to expand our efforts outward into the wider community, we look forward to continuing our work to strengthen our own Kol Ami family, collaborating with other groups within our synagogue to address concerns and ideas raised in our relational meetings. We invite you to join us in any or all of these endeavors. Look for us on the Kol Ami website under Community → Helping Others → Community Organizing. For more information, please contact co-chairs Sheryl Brady sxbrady@verizon.net, Betsy McCormack betsymc@aol.com, or Leslie Wiesen ls20@earthlink.net.

From the Director of Membership and Development

Kol Ami has had a wonderful beginning to the New Year. We have 37 new families and I thank those of you who have shared your enthusiasm for Kol Ami with your friends and neighbors.

Janet

Andrew & Alison Adler & Family
Robert & Nikki Ansell & Family
Keith & Rebecca Blackman & Family
Eleanor Bloom
Judi Brown
Rob & Lisa Eisen & Family
Peter & Susan Epstein & Family
Josh & Maggie Feldman & Family
Gary Ferber & Family
Peter Fisch & Jill Levy-Fisch & Family
Steve Formica & Dena Henle-Formica & Family
Richard & Janette Gee & Family
Evan & Marla Giummarra & Family
Jason Greif & Leanne Hamovich & Family
Lissa Grossman
Adam Hutter & Dana Ross & Family
Erik & Adriane Klein & Family
Marc Kremer & Lara Graff & Family
Scott & Melissa Krochek & Family

Jon & Jen Labovitz & Family
Joshua & Lauren Lappen & Family
Justin & Lindsey Leibowitz & Family
Robert & Ilana Lipsztein & Family
Scott & Danielle Meyer & Family
Michael & Valerie Meyer & Family
Jack Monnissen & Debbie Fogel-Monnissen & Family
Jonathan & Michele Nevitt & Family
Yoram & Melissa Puius & Family
Peter & Bonnie Ripp & Family
Adam & Jennifer Rosen & Family
Staci Rosenberg
Andy & Rachel Sandler & Family
Jared & Amy Sapirstein & Family
David & Sallie Schnier & Family
Steven Svetcov & Kathy Rose & Family
Bill Topf & Caryn Angelson & Family
Howard & Jennifer Weinberg & Family

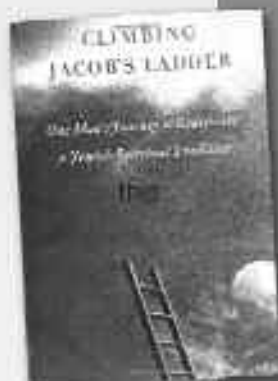
KOL AMI WOMEN'S OASIS AT HOME

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Written Out of History: Our Jewish Foremothers by Emily Taitz and Sondra Henry.

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



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

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

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

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

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

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____

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

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

☐ Session 1

☐ Session 2

☐ Session 3

☐ Session 4



"Hanukkat ha-mizbeyah"

The dedication of our new sanctuary~~~

Shabbat of Hanukkah

Friday

December 14, 2012

<p>5:30 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Shabbat in the Woods € <i>Petschek Gallery</i> <p>5:45 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fifth & Sixth Grade Silent Auction Please support Kol Ami's Junior Youth group as they raise funds for victims of Hurricane Sandy. We will be auctioning off gift baskets for Hanukkah. € <i>Atrium</i> <p>6:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Hanukkah Candle Lighting € <i>Atrium</i> Bring your own menorahs! <p>6:15 pm</p> <p>A Glorious Service!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Shabbat and Dedication Services— Celebrating our new sanctuary <div data-bbox="203 1228 479 1417" data-label="Image"></div> <p>Photo taken September 2012</p>	<p>7:30 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Shabbat Dinner (your choice) € "Quiet Conversation" Shabbat Dinner € Community & Family Shabbat Dinner € Teen Shabbat Dinner € Shabbat Picnic Dinner (we will provide challah, set up, wine, dessert & beverages; you bring your own Shabbat meal) Adults \$25/Children & Teens \$15 Picnickers \$10/Free for children under 5 <p>7:45 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Hanukkah games, Tzedakah Sandwich making and Arts and Crafts with Bonnie Wach € <i>Petschek Gallery</i> <p>8:15 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Supervised Sports and Games with Coach Steve For Children in Grades K-6 € <i>Gym</i> <div data-bbox="592 1333 1039 1480" data-label="Text"> <p>All reservations must be received by 5:00 pm Wed., Dec 12th and are non-refundable unless cancelled 2 days prior to the Synaplex Shabbat.</p> </div>	<p>8:15 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ THE MAIN EVENTS Hanukkah Synaplex— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> € A spectacular family art project with Avi Zukerman, (our own "Art with Avi") There will be an additional charge for art materials. Sign up required.* -OR- € The Jewish mystery of glass – a Hanukkah miracle featuring ark designer and glass artist, Maura Smolover. <p>9:30 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Dessert Oneg ~~~~~ <p>A Hanukkah gift will be given to every member household in celebration of the official release of Cantor Glazman's new CD "Soul on the Seventh Day." This album is a Motown influenced album featuring Cantor Mo and fifteen other musicians and vocalists. This album explores the soul side of liturgical music.</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Save the Dates for 2013 Synaplex Events Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 15, & Apr 12</p>
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CLIP & RETURN TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE NO LATER THAN DEC 12th

Adult Name/s _____

Children's Name/s & Ages _____

Phone # _____ Email address _____

<p>"Quiet Conversation Dinner" Adults Only # Adults _____ @ \$25/ea</p> <p>"Shabbat Picnic Dinner" Adults Only # Adults _____ @ \$10/ea</p>	<p>"Community & Family Dinner" # Adults _____ @ \$25/ea # Children/teens _____ @ \$15/ea # Children _____ under 5 free</p>	<p>*"Art with Avi" Hanukkah Project @ \$18 _____ (Materials cost for art project) SIGN UP FOR PROJECT IS REQUIRED</p>
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PLEASE SEAT US WITH: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED
\$ _____

SEATING IS PLANNED 2 DAYS IN ADVANCE. ANY LAST MINUTE SEATING REQUESTS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.



Mark Your Calendar – Kol Ami Blood Drive

Sunday, December 9, 2012

8:30 AM to 2:30 PM at Congregation Kol Ami

Please make sure there will be blood available when someone needs it. YOU can save lives. Students returning from College are welcome. Give the GIFT OF LIFE. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with written parental/guardian permission) and weigh 110 pounds. People over 75 can continue to donate blood if they meet all donor criteria and present a physician's letter allowing them to donate. There are, however, some medical conditions that can keep someone from giving blood. There are also some restrictions based on past travel. If you have specific questions about your donor eligibility, call 1-800-688-0900 or log on to www.nybloodcenter.org and click on Donate Blood. Chairman David Klein

"For the life of all flesh—its blood is its life." Leviticus 17:14

Whoever saves a life, as if saves an entire world." Mishna Sanhedrin 4:5

MITZVAH KNITZ

We will be meeting on
Thursday
December 13
from noon to 2:00 pm.

Join us.

Knitters of all skill levels
are welcome.

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

Kol Ami Reads Book Club

Catherine the Great

by Robert Massie
December 5, 2012

Caleb's Crossing

by Geraldine Brooks
January 2, 2013

The Fault in Our Stars

by John Green
February 6, 2013

Defending Jacob

by William Landay
March 6, 2013

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

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

got shabbat?

A Spirited Alternative Friday Night Service for Elementary School Families — Adults and Kids Together!

Fridays at 6:15 pm in the Chapel in the Woods at Congregation Kol Ami

Questions? Please contact Rabbinic Intern Rachel Maimin
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We recite these b'rachot on
each night of Hanukkah:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu
b'mitzvotav, vitzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

*Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Source of the Universe, Who teaches us
ways of holiness, and calls us to kindle the light of Hanukkah.*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים
לְאַבֹּתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּיָּמָן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, she'asah nisim
la'avoteinu bayamim hahem bazeman hazeh.

*Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Source of the Universe, Who has done
miracles for our ancestors in days of old, [and] at this time.*

We also recite the Shehecheyanu
on the first night of Hanukkah:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחַיָּנוּ, וְקִיָּמָנוּ,
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, shehecheyanu,
v'kiyemanu, v'higianu lazeman hazeh.

*Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Source of the Universe, Who
has given us life, sustained us and brought us to this time.*



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Repairing the World — Tikkun Olam



Jacob Hack, Congregation Kol Ami Bar Mitzvah class of 1992, Confirmation Class of 1995, uses our Temple's gas grill at MCU Park in Coney Island to cook meals for 1,000 residents of Coney Island, Brighton Beach and surrounding communities who were flooded out by Hurricane Sandy. In a cooperative effort with the Brooklyn Farragut Lions Club and the NYC Law Firm of Gallet Dreyer & Berkey, we cooked and served 480 hamburgers, 400 hot dogs and over 100 pounds of rice and vegetables for seven hours to local residents who were at a parking lot outside the Brooklyn Cyclones ball-park to get cleaning supplies, diapers, underwear and other necessities.

Mitzvah Project — Matthew Reynolds is collecting clothing for donation to The Sharing Shelf, an organization of Family Services of Westchester, helping to clothe needy children from toddlers to teens. At this time, there is a need for NEW packaged underwear and socks in all sizes, for boys or girls, especially youth sizes. Matthew is also asking for donations of new or gently used (please wash first if used) jeans, sweat pants, and winter jackets – all sizes welcome. A donation box has been placed near the office.

Volunteer needed to represent Kol Ami at SHORE'S monthly meetings

Sheltering the Homeless is Our Responsibility (SHORE) was founded in 1985 on behalf of people with housing needs. SHORE helps homeless families in Central Westchester find permanent housing. Since 1990, SHORE has developed 22 new units of affordable housing, including 15 rentals and/or home ownerships.

For more information, contact: Harley Lewis, 949-0189 or Gene Kava, 428-9362.

MITZVAH CORPS

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

Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 2:30 pm

The Esplanade, 95 S. Broadway, White Plains

Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 2:30 pm

Port Chester Nursing Home, 1000 High St., Port Chester

Questions? Please contact Murray Shapiro, 946-7789

COOKING FOR THE HOMELESS

Meets in the Kol Ami Kitchen

For Sunday Information: Nancy Marcus - 725-7231

For Monday Information: Laura Green - 949-6113

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

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

If you are interested in chairing Monday Cooking for the Homeless in 2013, please contact Laura Green at 949-6113.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE: B'nai Mitzvah of Mark Perlman & Matthew Reynolds
2 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Interfaith Family Meeting 9:30 am Intermed/Adv. Adult Hebrew with A. Seidman 10:00 am Adult Adv. Beginners Hebrew with E. Fields 11:15 am Adult Intermed. Hebrew with E. Fields	3 9:15 am Grandparenting Class with S. Davis 10:30 am Spiritual Directions Group	4 12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages Class 7:30 pm Sisterhood (WRJ) Meeting	5 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 7:45 am Women's Roundtable Breakfast 9:15 am Kol Ami Reads Book Club 6:00 pm Or Chadash Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Adult Adv. Beginners Hebrew 7:30 pm Israeli Dancing	6 9:15 am Jewish Meditation 12:00 pm Adolescent Parenting Group	7 10:00 am Torah Study 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary 6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE	8 EREV CHANUKKAH-LIGHT FIRST CANDLE SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Justin Gordon
9 LIGHT SECOND CANDLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 8:30 am Blood Drive 9:30 am Intermed/Adv. Adult Hebrew with A. Seidman 10:00 am Adult Advanced Beginners Hebrew with E. Fields 11:15 am Adult Intermediate Hebrew with E. Fields	10 LIGHT THIRD CANDLE 11:00 am Current Events Class 8:00 pm KABRO Board Meeting	11 LIGHT FOURTH CANDLE 12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages 8:00 pm Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class	12 LIGHT FIFTH CANDLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 11:30 am Mah Jongg & Bridge 6:00 pm Or Chadash Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Adult Advanced Beginners Hebrew 7:30 pm Israeli Dancing	13 LIGHT SIXTH CANDLE 9:15 am Jewish Meditation 12:00 pm Mitzvah Knitz 7:45 pm Congregational Choir Rehearsal	14 LIGHT SEVENTH CANDLE 10:00 am Torah Study HANUKKAH SYNAPLEX AND DEDICATION OF OUR SANCTUARY 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary	15 LIGHT EIGHTH CANDLE SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Falk
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December 14, 2012

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Rabbis

Shira Milgrom
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