



On Friday night, January 11, 2013
Congregation Kol Ami's Synaplex
will present a screening of the short film
David and Goliath

12 Minutes you will never forget!
The true story of a man, a dog and the Holocaust.



In only 12 minutes the film chronicles the real life events of David Bako, a Jewish resistance fighter, who flees for his life as he is being hunted by Nazi soldiers. He encounters a ferocious German Shepherd, who ultimately becomes his savior. This powerful and very moving film demonstrates not only relationships between men but also the bond between man and dog.

Screening will be followed by a discussion of the film led by Briggite Bako, daughter of Mr. Bako and the film's producer. The film has won over 30 awards at various festivals worldwide including the prestigious Audience Award, making it eligible for an Academy Award for which it was considered.

Israel Adventure with Rabbi Tom Weiner
August 14-25, 2013 — See Page 14.

Visit Berlin and Krakow with Rabbi Shira September 29-October 8. Learn more
http://www.arzaworld.com/Flipbook/Congregation_kol_ami_white_plains/#/1/

SERVICES

Friday, January 4

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in
Sanctuary

6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel

Saturday, January 5

SPIRITUAL LIFT

9:00 am Coffee and community in Chapel

9:30 am Study in Chapel

10:30 am LIFT SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Brady
in Sanctuary

4:30 pm ECP HAVDALAH IN PAJAMAS

Friday, January 11

Synaplex Evening

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in
Sanctuary

6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel

Saturday, January 12

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 Alex Mayeri in Sanctuary

4:00 pm TEQUILA & TALMUD: WRJ Havdalah Event

Friday, January 18

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in
Sanctuary

6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel

Saturday, January 19

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

11:00 am SERVICE

5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE: Bar
Mitzvah of Alistair Gluck in Sanctuary

Friday, January 25

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in
Sanctuary

6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel

Saturday, January 26

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

11:00 am SERVICE

10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah
of Ruthie Yankwitt in Sanctuary

Friday, February 1

YAD B'YAD FAMILY & PEER MENTOR
SHABBAT

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in
Sanctuary

6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel

Saturday, February 2

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 Jenna Nadasdi in SanctuaryAn Important Message from
our Executive Director

Our congregation's safety continues to be our highest priority. Enhanced security measures are in place and are under constant review for further improvements as deemed necessary.

Jane S. Friedberg

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 January

Week ending January 5, 2013

Parashat Shemot Exodus 1:1-6:1

This week we begin the book of Exodus. In Hebrew, the name of the book and its first parashah is *Shemot*, meaning "names," referring to the names of the Israelites who come to Egypt with Jacob. A new Pharaoh who does not have direct experience with Joseph took control of Egypt. The Israelites are enslaved. Moses is born and in turn "gives birth" to the people of Israel.

Week ending January 12, 2013

Parashat Va'era Exodus 6:2-9:35

God speaks to Moses, confirming the covenant that was made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The pleas of the enslaved Israelites have been heard by the Eternal, and God instructs Moses to promise them redemption. God also commands Moses to speak to Pharaoh and demand that he liberate the people of Israel. Pharaoh refuses to release the slaves and God causes plagues on the Egyptians in order to change Pharaoh's mind.

Week ending January 19, 2013

Parashat Bo Exodus 10:1-13:16

This parasha begins with a reiteration of God's challenge to Pharaoh to change his behavior while at the same time making it more difficult for him to do so. It concludes with the freeing of the Israelites from bondage. God tells Moses and Aaron that the people must remember how God freed them from bondage.

Week ending January 26, 2013

Parashat B'shalach Exodus 13:17-17:16

Pharaoh finally releases the Israelites from Egypt, only to change his mind again and chase after them with a force of 600 chariots. God parts the waters at the Sea of Reeds, and the Israelites are freed from slavery once and for all. The Egyptians who are pursuing them are drowned as the Sea once again closes. The liberated Israelite slaves celebrate when they are safe on the other side, and are led by Moses' sister Miriam in singing and dancing *Mi Chamocho*.

Tipping the Balance—a New Year's Reflection

The *New York Times* on the Sunday of the last week in November highlighted a front-page story about the dismal future of New York City: a huge photo of the Statue of Liberty—under water—with the caption: 50-100-200 years. The storm, questions about the capacity of our cities' infrastructures to take care of us, and an increasingly fragile and volatile eco-system have created a new undercurrent of anxiety. Add to that the elections, Israel's vulnerability and the violence in the Middle East—and it seems like there is an unending list of important things hanging in the balance.

Last weekend, David and I went to see the film *Lincoln*. I was surprised to realize that the 13th amendment to the constitution – ending slavery, affirming the equality of all men (!) in the United States before the law – passed by only 2 votes. And that was among the non-slave states of the North! We long for important changes to be swept by 80% agreement among our community. But perhaps many important changes are made

just by tipping the balance. Tipping the balance toward peace; tipping the balance for energy conservation; tipping the balance for human rights.

If that is true—that it's about tipping the balance—it means that what we do as individuals, what we do as one congregation, can make a critical difference.

For much of the past weeks, I have felt this underlying anxiety—and I felt despairing and stressed. The world indeed felt like everything was hanging in the balance. Until I realized that perhaps it's always been that way, life has always been “hanging in the balance”—and our choice is to give up—or engage. Two thousand years ago, the rabbis who lived under Roman oppression were asked by their students if they could attend gladiator events in the Colosseum. The rabbis hesitated: Support an institution that degrades and desecrates life? Maybe that's the last place a Jew should be. But then, on the other hand, perhaps it's the essential

place for a Jew to be. They reasoned: At the end of each event, Colosseum spectators had the chance to vote – thumbs up or down—to kill or keep alive the losing contestant. The rabbis ending up ruling that where you have the chance to choose life, you can and must show up. So now, more than ever, it is important for us to throw our hat into the ring—to engage in the social, economic, political and moral issues of our times. Everything you do matters; we can tip the balance for a more caring, safer and more peaceful world.

Wishing for each of us that we will find the resolve and passion to make 2013 a better year for us and for our world,

Shira



Ritual Riches: *On Receiving an Aliyah*

Are the old men watching me with their beady eyes from under their heavy prayer-shawls? Is Mom up in the front row of the balcony with the rest of the women talking to them about me? My father nudges me and says, “Go, go. You have an aliyah. What are you waiting for?” I look towards the men standing around the Torah on the bimah, the platform. It looks like a mile. I walk toward them...quickly, because “you should walk with energy toward the Torah, it's a mitzvah.” I hope I don't make a mistake in the haftarah or the blessings beforehand. I hope I don't forget the words...

Wait a minute! I'm now in my seventies! What am I talking about? It's an aliyah! I've done it so many times. Why does that imprint from those early years in an orthodox shul linger ghost-like in my mind?

It's not the same now. This is Kol Ami. There's a pull toward the Torah and the people around it that gradually infuses those early memories with a very different feeling. Now, with an aliyah at Kol Ami there's a coming together of surprisingly kindred spirits marveling at the miracle of Torah, the mysteries of ancient wisdoms, sharing hopes, sensing each other's kinship as we stand Saturdays during the “Lift” and sing the blessings. How appropriate, I think to myself, that we experience an Aliyah, (an ascent) at the “Lift.” No small coincidence.

I look back and recall the journey from my orthodox family, my Hebrew education, my first un-kosher meal at college, my career as an actor, an ocean of experiences far removed from the rigors and boundaries of

traditional “Yiddishkeit.” Now, as the light of the morning sun slowly fills the Chapel in the Woods on Saturdays, I find myself grateful for those early hesitations in going up to the bimah for an aliyah. I see them as early links forged into a long chain of experience, culminating now in a deeply felt tribal anchor of my Jewish origins. Those old men aren't frowning beneath their prayer-shawls. Mom still smiles silently down from the women's balcony in that old shul. Dad is probably nodding approvingly, though still perhaps wondering what will become of me. And I sing out.

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

Interfaith Committee in Action

The Interfaith Committee welcomes all congregants to our revitalized group! Join us for a Havdalah/Cocktail Party in February, a lively morning coffee & discussion in April, and a June evening event (*dates to be determined*).

Please look for announcements on upcoming Interfaith events in the *Connection* and *This Week at Kol Ami*.

To subscribe to our mailing list, for more information, or just to chat with other congregants in interfaith families, please contact Sean Reynolds at 914.659-8206 or whoisthatguy@optonline.net, or Liz Mueller at 914.393.3570 or emcnamara@uwalumni.com.

From Our Co-Presidents: *A Truly Memorable Evening*

It is particularly meaningful that the dedication of our new sanctuary took place on the Shabbat of Hanukkah. The December Connection noted, "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. " On December 14, we celebrated our beautiful new sacred space.

The service opened with the same prayer with which the first sanctuary of the JCC/Congregation Kol Ami was dedicated 55 years ago. We remembered our history, expressed gratitude for our shared accomplishment and looked to the future- from generation to generation, L'Dor Va'Dor. We expressed thanks to those without whom this dream could not have been realized. The service was exquisite and the view of, and from, the new bima was a gift that cannot be adequately described. Prayer, learning, music, song, dance, tears and laughter all had a place during the dedication.

After the celebration, and for the days that followed, we received letters, phone calls

and emails from some of those who participated and attended. The following are excerpts of just a few of those:

"Let me join in now, in what I assume will be wonderful accolades for an amazing job on the sanctuary and the dedication. It felt so wonderful being there and knowing this is our home for many years to come. Aside from the sheer beauty and comfort, it brought joy to me to see some of the elderly walk up the ramp holding a handrail. To all those who labored so hard, a heartfelt thanks."

"What a wonderful service and evening. Many thanks to all of you for planning and executing it and handling with grace and sensitivity the tragic event of the day."

"There is a wonderful energy in the building due in no small part to people who give so much of themselves."

"I was amazed and joyous as I watched you dancing and singing in the most glorious spiritual place I have been. I had tears running down my cheeks, euphorically happy

that the incredibly difficult work inspired and led by you over these years came to fruition to the mutual benefit of our board, clergy and our wonderful extended Kol Ami family. The connections from past to present so evident throughout this magnificent structure were equaled metaphorically and emotionally for me as I watched past and present presidents hugging and embracing in front of our new indescribably glorious ark."

We cannot express our gratitude and appreciation often enough to all who contributed to this campaign, to the members of the Building and Capital Campaign Committees, to our incomparable clergy and to our professional staff. We are honored to serve as your co-presidents and wish everyone happiness, good health and peace in 2013.

*With affection and gratitude,
Ronnie and Mark*



Making a Difference: *Planned Bequests*

"As my parents planted before me, so shall I plant for my children."

TALMUD

Many members of Congregation Kol Ami (the former Jewish Community Center of White Plains) have had a connection with this congregation for decades.

You have attended weddings and welcomed babies into the Jewish world; your children have celebrated Bar and Bat Mitzvahs; your children and grandchildren have grown up in the Early Childhood Program, Religious School and Youth Programs. At funerals of loved ones and friends, we have celebrated and honored life. You have prayed at High Holidays led by our incomparable clergy. Shabbat Synaplex, Passover Seders, Purim Spiels, Adult Education, have filled your lives with joy, connection and meaning. There is something for everyone at Kol Ami, regardless of age and interest, and innumerable congregants have given considerable time and energy to create this community.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of so many of you- of all ages and at all stages of life - Congregation Kol Ami remains a dynamic, vibrant entity, with a stellar Clergy and Administration, with programs for everyone and a beautiful new Sanctuary.

There is one more thing we can do to insure that Congregation Kol Ami continues to thrive, and that is to create a Planned Giving program - The Kol Ami Legacy Society.

Planned Giving is a unique form of giving that should not be confused with other kinds of gifts. As you may know, the Annual Fund supports the annual operating budget; the Capital Campaign supports special projects such as the recent renovation of the Sanctuary. Planned Giving allows for the establishment of an Endowment Fund, to ensure the future financial stability and security of Congregation Kol Ami, and the continuation of this vibrant community.

Why should you consider Planned Giving, or naming an organization as a beneficiary of your estate? After your heirs are taken care of, a Planned Bequest perpetuates what you believe in, the organizations that you value, the ideals you have lived by, and your wishes for the future. It provides Tzedakah; the peace of mind and personal satisfaction that comes from knowing that the legacy you have worked to create will reflect your values and be distributed according to your wishes.

When making or considering a Planned Bequest naming Congregation Kol Ami as a

beneficiary of your estate, you are expressing your wish to:

- Have Congregation Kol Ami continue its remarkable dedication to Jewish spiritual, educational, cultural and social fulfillment for generations to come;
- Create a legacy during your lifetime that embodies your commitment to Judaism and your ideals for Jewish community and life;
- Explore potential tax and other benefits, which should be discussed with your attorney or estate planner.
- Know that the significance of your lives continues to bless our world even beyond your days on this earth.

Each month, a Planned Giving column in The Connection will discuss topics regarding the importance of wills; how to get started; issues to consider and discuss with your families and attorneys. We encourage you to contact Evelyne Klein, Chair, Planned Giving Committee at 914-761-7659; or Janet Hershey, Director of Membership and Development at 914-949-4717, with any questions.

Please note that all information and inquiries will be kept in the strictest of confidence.

From the Religious School



I hope everyone had the chance for rest and recharging during the break. We return to school full speed ahead. There's lots to do and so much to learn.

As you know if you're in our building on Sunday mornings, the Religious School provides coffee and bagels. This has become a wonderful tradition on Sunday mornings. You can drop your child off at their class and hang out with other parents over coffee and bagels. Like so many things we are able to provide, this is provided through your support. By making a donation to our Bagel Fund and becoming a bagel sponsor we are able to continue to provide this really nice way to start our Sunday mornings. If you haven't ever been a bagel sponsor, please consider making a donation to our Bagel Fund in honor of a special person or special occasion. The sponsor form is on the bot-

tom of the weekly *Gold Standard*. Complete your details and include your check and we'll happily acknowledge your sponsorship with a sign in the café on Sunday morning!

The Religious School Committee is proud to sponsor a new parenting group with Susan Davis. The group will meet once a month on the second Sunday from 9:15am – 10:45am in the Schulman Chapel in the Woods. Our first meeting will be Sunday, January 13th. We'll provide bagels and coffee and Susan will provide a supportive environment in which to share your parenting challenges and victories and learn from each other.

Now that the winter is upon us and the weather grows cold and potentially snowy, we want to make sure everyone knows that if there is snow, the Cushman Road entrance is CLOSED. We do not plow this road and it is slippery. Please do not use this road. In addition, please remember to be courteous and drive slowly when entering and exiting

our parking lot. Temple volunteers will assist in traffic control whenever possible; remember, they are there to assure the safety of our children.

Passover falls at the end of March this year! In preparation, we will begin our annual Passover Candy Sale fundraiser at the end of January. Please support our school by purchasing Passover Candy from us! Information will be distributed at the end of the month!

How lucky are we... we get to celebrate a new year twice each year! If there were promises or resolutions you made in the fall, but haven't quite gotten to, now's your chance! It's my hope that this new year, 2013, brings peace, prosperity and joy to all of you.

Felice

Support our Religious School!

Our annual

PASSOVER CANDY SALE

is taking place during the months of January–March.

We will be selling BARTONS kosher for Passover confections.

All the proceeds from the sale support programs and activities in our Religious School.

No order is too small.

Let us take care of your Passover holiday needs!

Order Forms will be available at the end of January.

On-line ordering is also available! Thank You for your support!

Meet Our New Members

In the months to come we hope to introduce many of our newest members to our more established congregants. Say hello and give hugs whenever you have the chance.



JUDI BROWN

A warm welcome to Judi Brown who lives in Hartsdale and is the Chief Development Officer for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA), working in Manhattan. She grew up in Queens and was a member of the synagogue in Poughkeepsie to which her mother belonged. Always considering herself very spiritual if not very religious, Judi decided to search for a spiritual home closer to her own home. Her first local synagogue visit was to a Friday night service this past summer in our chapel. Her search ended. She found the service beautiful, peaceful and comfortable; the people welcoming.

Judi has a 28 year old son Zac who lives in San Diego and is a high school history teacher. Zac spent two of his very early years traveling with mom and dad in their motor home through some 28 states. Judi sees Zac often as her work requires frequent travel, many times traveling to the west coast. She has worked in non-profit fundraising for three decades, having joined the CCFA in 2006 after spending five years at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as Vice President for Major and Planned Giving. Judi is a frequent lecturer and has served on a variety of non-profit boards. She is a Past President of the Association of Development Officers.

Judi loves the outdoors. She hikes, kayaks and is a birder. She is a marathon walker, participating in marathons and half-marathons usually to raise money for charity. She is committed to community service and community action. She is a poet; her first collection of poetry is awaiting publication. She belongs to a group called the Poetry Caravan. The Caravan travels to nursing homes and hospitals, reading their own poetry and the poetry of others. She particularly likes this kind of service – when you can look people in the eye.

Judi has found Kol Ami to be a place that brings people together. It is what she was hoping, but not expecting, to find. She hopes to learn more about who she is and more about her Jewish heritage.



STACI ROSENBERG

Greetings to Staci Rosenberg, a resident of White Plains since 1995. Staci joined Kol Ami this past fall after attending Friday Shabbat services for several years. She recalls attending a Shabbat service back in 2007 as the first step in her quest to find spirituality and community. She found warmth in the service and warmth in the people whom she met. She kept coming back.

Staci graduated from SUNY at New Paltz and received her MSW from Fordham. She is a psychotherapist (LCSW-R) and life coach with offices in White Plains,

Scarsdale and the Bronx. Empowering people to make changes in their lives is her therapeutic mission. Additionally, her interests also extend to her work with LGBT (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender) youth and adults. She runs a group that meets every other Monday, has led a group with high school students as a volunteer in Scarsdale, and is reaching out to guidance counselors and social workers in local schools to help engage individuals. Many teens need help in understanding themselves as well as dealing with parental and school relationships.

Staci grew up in Katonah in a non-religious home. She recalls being in high school and, once able to drive, without any parental encouragement, she attended Temple Shaaray Tefila yearly for Yom Kippur services. She has one brother, Bryan, who also lives in White Plains with his family. She likes theater, movies, live music but, most importantly to Staci, she loves bringing people together. She has started "Suburban Jewish Professionals—Networking and Socializing," a community of people—not all single – in their 30s, 40s and 50s. (See these two web addresses: www.facebook.com/SuburbsJewishProfessionals and www.meetup.com/SuburbanJewishProfessionalsSocializing-Networking/) Activities include socializing, networking, and having fun. Events are scheduled in many different venues including Shabbat services and other synagogue activities. Staci is encouraging Kol Ami staff to help get the word out and is working with other local synagogues and the JCC.

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.

Kol Ami's New Twentysomething Group



If you have adult children living in the New York City area, please contact Suzanne Fromm, Rabbis' Study, 949-4717 x 114 to give her their emails, phones, etc

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

MUSIC OF FREEDOM

THE INTERFAITH CONNECTION AND WESTCHESTER MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. INSTITUTE FOR NONVIOLENCE
PRESENT A COMMUNITY EVENT IN HONOR OF

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

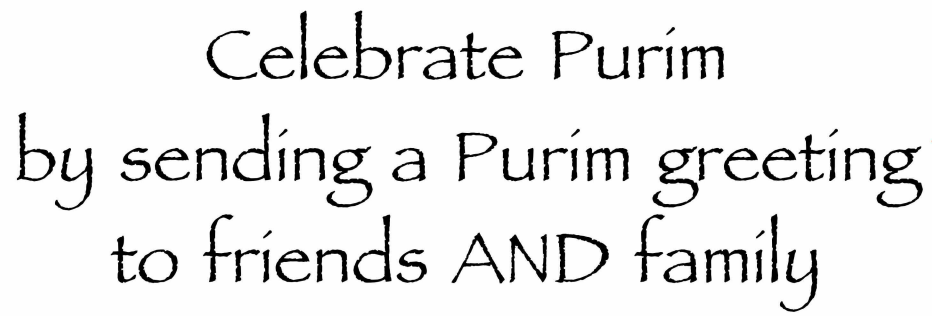
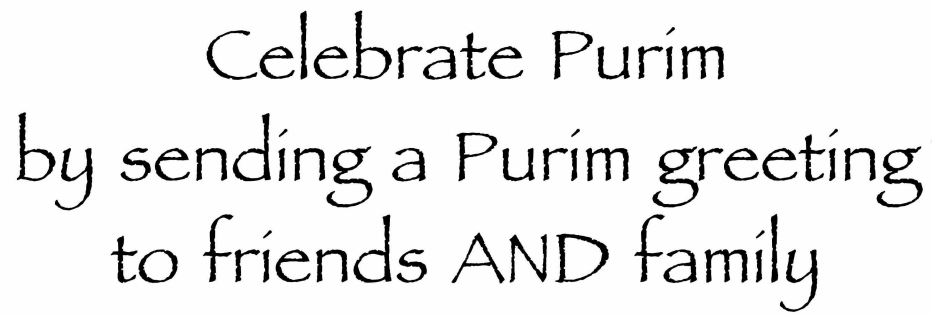
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Performances by local religious and spiritual groups

**Amir Vahab Ensemble • Congregation Kol Ami Choir • Little Mount Zion Holy Church
Memorial United Methodist Choir • Mt. Hope A.M.E. Zion Church Inspirational Choir
Shinnyo-En Buddhist Temple – Choral Prayer & Ceremonial Taiko Drums**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE CONCERT
NO ADMISSION CHARGE. THERE WILL BE A FREE-WILL OFFERING.
TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

For information contact MLK Institute, 914-949-6555 or info@mlkwestchester.org

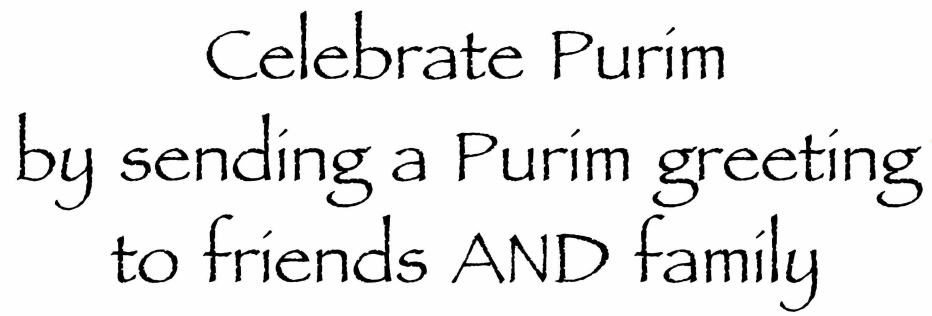


Celebrate Purim
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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM OF CONGREGATION KOL AMI PRESENTS

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 – 10:30 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.



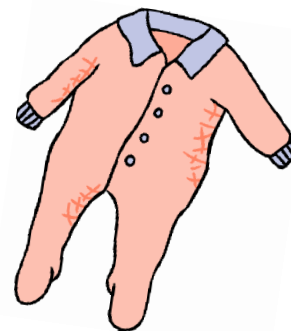
The Early Childhood Program of Congregation Kol Ami
 Invite all families with young children to
A Havdalah and Sh'ma Pajama Party!



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

More Friends for Shabbat!

In case you haven't heard, Kol Ami's **Shabbat/Havdalah with Friends** dinners have been a resounding success. **Shabbat and Havdalah with Friends** has filled us with food, wine, conversation and laughter. Best of all, these gatherings have been part of our goal to build a community of caring, sharing and love. There are still many dates to choose from and we are always looking for more hosts. Hosts can choose to invite guests for dinner, for coffee and dessert, or for drinks and appetizers. If you would like to host a meal, or if you have any questions please contact Ilene Miller at imillerkolami@gmail.com or 914-949-4717 x111.

2013 DATES

Shabbat with Friends...

Jan 25 hosted by Ginny and Brian Ruder
 Mar 8 hosted by Bob and Judy Asher
 Apr 19 hosted by Lisa Borowitz
 May 3 hosted by Susan and Paul Davis

Havdalah with Friends...

Jan 26 hosted by Jean and Hank Rouda

Save the Date: Shabbat Across Kol Ami Friday, March 1, 2013!

Mark your calendars. It's not too soon to think about hosting some friends at your house for this fun, community-building event. Contact Wendy Zimmermann (wendyzimm@yahoo.com) or Heather Zuckerman (hlzuckerman@gmail.com) if you are interesting in hosting a Shabbat dinner.

Important Message from our Executive Director

It has been brought to my attention that people are using the Cushman Road entrance as an exit. This creates a dangerous situation for all users. The Cushman Road entrance is clearly marked as a one-way entrance only. Please use the other Kol Ami exits when leaving our property. Please remember that this entrance is closed once there is snow. We do not plow the back parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation.



Raising resilient, self reliant children...

A Sunday morning discussion group for parents.

Join us the second Sunday of each month

9:15am—10:45am

Kol Ami Chapel-In-The-Woods

First session Sunday, January 13th

Susan Davis, LCSW will facilitate

HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES SAVE THE DATE - JAN 16 6PM-7:45



6-6:30pm - Costa Rica Info Evening

Students going on the trip and their families invited to hear important information and ask questions. Please stay for:

6:30- 7:45PM - LOVE, SEX AND FAITH: QUESTIONS TEENS AND PARENTS ASK

- Presentation on Love,sex and faith
- Open conversation between adults and all students grades 9-12.
- Students and their own families will be seated separately
- A trusting and confidential atmosphere



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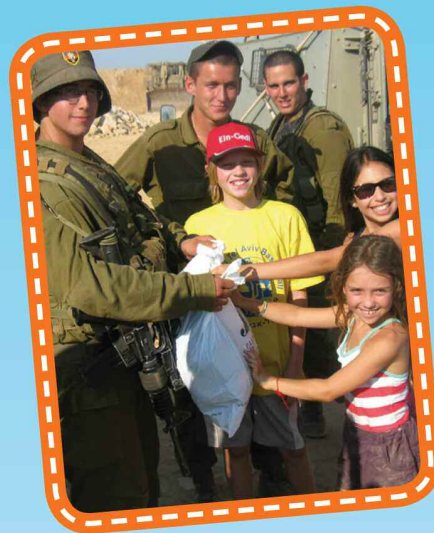
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August 14–25, 2013

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- Wade through Hezekiah's water tunnel, built 2,700 years ago in Jerusalem
- Explore the Talmudic City of Zippori
- Meet young IDF soldiers
- Hike to the Nahal David oasis at the Ein Gedi nature reserve in the Judean desert
- Ride camels at Kfar Hanokdim followed by a Bedouin "hafla" dinner
- Join Beit Tefilah Yisraeli for a lively Kabbalat Shabbat service
- Discuss Jewish Political Morality
- Hands-on workshop at the De Karina Chocolate Factory



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JANUARY 11, 2013

DOG SAVES MAN - 12 Minutes you will never forget!

5:00 pm

- ◆ **Explorations in Jewish Music with Cantor Mo Glazman and special guest Cantorial Soloist Jacob Feldman**
From Offenbach's influence on the operettas of 19th century Europe to Gershwin's and Bernstein's modernization of the operatic form through Sondheim's masterful synthesis of Broadway and Opera, Jewish composers have always been on the forefront of theatrical innovation and influence. Experience these great composers and their timeless works in a lecture performance by opera singer and Cantorial Soloist Jacob Feldman.
€ Main Sanctuary

5:30 pm

- ◆ **Shabbat in the Woods**
€ Petschek Gallery

6:00 pm

- ◆ **Unwind with Hors d'oeuvres**
€ Atrium

6:15 pm

- ◆ **Shabbat Services**
€ Main Sanctuary

All reservations must be received by 5:00 pm Wed., Jan 9th and are non-refundable unless cancelled 2 days prior to the Synaplex Shabbat.

- ◆ **Got Shabbat? Shabbat together –** for elementary school children and parents.
€ Schulman Chapel in the Woods

- ◆ **Torah Study**
€ Conference Room

7:15 pm

- ◆ **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 5 & under

7:30 pm

- ◆ **Tzedakah Sandwich making and Arts and Crafts with Bonnie Wach**
€ Petschek Gallery

8:00 pm

- ◆ **Supervised Sports and Games with Coach Steve**
For Children in Grades K-6
€ Gym

8:00 pm

- ◆ **THE MAIN EVENT**
Dog Saves Man – 12 Minutes you will never forget!

Screening of "David and Goliath", a short film written and directed by George Zaverdas. Set in 1943, Czechoslovakia, David, a Jew fleeing for his life from Nazis finds refuge and ultimately a ferocious German Shepherd becomes his savior. The film is based on the true story of resistance fighter David Bako. Screening will be followed by a discussion of the film led by Brigitte Bako, daughter of Mr. Bako and the film's producer. This powerful and very moving film demonstrates not only relationships between men but also the bond between man and dog. The film has won over 30 awards at various festivals Worldwide including the prestigious Audience award making it eligible for an academy award for which it was considered.

9:30 pm

- ◆ **Dessert Oneg**

**Save the Dates for 2013
Synaplex Events**

Feb 8, Mar 15, & Apr 12

CLIP & RETURN TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE NO LATER THAN JAN 9th

Adult Name/s

Children's Name/s &

Ages

Phone #

Email address

"Quiet Conversation Dinner" Adults Only
Adults _____ @ \$25/ea

"Community & Family Dinner"
Adults _____ @ \$25/ea
Children/teens _____ @ \$15/ea
Children _____ 5 & under free

"Shabbat Picnic Dinner" Adults Only
Adults _____ @ \$10/ea

PLEASE SEAT US WITH:

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED
\$ \$ _____

Meet Our Worship Committee Co-Chairs

The Worship Committee works with the clergy as an advisory, brainstorming, planning, and implementation group. They work on special services and worship-related programs and have been involved in such projects as the Kol Ami Mourning Booklet and the monthly Ritual Riches column in the Connection. The Committee also coordinates lay participation in the High Holy Day services. They would enthusiastically welcome anyone interested in working on the committee!

George Shapiro has just joined Sheryl Brady as co-chair of the committee. Sheryl grew up at Kol Ami and went through Hebrew School and Religious School through 12th grade. She has been very active and has served on a number of committees over the years. She is also a co-chair of Community Organizing and was on the Board. George is new to Kol Ami. He and his wife Linda joined last September. Both Sheryl and George attend Friday night services and the Saturday morning Lift regularly. Sheryl writes, "If I miss either

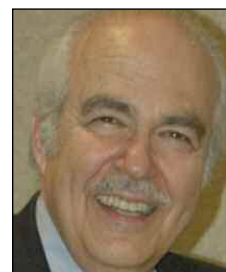
one, my week seems incomplete! Even when I was a teen, I attended Friday night services and my parents would drop me off at the Temple if they had other plans."



Sheryl has a Ph.D. in mathematics from Cornell University. She was a math professor at Purchase College, SUNY until her third child was born. She and

Steve, her husband of 31 years, have four children. Three are in college—Victor is a senior at Swarthmore College, Gigi is in her junior year at Oberlin College and Conservatory, Shaina is a freshman at Pomona College, and Jacob is a freshman at White Plains High School. Jacob will soon become a Bar Mitzvah. All four have been very active at the Temple, and the older three served as Assistant Teachers and went to Religious School through 12th grade. They all sang with Or Chadash and performed in the

Drama Club at Kol Ami. Sheryl also does volunteer work with the White Plains Public Schools and currently serves on the White Plains Board of Education.



George is an actor and has appeared on Broadway, off Broadway and on television (professional name George Guidall). He is currently one

of the audiobook industry's busiest narrators, having narrated over 900 books. He also has a CSW, having graduated from Hunter College School of Social Work, and has practiced as a social worker. George and Linda have two children, Keren, the mother of two, works at the Hospital of Special Surgery in Manhattan and their younger daughter Mia, a member of Kol Ami, who is a medical social worker at White Plains Hospital. Mia has their constant gratitude for bringing them into the Kol Ami community.



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM — "Sisterhood"

A golden chain, a treasured gift to a young girl, a gift that grew with every charm added. How many of us had such a chain and waited anxiously for that special charm: a tennis racket, a golden cheerleader, the Star of David? This chain of gold was a legacy of our teen-age years. And as it linked our growing years together, so does tradition link all Jewish women, one to another.

This chain of tradition was a link between a Jewish mother in America to a Jewish mother in a concentration camp. The chain once linked the Jewish family in Westchester to a Jewish family fleeing the oppression of the Soviet Union. The ever-reaching chain continues to stretch beyond our Jewish community to include Tzedakah support for all.

We are a people who glory in life, who raise our glasses to proclaim "l'chaim". May we, as wives, mothers, sisters, friends and leaders of our Jewish community continue the traditions that have kept our religion alive, through inspirational pro-

grams, cultural and spiritual education, charitable deeds and nurturing of future generations with the shining clasp of the chain, our Sisterhood at Kol Ami.

It is our tradition which has added the charms of caring and love to our ever growing family of amazing women.

JOIN SISTERHOOD TODAY.

Ellen Kurtz, Sisterhood President

(Adapted from "Covenant of the Heart")

WRJ Dates to Save:

Tequila and Talmud - Jan. 12 - see pg. 19
Purim Baskets - deadline Jan. 13 - see pg. 8
Chefs of Sisterhood - Feb. 2 - see pg. 20

TEQUILA AND TALMUD

SPONSORED BY WRJ SISTERHOOD

An intimate home gathering for women

Saturday January 12, 2013 • 4:00 - 6:30 pm

Led by Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Drinks, Snacks and Lively Discussion

(Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available.)

Closing with Havdalah

Dessert and Coffee

\$18.00 with paid up Sisterhood membership* \$25.00 Non-Members

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS (WITH PAYMENT) REQUIRED
HOME LOCATION PROVIDED TO ALL REGISTRANTS PRIOR TO THE EVENT

*Sisterhood membership (\$40) may be paid with registration for this event.

Tequila & Talmud – Jan 12, 2013

Please send reservation form and check (PAYABLE TO WRJ SISTERHOOD)
to Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Ave, White Plains, NY 10606

NAME _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

of Sisterhood members @ \$18 _____ Total Amt \$ _____

of non-members @ \$25 _____ Total Amt \$ _____

You may become a Sisterhood member for an additional \$40

Your check will serve as your registration for this event.

*An intimate home gathering for women
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CHEFS OF SISTERHOOD

*A fundraising event to support
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*Join us for a “Pampered Chef” demonstration and
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dessert, coffee, and Havdalah.*

*Saturday, February 2nd
3:30-6 p.m.*

(Location to be announced to all registrants prior to the event.)

ADMISSION IS FREE.

*To register please contact
Ilene Miller at (914) 949 -4717 EXT. 111 or
Imillerkolami@gmail.com
Advanced Registrations Required.*

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THE OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE A PORTION OF YOUR PURCHASES TO
GILDA’S CLUB WESTCHESTER.*



FEBRUARY 10, 2013

On Sunday, February 10th, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Congregation Kol Ami will be transformed into a mini-golf course.

PRICE (includes admission and 18 holes of mini-golf)

\$8 for a children (12 and under)

\$10 for adults (13 and over)

Work up an appetite? Have some delicious snacks at our
9th Hole Snack Bar!

There will be an additional charge to
purchase tickets for food and raffles for amazing prizes.

It's the perfect spot for a fun day with your whole family!
Play a round of mini-golf on our beautiful 18-hole course.

**Don't miss this mini-golf extravaganza!
Reserve your tee time now!**

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Mini-Golf 2/10/13

Adult Name/s _____

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Ages _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

#Adults (13 & over) @ \$10/ea _____

#Children (12 & under) @ \$8/ea _____

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TOTAL ENCLOSED \$\$ _____

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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.



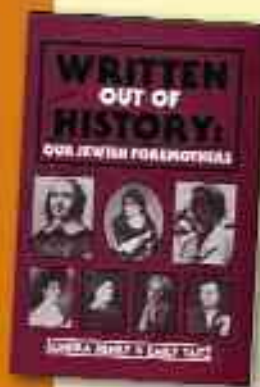
Thursday, October 4
7:30-9:30pm in the Sukkah at the home
of Rabbi Shira Milgrom

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

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SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2013

A FAMILY FUNDRAISER



The adventures will begin at 1:30...

Adult Education

COMING THIS MONTH

Jewish Visionaries: Reimagining the Present & Future

With Dr. Ellen Umansky, Carl & Dorothy Bennett
Prof. of Judaic Studies at Fairfield Univ, CT
Sunday mornings, 9:30-11:00 am in the
Schulman Chapel
1/27, 2/3 & 2/10

Please see our adult education brochure or
check online at www.nykolami.org for further
information on course.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

Led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW.

The new WJCS Partners-in-Caring clinician
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
9:00-10:30 am

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

The Blessings of a Skinned Knee –

*This Monday group has been replaced by our
new Sunday group (see below).*

NEW: Sunday Parenting Group

Raising resilient, self-reliant children—

A morning discussion group focusing on a
variety of parenting issues and stresses.

2nd Sunday of the month beginning Jan. 13
9:15 – 10:45 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

No class 1/1/13

Israeli Folk Dance

with Shmulik Gou-Ari*

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

Wednesdays

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

Jan. 14 (new date); 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

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

No. Jan. breakfast, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1

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

Sunday Mornings

with Emily Fields

Advanced Beginners - Aleph Isn't Tough

10:00 – 11:00 am

Intermediate

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

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

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

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

1/8: "The Ramallah Concert"

World-renowned Daniel Barenboim con-
ducts the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra in
this historic 2005 concert held in the West
Bank city of Ramallah as Israel was ending
its long occupation of the Gaza Strip.
Pieces include Beethoven's Symphony #5
and Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante
in E-flat Major.



Report on the December Blood Drive

The semi-annual Congregation Kol Ami Blood Drive was held on Sunday, December 9th, the first day of Hanukkah. The blood drive resulted in 57 units of donated blood, a little more than recent December drives. I'd like to thank those donors who gave their time (and gave in to a little discomfort) to give the Gift of Life. These donations were especially appreciated this season because 300 drives were cancelled during and after Hurricane Sandy.

Keep in mind that in May we will again promote the blood drive to be held at Bet Am Shalom. For those who are able to give, please keep your eye out for the announcement and make time for this important life-giving effort.

David Klein
Blood Drive Chair

MITZVAH KNITZ

We will be meeting on
Thursday
January 17
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

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

Half Blood Blues

by Esi Edugyan
April 3, 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,
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SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Repairing the World — Tikkun Olam

ROCK FOR PEACE CONCERT

by Margery Arsham

The Seeds of Peace Concert on November 18 was a huge success. Thank you to all who came and made donations. The performances were wonderful in the new sanctuary. Israeli Palestinian singer Mira Awad and Israeli Jewish singer Shira Gavrielov and their musicians presented a concert of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim music in Hebrew, Arabic and English. We were joined by Leslie Lewin, the Executive Director of Seeds of Peace, and Seeds participants who talked about the meaningful work Seeds is doing in the Middle East and at home and how Seeds of Peace changed their lives. At the elegant reception following the concert people had a chance to talk with the musicians and the Seeds. Over \$10,000 was donated to Seeds from the concert, donations, and Rabbi Milgrom's Discretionary fund. More contributions are still welcome and will go towards future scholarships for Seeds.

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, Jan. 16 at 2:00 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: 1/13, 2/10,
3/3, 4/14, 5/5, 6/2

Mondays at noon: 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 NEW YEAR'S DAY ECP AND OFFICE CLOSED	2 Women's Roundtable Breakfast Cancelled RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:15 am Kol Ami Reads Book Club 11:30 am Mah Jongg and Bridge 6:00 pm Or Chadash Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Adult Adv. Beginners Hebrew 7:30 pm Israeli Dancing	3 9:15 am Jewish Mindfulness Meditation 9:45 Adolescent Parenting Group 7:45 pm Congregational Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm Men's Council Board	4 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 in Chapel	5 SPIRITUAL LIFT 9:00 am Coffee & Community in Chapel 9:30 am Study in Chapel 10:30 am LIFT SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Brady in Sanctuary 4:30 pm ECP HAVDALAH IN PAJAMAS
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 6 9:00 am SIXTH GRADE B'NAI MITZVAH WORKSHOP 9:30 am Intermed/Adv. Adult Hebrew with A. Seidman 10:00 am Adult Adv. Beg. Hebrew with E. Fields 11:00 am Cooking for the Homeless 11:15 am Adult Intermed. Hebrew with E. Fields	7	8 9:30 am ECP FIRST FRIENDS BEGINS 12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages Class 7:30 pm Kol Ami Winter Jewish Film Festival 7:30 pm VRJ Sisterhood meeting	9 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	10 9:00 am ECP Mommy Talk Class 9:15 am Jewish Meditation 7:45 pm Congregational Choir Rehearsal	11 10:00 am Torah Study SYNAPLEX 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary 6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE in Chapel	12 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community I 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Alex Mayeri in Sanctuary 4:00 pm TEQUILA & TALMUD: WRJ EVENT
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 13 9:15 am Religious School Committee Meeting 9:15 am Sunday Parenting (see pg.18) 9:30 am Intermed/Adv. Adult Hebrew with A. Seidman 10:00 am Adult Advanced Beginners Hebrew with E. Fields 11:00 am Cooking for the Homeless 11:15 am Adult Intermediate Hebrew with E. Fields	14 11:00 am Current Events Class 12:00 pm Cooking for the Homeless 8:00 pm KABRO Board Meeting	15 12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages 8:00 pm ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS	16 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 11:30 am Mah Jongg & Bridge 2:00 pm Mitzvah Corp Singers at Port Chester Nursing Home 6:00 pm Or Chadash Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Adult Advanced Beginners Hebrew 7:30 pm Israeli Dancing	17 9:15 am Jewish Meditation 12:00 pm Mitzvah Knitz 12:00 pm Adolescent Parenting Class 7:00 pm Worship Committee 8:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	18 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 in Chapel	19 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Alistair Gluck in Sanctuary
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