



MIRA AWAD



SHIRA GAVRIELOV

On Sunday evening, November 18, 2012

## CONGREGATION KOL AMI

will host a spectacular evening of music  
in honor of and to benefit

## SEEDS OF PEACE

7:30 – 9 P.M.



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## THE MIDDLE EAST ~ IN HARMONY

MIRA AWAD, a star of Israeli television and film, was the first Arab to represent Israel at Eurovision, singing the first Israeli Eurovision song with Arabic lyrics.

SHIRA GAVRIELOV has been heralded as Israel's Newcomer of the Year by many radio stations and magazines. Her signature harmonies and sultry voice has captivated audiences.

The two will join together for an unforgettable, exciting and intimate evening of Jewish, Christian, Muslim, English, Hebrew and Arabic music.

TICKETS are available for purchase at [www.bit.ly/miraawad](http://www.bit.ly/miraawad)  
or at Seeds of Peace: 212.573.8040

\$36 (1 ticket for general admission)

\$100 (1 reserved seat and a reception following the concert)

All proceeds benefit Seeds of Peace.

**November Synaplex – Friday, November 2**  
**Man/Woman of the Year – Sunday, November 4**  
**December Hanukkah Synaplex – See Page 19**

## SERVICES

Friday, November 2

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

Saturday, November 3

**SPIRITUAL LIFT** in Chapel  
 9:00 am Coffee and community  
 9:30 am Study  
**11:00 am SERVICE**  
**10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:** B'not  
 Mitzvah of Emma Boshart & Felicia Tuchman  
**SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE:**  
 Bat Mitzvah of Sofia Mustacchi  
**5:30 pm**

Friday, November 9

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

Saturday, November 10

**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'not Mitzvah of Rheanna Greenberg Bello &  
 Parker Heuer

Friday, November 16

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

Saturday, November 17

**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 Jessica Sommers

Friday, November 23

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

Saturday, November 24

**SPIRITUAL LIFT** in Chapel  
 9:00 am Coffee and community  
 9:30 am Study  
**11:00 am SERVICE**  
**10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:**  
 B'nai Mitzvah of E. J. Kolber & Molly Segall

Friday, November 30

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

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

## 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.

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*Weekly Torah Portions for November***Week ending November 3, 2012****Parashat Vayera Genesis 18:1-22:24**

*Parashat Vayera* opens with Abraham receiving a visit from messengers who bring predictions of Isaac's birth. Abraham stands up to God to protest the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Isaac is born and begins to grow. The final scene in this parashah tells the story of Abraham trying to fulfill God's request that he sacrifice his son Isaac.

**Week ending November 10, 2012****Parashat Chayei Sarah Genesis 23:1-25:18**

The first words of this *parashah* translate as "the life of Sarah," but it begins with her death. Abraham purchases land in which to bury her, and then sends his servant to the village of his brother to acquire a wife for his son Isaac. The servant observes Rebekah, Abraham's niece, who offers water to him and to his camels to drink. Rebekah follows Abraham's servant back home and becomes Isaac's wife.

**Week ending November 17, 2012****Parashat Toldot Genesis 25:19-28:9**

Isaac marries Rebekah, and after 20 childless years they become parents to twin boys, Esau and Jacob. The brothers are quite different from one another and are at odds with each other well into adulthood. Rebekah favors Jacob, whereas Isaac seems aligned with Esau. Rebekah and Jacob conspire to deceive Isaac into giving the blessing due his firstborn son, Esau. The sibling rivalry between Esau and Jacob reaches a feverish pitch, and becomes a recurring theme in Genesis.

**Week ending November 24, 2012****Parashat Vayetze Genesis 28:10-32:3**

*Vayetze*, "and he went out," refers to Jacob's journey to Haran, his mother Rebekah's birthplace. On his journey, he dreams of a ladder reaching from earth to heaven and is given the same promise that God gave Abraham and Isaac, i.e., that he will inherit the land and be blessed. Jacob meets Rachel at the well and works for her father (his uncle Laban) for seven years in order to marry her. Jacob, who deceived his brother Esau, is himself the victim of deception. Laban substitutes Leah (his older daughter) for Rachel. Jacob must serve Laban an additional seven years in order to wed his intended spouse. Jacob eventually has a total of twelve sons and decides to return to his homeland.

# Rock for Peace!!

Give up? Shrug your shoulders? Stop reading the newspaper? Frustrated and confused about the prospects for peace in Israel and the Middle East?

You are not helpless!! There is something you can do. Come—be wowed, or listen, or dance in the aisles—and at the same time learn about an amazing organization. Seeds of Peace is dedicated to developing a new generation of leaders—today's teens—and equipping them with the skills and ideals to seek reconciliation and help create a just and lasting peace in their region. Seeds of Peace works with Israeli, Palestinian, Jordanian, Lebanese, Egyptian and American teens.

Kol Ami is host to a phenomenal concert on Sunday evening, November 18th (that's the Sunday before Thanks-

giving—so maybe your college kids will be home already—they will love it) featuring two stars who have rocked audiences in Europe and Israel. Mira Awad (Christian Arab Palestinian Israeli) and Shira Gavrielov (Jewish Israeli)—google them—they are television and music superstars. They are performing together to help us raise money for Seeds of Peace.

Hear great music—listen to and meet amazing people—join with us in an unforgettable evening. You can order tickets on line (see the cover of this *Connection* or find it on the home page of [nykolami.org](http://nykolami.org)), call the Seeds of Peace office (212.573.8040), or buy tickets at the door.

Two years ago, our Kol Ami travelers to Morocco met Andre Azoulay, the

(Jewish) advisor to the King of Morocco. He

spoke openly about Morocco's quiet role in Middle East negotiations, while expressing his concerns about the successes of these efforts. Where politics might fail, he said, cultural connections could succeed. He, and the city of his birth, Essaouria, are the hosts of an annual festival of Jewish, Muslim and Christian music—the Andalusian Music Festival. We are also focusing this year on multi-cultural, multi-faith cultural encounters. This night, November 18th, is the first of them.

I truly hope I see you there.  
*Shira*



## Journey to Israel

August 2013

*with Rabbi Tom*

**Kol Ami Trip for All Ages!**

**11 Days in Israel!**

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**Hold The Dates: August 21 – September 1, 2013**

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Details Coming Soon!

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## Ritual Riches: Before Whom Do I Stand? — How My Theology Informs My Cantorate



Rabbi Nachman of Breslav teaches us, “A person reaches in three directions—inward to oneself, outward to God and out to others. The miracle of life is that in truly reaching in any one direction, one embraces all three.”

**Reaching to God:** My relationship with God is complicated. Like many people, I am certain of a higher presence; for whatever reason, that has never been of question to me. In fact I think the crux of faith rests in a choice we make when seeing the world. My theology has evolved. I first began wondering about God as child attending an Orthodox Cheder and learning about God from the perspective of “Moishe and the Mitzvah Men,” who assured me that, “Hashem is here, Hashem is there, Hashem is truly everywhere...up, up, down, down, left, right and all around.” They also taught me the lucrative possibilities of performing mitzvot. 5 mitzvahs during the week scored me a ruler but 20 mitzvahs... and I was walking away with a new pencil case stocked with stickers! When I became of Bar Mitzvah age, I started to question a God that would allow boys to have this ritual rite while girls were not permitted to read Torah in front of our community. This made little sense to me—my friend Ann read Hebrew just as well as I did, could daven just as fluently as I could, but was not permitted to read Torah before our community. Did God think I was more capable than Ann? Similarly, in high school the God that was described to me started to change again when it was made clear to me in the Orthodox world that homosexuality was an abomination and I refused to believe in a God that was negative, only one that was sustaining, nurturing and loving to all people equally.

My degrees in Anatomy and Sacred Music leave me in a place where I have to reconcile scientific principles with theology. One might think this to be a huge challenge; yet, I have found surprising clarity in my own mind. Here are some of the physiological miracles that I can only attribute to a higher power. The first is the miracle of birth. More specifically the 2-3 seconds of circulatory and respiratory shift that happens when the umbilical chord is cut and the baby begins breathing on its own. The second is related to my son's very clear genetic differences: Though we have fed our boys the exact same foods, one is a carnivore like his father while the other is a vegetarian like his mother. One is spontaneous like his father, the other calculated like his mother. One is more reserved like his mother and the other gregarious like his father. Yes, there are genes that are

mapped for these phenotypes, but in my view the way these genetics get distributed must be the hand of God.

Do we allow ourselves the opportunity to slow down and acknowledge God's role in our day-to-day life? Are we able to look past the mundane to access gratitude for day-to-day miracles?

As Rabbi Shira has taught us, last week's Torah portion about Noah's Ark brings us home to this prospect. The story of Noah and the flood ends with an exquisite moment of reunion and hope. “I have set My bow in the clouds, and it shall serve as a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will remember My covenant between Me and you and every living creature.” [Genesis 9:13-14]

Rabbi Milgrom reminds us that: you don't need to have blind faith. Just look around. And you don't have to look too far. I move, says God, through you. I move through your limbs. I move through your life. This resonates deeply with my theology.

One last story about my sons: When my oldest was three years old I took him with me to deposit a few checks at the bank.

Lev: Dad, what is this place?

Me: This is a bank.

Lev: What happens at banks?

Me: Banks are safe places to leave our money.

Lev: No, no daddy, we don't put our money in the bank...you are so silly...we put our money in the tzedakah box!...you know like the song tells us. “There's a Mitzvah I like to do.”

The spoken word informs the mind, but song teaches the heart and soul. As a singer, it is not surprising that I find God's presence in the physiological workings of the human voice. Vocal chords are less than 1 mm in diameter and one centimeter in length. Miraculously, they come together in vibration to create varied pitches, colors and vowels and elicit an array of emotion. It turns out, however, that you don't need to be singing to have your vocal chords and the muscles that innervate them working. Otolaryngology teaches that simply listening to another singer is enough to sympathetically cause your vocal chords to vibrate. This means that whether you are actively singing or closing your eyes and letting the music wash over you, you are never truly passive. Your vocal chords make you an active listener and sympathetic participant.

**Reaching outward to others:** One of my mentors at HUC was very aware of the power that one possesses in sharing an expressive singing

voice. At the risk of sounding hokey, he shared with me that we service leaders have a responsibility to be aware of the emotional journey that we are taking our congregants on.

Recently, our community suffered a tragic loss of a 23-year-old man. This year's Yom Kippur Yizkor service was particularly gut-wrenching for me. I was singing the 23rd Psalm to a lamenting melody brought to life by our professional singers and our exquisite accompanist and I realized that I had a dilemma—to what extent do I make this piece emotional? I know this sounds funny. Some might say that as a Cantor my goal is to elicit emotion and that is true, but there are times when one needs to find the balance of allowing the mourning while leaving the person or community in a place of a hope... a musical *nechemta*. And so, for every weeping, heart-wrenching melody there needs to be a moment of hope; we cannot leave people in despair. We wouldn't do it with the spoken word and we certainly can't do it with the music of our prayers.

**Reaching to Myself:** My belief in God is linked to a deep awareness of the fragility of life and the immense gratitude I feel for each and every day. It is not just that I am alive; it is that my life is phenomenally fulfilling. For me, music is a life force that feeds my emotions and fills me with the awareness of the wonder of living and the presence of a higher power.

In “Joys and Sorrows,” Pablo Casals writes: “For the past eighty years I have started each day in the same manner. It is not a mechanical routine but something essential to my daily life. I go to the piano, and I pray two preludes and fugues of Bach. I cannot think of doing otherwise. It is a sort of benediction on the house. But that is not its only meaning for me. It is a rediscovery of the world of which I have the joy of being part. It fills me with awareness of the wonder of life, with a feeling of the incredible marvel of being a human being. The music is never the same for me, never. Each day is something new, fantastic, and unbelievable.”

Maybe my *melamed* at cheder was right...Hashem is here, there and everywhere. You just have to be open to God's signs. You just have to count your blessings. *Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech haolam zocher habrit*. Blessed are you Adonai our God, ruler of the universe, who remembers our covenant.

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

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## From the Religious School Assistant Principal

The holidays are behind us and for many, even though we enjoyed the roller coaster on which our traditions take us, we also breathe a collective sigh of relief. Phew...nothing until Chanukkah! On to the next thing in our crazy schedules!

The time following the hustle and bustle of the Jewish holy day cycle is primed for not only taking a reprieve from the marathon we just ran, but also is a great time to look back. It is a beautiful, quiet space on the calendar to reflect and check in on promises we made and reviewing the role we have chosen.

Sukkot this year in the Religious School was all about getting ready for the holiday through learning, collaboration, hands-on experience and building community. Our students helped with the construction of a sukkah, adding the finishing touches together through beautification of our community sukkah. Our older students created a different type of sukkah, one that was intentionally left incomplete and unfinished. Working with our artist-in-residence Heather Stoltz, students heard her experience with homeless families. They created panels that were sewn together to create the walls of the sukkah. Their art was a response to different texts they studied together and spoke about things they feel are most important in this

world. Without the support of those around us, physical objects are meaningless.

Sukkot is filled with connections to the land, so crucial to our ancestors and yet not so prominent in our lives today. In fact, it requires concerted and conscious effort to make the land a part of our everyday lives. We talk about caring for the environment and as adults we are concerned for the future generations that come after us. Our K-3rd graders made bird feeders together, both to take home and leave at Kol Ami. By taking words and putting them into action, our students build living correlations that give them a sense of belonging to a community that cares and heals together. Our older students worked with a visiting educator from Eden Farm Camp to learn about temporary shelter and to create shelters in our woods. All our children can be empowered to impact and change the world around us.

One of the greatest connections we can make to those around us is believing and feeling our own actions can support the person right next to us. Mike Veny, a professional drummer and experienced educator on team building, worked with our students on relationship building through the drum circle. Drumming together allowed students to quickly feel and hear the powerful difference

between “just making a lot of noise” and the beautiful, collective voice when everyone works together. Even when each person in the circle is creating an individual beat, listening with intention to those around you before adding your sound gives rise to harmonies, partnered rhythms and the power and strength of the group.

This year in Religious School, our focus will be to continue this bond of community as we look to engage our students in a sense of belonging to those around them. From our Family Shabbaton to student retreats, belonging comes from feeling cared for, feeling supported and caring about those around you. We hope that you will collaborate with us and looking back requires not clinical observations and a check list of things accomplished, but partnered reflection with you. We’re already looking ahead to Sukkot 5774 and hope that you will be alongside us as we plan forward.

Remember “Field of Dreams” from 1989? The voice in the field said, “If you build it, they will come.” We hope for Kol Ami to be so much more than that for our families.

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## From the Director of the Early Childhood Program

One doesn't have to walk too far to hear the sounds of laughter coming from the children and staff of our Early Childhood Program. It's everywhere—on our playgrounds, in our classrooms and with each of our special instruction activities. Our curriculum is full and enriching with learning and exploration and extracurricular opportunities in Gym, Israeli Dance and Movement, Nature, Music, Art, and Torah Alive!

This month the ECP is once again pleased to host our annual **Book Fair** from November 13-16. You are invited with your children to our annual **Story Hour** on Tuesday, November 13 at 4:00pm. This year we are particularly thrilled to welcome **Mary O'Keefe Young**, Illustrator of the *Curious George* books and she will be featuring the *Happy Hanukkah, Curious George!* Autographed copies of this new holiday book for children will be available for purchase at our Book Fair.

Our 5th Annual **Family 2K Turkey Trot** will be held on Sunday morning, November 18th beginning at 9:15 am. We'll be there rain or shine in the front entrance of the Temple and hope you will be too! Admission for this fabulous family morning is smiles, sneakers, frozen turkeys, bags of apples, bags of potatoes, boxes of stuffing, cans of pumpkin, or cans of cranberry sauce. Please look for our flyer in this month's *Connection*. Remember everyone in the community is welcome, and 'Don't be Chicken 'cause we need Turkeys!'

Our 4's will be hosting their annual Intergenerational Thanksgiving Feast on Wednesday, November 21st—this is always a very special event here at the early childhood program. Our 3's will be feasting as one community and our 2's will enjoy some delicious treats in their individual classrooms.

This month also marks the beginning of our Pre-Registration for the 2013-2014 school year. Next year, we will again be offering our very popular Toddler Program for children 12-21 months, First Friends, 2, 3, 4 and 5-day, 2's classes, 3, 4 and 5-day 3's classes, a 4's morning program, an extended day choice for 4's and our A Step Ahead! Kindergarten Readiness Program specifically designed for children turning 5 from September to December. Please feel free to call the ECP office for more information about any of our programs and our nursery school—we look forward to talking with you and touring you around our school.



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# CONGREGATION KOL AMI ECP'S BOOKFAIR

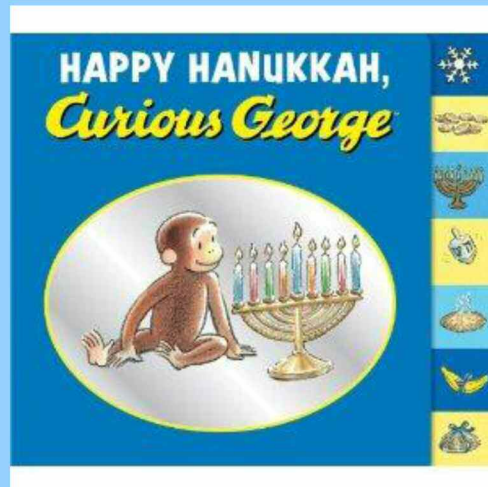
**November 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Tuesday, (11/13) 9am - 5:00pm**

**Wednesday, (11/14) 9am - 2:30pm**

**Thursday, (11/15) 9am - 2:30pm & 6pm - 9pm**

**Friday, (11/16) 9am - 10:30am**



**Join Mary O'Keefe Young, illustrator of**

**Curious George books for**

**Storytime\*, she will be reading**

**Happy Hanukkah, Curious George**

**Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

**Congregation Kol Ami**

**\*MILK & COOKIES WILL BE SERVED!**

# Congregation Kol Ami Invites All Families with Young Children to Join Us at Our Fall ECP Shabbat Dinner Friday, November 9th at 5:30 pm

Meet New Friends and Catch Up with Old Friends  
Help Us Welcome Shabbat As One Community

Shabbat Services Begin at 5:30 pm

Dinner Begins at 6:00 pm

6:30–7:00 pm Enjoy a Family Music Concert  
with Beth and Scott and Friends

7:00 Dessert

## 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.



# Trot on over to Kol Ami's ECP's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Family 2K Turkey Trot!

Sunday,  
November 18th  
at 9:15 a.m.

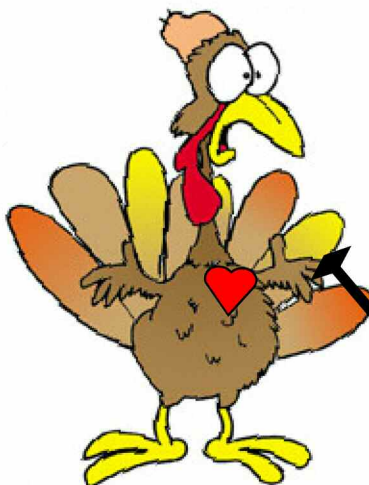
Bring your  
strollers,  
wagons,  
sneakers and  
lots of friends!

Everyone with a  
young child or  
children is  
welcome.

Tasty donuts &  
apple cider will be  
served.

Admission:  
Frozen turkeys, bags of apples,  
bags of potatoes, cans of  
cranberry sauce or cans of  
pumpkin, boxes of stuffing, or  
any of the fixin's for a perfect  
Thanksgiving dinner.  
All food will be donated to local  
food pantries.

Don't be a chicken 'cause  
we need Turkeys!

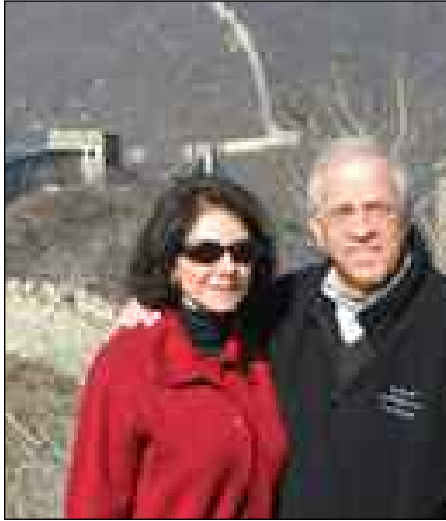


Meet us at: 252 Soundview Avenue

RAIN OR SHINE

## Meet Our Members

*Our members have so many interesting backgrounds—we love to share their stories! Here, Evelyne and David Klein tell us a little about themselves.*



EVELYNE AND DAVID KLEIN

David and Evelyne moved to White Plains some 35 years ago after three years together in Manhattan. They went from Temple Israel to Bet Am Shalom to Kol Ami, where both of their children, Alex and Lauren, had their b'nai mitzvah. Alex has a master's degree in environmental engineering, lives in Boston with his wife and is director of alternative energy research for a Boston company. Lauren lives in Washington, D.C., has a Master's in International Affairs, and works in digital communications specializing in social impact issues.

### *Tell us about yourselves.*

*Evelyne* – I retired three years ago after a long career in global wealth management, first with Chase and then with Republic, which merged into HSBC. I led a group that focused on foreign investors, both individuals and corporations. Even before my banking career, I worked in positions that were international in scope, including working for the United Nations when I first came to this country in 1966. I was born in Khartoum, Sudan, went to boarding school in England at age eleven, and graduated from the University of

Geneva, Switzerland. Growing up, I would speak English with my Father, turn, and speak French with my mother, who was French-speaking from Cairo. As a result, I am bi-lingual in English/French; speak Arabic (now rusty) and a smattering (now) of German and Italian.

*David* – I grew up in Highland Park, Illinois. I was born in Newark, New Jersey, but my family moved to Chicago when I was six months old. My Dad and many others in my family were in the furniture business. My great-grandparents came to the U.S. from central Europe in the 1860's. We are fourth generation Reform Jews. I graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1963 with a major in economics and received an MBA from the University of Chicago. My MBA program included internships in Israel and in Brussels. I joined the Peace Corp in 1966 and went to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. I taught for two years in the business school at what was then Haile Selassie University. Upon returning to the U.S., I worked as an accountant for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell for eleven years. I then became comptroller for Barnard College, spent some time working in a law firm and have been comptroller at Sarah Lawrence College for the past 26 years.

### *Evelyne, why was your family in the Sudan?*

The small but growing Jewish community in Khartoum needed a rabbi and my Moroccan grandfather was sent there in 1906 to serve as their first rabbi. He built the first (and only) synagogue in Khartoum. My father was born there and educated in Cairo. He returned to Khartoum and became the Managing Director of a British import-export company. Khartoum was a safe place for Jews even after independence from Britain. However, the initial benign military government was overthrown eventually and things changed. My mother became sick and I returned to Khartoum from Geneva. We were able to leave Khartoum for Geneva with the help of our Coptic doctor, who supplied us with the necessary documents. After my

Mother passed away in Geneva, and I finished university, my Father and I came to the United States, to join my brother and other relatives.

### *What a story! Will you tell us more?*

There's a lot more to tell. Congregants might be interested in my father's book, *Jacob's Children in the Land of The Mahdi, Jews of the Sudan* by Eli S. Malka. They might also be interested in my brother's book, *Sephardic Genealogy* by Jeffrey S. Malka.

### *David, how did you and Evelyne meet?*

We met on a skiing trip. I was a member of a Swiss Ski Club in New York and Evelyne, who spent many years in Switzerland, was talked into going by a friend. She met me and we have lived happily ever after.

### *Do you have advice for new members?*

*Evelyne* – Get involved! That's advice for all members! There is something for everyone at Kol Ami. It is what makes Kol Ami so unique.

*David* – That's for sure! I've served on the finance committee, been on the board and served as synagogue treasurer. Lately, I've chaired the blood drive committee.

*Evelyne* – I've been involved with social action; organized the first mitzvah day; am on the board now; am working on the Annual Fund, Capital Campaign and Membership Committees.

### *What about Planned Giving?*

*Evelyne* – You'll be hearing more about that. We would like to raise the awareness of congregants to the advantages of including Kol Ami in their wills.

*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: New Committee Structure— See What Interests You and Jump In

Earlier this year, we commissioned a task force, led by past President Lisa Borowitz, to analyze our existing committee structure, assess which committees are and are not working well, and to report back to the Board with recommendations as to how our committees may work more efficiently and effectively. The overarching goal was to break down silos that sometimes separate and inhibit committees from coordinating with each other and to foster synergies between and among those committees whose missions and goals are aligned. By breaking down silos and fostering coordination and synergies, our intent was to encourage more congregants to become involved in committees and to assure that all committees had defined goals, could operate effectively and in a manner that suited the particular committee and its members.

The task force undertook an analytical and objective approach to its report and recommendations. The task force sought to insure that:

- We have the correct number of committees in place (including adding new committees, eliminating dormant committees and consolidating related committees);
- There exists appropriate Board oversight of each committee; and
- There exists a clear succession plan in each committee.

After extensive interviews and research, the task force recommended the following:

- A more formal committee structure should be adopted;
- Each committee has a defined mission statement and clearly articulated goals;
- Establish an annual meeting among all committee chairs to foster coordination; and
- More regular meetings among those committees whose mission and goals are conceptually aligned.

The task force recommendations were further analyzed by our Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. The result of this effort is an entirely new and different committee structure designed to implement the goals and recommendations of our task force. The organizational chart of the new committee structure is set forth below. As you will note, there are four conceptual groupings of our 30 committees. These groupings are:

1. Lifelong learning;
2. Social justice;
3. Membership and retention; and
4. Operations and finance.

Each grouping is overseen by a different Temple officer. Moreover, each of the 30 committees will have one or more chairs. It is within the discretion of each committee

chair, in consultation with the oversight officer of that committee, to determine the mission and goals as well as the means and methods they wish to employ in order to achieve those defined goals. There will also be centralized calendaring of committee functions and events as well as centralized marketing and advertising in order to insure that committees do not work at cross purposes. All committee chairs and officers have already met to discuss structure and goals. The committees within each grouping will also meet periodically to foster coordination among them.

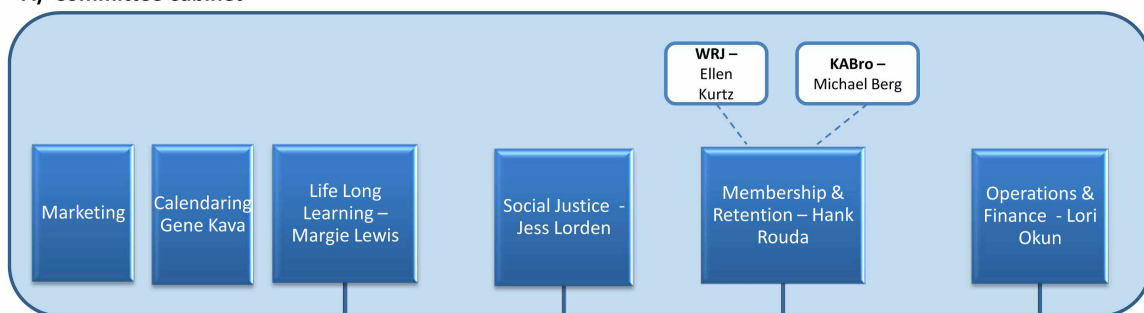
We hope that this new committee structure will facilitate more participation and even more opportunities for our congregants. Please take a moment to review the organizational structure, see what interests you, and reach out to us, the committee chair or the assigned oversight officer. You can participate as much or as little as your interest and schedule permit. We are certain there is something for everyone. The hardest part is to dip your toes in the water and give it a try.

Ronnie and Mark

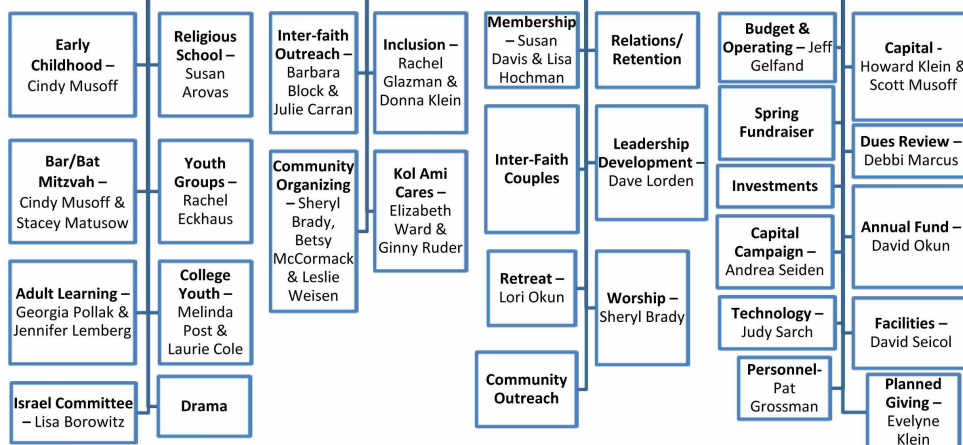


Photo by Mariela Melamed

### A) Committee Cabinet



### B) Committees



## FRIDAY SHABBAT WITH FRIENDS

**Friday, November 9th — following services at 7:30 pm**

**At the home of Marian and Ed Steinberg**

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 Nov. 3.  
Address provided upon reservation.

## SATURDAY HAVDALAH WITH FRIENDS

**Saturday, November 17th — 7:00 pm**

**At the home of Lisa Borowitz**

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 Nov. 14.  
Address provided upon reservation.

### Shabbat with Friends Dates/Hosts

Nov. 9	Marian and Ed Steinberg
Nov. 16	Patty and Burt Wohl
Dec. 7	Evelyn and David Klein
Jan. 25	Ginny and Brian Ruder
Mar. 8	Judy and Bob Asher
Apr. 19	Lisa Borowitz

### Havdalah with Friends Dates/Hosts

Nov. 17	Lisa Borowitz
Jan. 26	Jean and Hank Rouda

## Interfaith Family Brainstorming Session

**Sunday, November 4, 9:15 am**

Schulman Chapel in the Woods

Discussion. Coffee and bagels will be served

All are welcome to join the conversation

Questions, comments, or ideas: contact Janet Jershey  
janethershey@nykolami.org



November, 2012



# Congratulations



**EMMA BOSHART**, daughter of Jill Laurence and Tracy Boshart will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 3, 2012. For her Mitzvah Project, Emma worked to socialize the animals at the Pets Alive Animal Shelter in Elmsford so that they would be more attractive for adoption. Emma is an 8th grader at Highlands Middle School in White Plains. She is an avid animal lover and artist, swims on the Gotham Synchro synchronized swimming team and plays the piano. Emma looks forward to sharing this special day with her friends and family.



**FEFE TUCHMAN**, daughter of Andrea and Ken Tuchman and older sister to Jared, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 3, 2012. For Fefe's Mitzvah Project, she raised money to fight breast cancer. She accomplished her goal by having a lemonade stand, selling muffins, cashing in coins, making and selling pink hair ties and having a yard sale. Fefe also organized a day at school when her classmates wore pink in support of breast cancer. She is dedicated to the cause in honor of her Aunt Felice, her namesake, who lost her battle with breast cancer. Fefe is a 7th grader at Scarsdale Middle School where she is involved in student government, since being elected as a representative of the Student Organization in September. She enjoys bike riding, dance and spending time with friends. She looks forward to sharing her special day with friends and family.



**SOFIA MUSTACCHI**, daughter of Virginia Brown and Alan Mustacchi and sister to Jonathan, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 11, 2012. For her Mitzvah Project, Sofia will be volunteering at the New Rochelle Humane Society walking dogs and socializing cats. Sofia is an eighth grader at Edgemont Jr/Sr High School and plays soccer on the Edgemont Barracudas Travel Soccer Team. She likes listening to music and hanging out with her friends. Sofia looks forward to sharing this day with friends and family.



**RHEANNA GREENBERG BELLO**, daughter of Susan Greenberg Bello and Raymond Bello, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 10, 2012. Rheanna is in the 8th grade at Solomon Schechter School. For her Mitzvah Project, Rheanna volunteered to help reorganize Kids Klostet after a fire caused damage to the program's inventory. Kids Klostet, a program of Westchester Jewish Community Services, is an organization that provides new and used children's clothing and other essentials to local families in need. Rheanna helped sort and repack clothing and other items saved from the fire. During the summer, Rheanna worked as a CIT at Badger Sports Camp with 8 year old girls. Rheanna enjoys reading, writing, playing tennis, and being with her friends and family. She is very excited about becoming a Bat Mitzvah at Kol Ami, where she attended preschool and was a member of Or Chadash (children's choir) for six years.



**PARKER HEUER**, daughter of Margaret Morrison and Larry Heuer, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 10, 2012. For her Mitzvah Project, Parker participated in the Madrichim training. She also raised money for FEED Project whose mission is to create products that help FEED the world, working closely with the United Nations World Food Programme's School Feeding program. Parker is an 8th grader at Ethical Culture Fieldston Middle School in Riverdale. She is on the swim team and enjoys playing lacrosse. Parker loves spending time with her friends and family. She can't wait to celebrate her special day!



**JESSICA KATE SOMMERS**, daughter of Gerri and Andy and sister to Ben and Ethan, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 17, 2012. For her Mitzvah Project, Jessica helped to organize "A Mild Sprain" which was a trail run that raised money to support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The run raised almost \$50,000 and will be an annual event. Jessica is an 8th grader at Edgemont Jr. High School. She enjoys playing tennis, basketball, soccer and spending time with her friends and family.



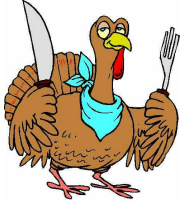
**EJ KOLBER**, son of Perry and Chantal Kolber will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 24, 2012. EJ is a 7th grader at Edgemont Jr. High School and enjoys music, sports and fantasy sport leagues. He is looking forward to his Bar Mitzvah and is ready for his big day. He is most looking forward to his party with friends and family from around the US and Israel.



**MOLLY SEGALL**, daughter of Karin and Robert and sister to Pamela and George, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 24, 2012. For her Mitzvah Project, Molly volunteers as a buddy for the V.I.P. Soccer Program to assist children with special needs and help foster a love of the game. Molly is an 8th grader at Ardsley Middle School. She enjoys goal keeping for her school and club soccer teams as well as swimming and lacrosse. In addition to sports, Molly loves music and reading and spending time with family and friends.

# SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

*Repairing the World — Tikkun Olam*



## OUR ANNUAL TURKEY DRIVE • NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH 18.

Please help the needy in our community by bringing a FROZEN turkey to Kol Ami to donate to one of many organizations that serve those in need. **Frozen turkeys only!** Just bring the turkey to the Kol Ami Kitchen from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm any day we are open. The need is great!! Take advantage of those supermarket offerings. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Westchester Jewish Council THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DIVERSITY BREAKFAST

**Thursday, November 15, 2012 – 8 a.m.**

Reid Castle, Manhattanville College, Purchase

Manhattanville College Duchesne Center for Religion and Social Justice in conjunction with the American Jewish Committee (AJC) of Westchester and the Westchester Jewish Council (WJC), are proud to present the Annual Westchester/Fairfield County Thanksgiving Diversity Breakfast, which brings together over 250 people representing approximately 100 local and state-wide government, religious, secular, and private offices and organizations, to celebrate the cultural and religious diversity of America.

For more information contact the Westchester Jewish Council at (914) 328-7001 or [info@wjcouncil.org](mailto:info@wjcouncil.org) or visit us [www.wjcouncil.org](http://www.wjcouncil.org)

A proud beneficiary of UJA Federation of NY

### 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.

**Greenwich Woods, 1165 King Street, Greenwich  
Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 2:30 pm**

**The Esplanade, 95 S. Broadway, White Plains  
Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 2:30 pm**

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: 11/18, 12/2, 1/13, 2/10,  
3/3, 4/14, 5/5, 6/2

Mondays at noon: 11/19, 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 2011, please contact Laura Green at 949-6113.*

## Adult Education

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

### Coming in November

#### Kol Ami's Winter Jewish Film Festival

Screening of Israeli films and films with Jewish content  
Selected Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm  
in the Petschek Gallery  
11/20, 12/4, 1/8, 2/5 & 3/5  
Moderated by Roger Seti

11/20 film: *Twin Sisters (De Tweeling)*  
Others to be announced

Free admission & open to the Community

#### 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  
Nov 12, 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  
No class 11/22

#### Women in Transition

Are you attempting an adjustment to a major life change?

Please join us in an Interactive Discussion Group. Topics to be discussed include, but are not limited to: retirement, widowhood, aging, changing relationships with adult children, and other life transitions (as desired).

The goal of the group is to offer mutual aid in personal adjustment to life transitions, including discussion of: Positive & negative aspects of individual life transitions; individual grief reactions to life change, and options that can aid personal adjustment.

Tuesdays, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27.

Space is limited and original group members have priority. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Harriet at hshenkman@aol.com

In the Conference Room

Led by Harriet Shenkman, Ph. D.

and Ursula Strauss, Ph. D.

#### 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  
9:00-10:00 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

#### 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 11/21

#### Sunday Mornings

with Emily Fields

Advanced Beginners - Aleph Isn't Tough

10:00 - 11:00 am

Intermediate

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

No classes 11/25

#### Sunday Mornings

with Alice Seidman

Intermediate/Advanced

Conversational Hebrew, grammar, vocabulary, reading, and translating current Israeli publications. An informal learning environment.

9:30 - 10:30 am

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

No class 11/25

#### Grandparenting Workshops

Exploring intergenerational experience and Jewish With 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

## Adult Education

### More Groups

#### 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 dance** 11/21  
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  
Nov 12 & 26;  
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  
11/15  
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  
11/7, 12/5  
Jan. 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  
Nov 13 & 27,  
Dec 11, Jan 15 & 29, Feb 12 & 26,  
Mar 12, Apr 9  
Rabbi Shira Milgrom  
Second year of a two year course

## Meet Our Adult Education Co-Chairs



Jennifer Lemberg

We are so fortunate to have such a high level of intellectual as well as spiritual activity at Kol Ami. We draw from the incredible talents and experiences in our own community, in the broader New York area and elsewhere. The mission of Adult Education is to offer Kol Ami members more learning opportunities and to further engage our congregants' participation – not only as learners but also as teachers and facilitators.

This year's co-chairs are Jennifer Lemberg and Georgia Pollak. Jennifer received her BA from Brandeis University and her PhD in English from the Graduate Center of City University of New York. She teaches interdisciplinary research seminars for transfer students at the Gallatin School, NYU, and has taught at Hunter College and John Jay College of

Criminal Justice. Jennifer is also Assistant Director of the Holocaust Educators Network, a professional development organization dedicated to Holocaust and social justice education for middle school, high school and college faculty sponsored by the Memorial Library in New York City. In summer seminars offered by the Memorial Library to teachers from across the United States, Jennifer focuses on finding effective methods for teaching emotionally challenging material and on using writing and inquiry to engage difficult subjects. As part of this work, last spring she helped lead a group of 18 teachers on a trip to Poland and Israel. Jennifer's husband, Paul Lucek, grew up in Scarsdale and they are proud parents of three year old Rachel. They look forward to deepening their connection to the community.

Georgia is a long time Kol Ami member, having served for two terms on the Kol Ami Board and many committees. Although she and her husband Bill recently moved from White Plains to Manhattan, they continue to cherish Kol Ami. Bill's parents, Jean and Henry Pollak, have been members for over 60 years; Georgia and Bill for over 30 years. Their son Charlie and daughter Sarah, now both married, went to Kol Ami nursery school and Hebrew school and had Kol Ami b'nai mitzvah and confirmation celebra-



Georgia Pollak

tions. Georgia recently retired from Yeshiva University having served as Vice President for University Communications and Public Affairs. Before that, she served as Director of Communications at Sarah Lawrence College. She also held positions at the American Friends of the Hebrew University and the Abraham Joshua Heschel School as well as working as a marketing consultant. She has a BA from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from Columbia University. Georgia has also found time to be both a playwright and a composer.

The structure of the Adult Ed Committee is evolving. Initially, Ellen Umansky and Paul Davis are joining Jennifer and Georgia. Ilene Miller is the staff "go-to" person: (914-949-4717 x111) or imillerkolami@gmail.com for information about or registration in programs.



# 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.



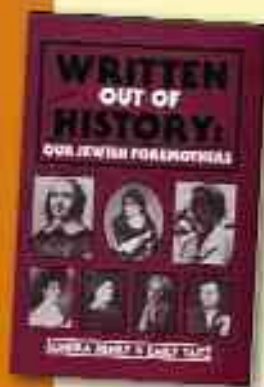
Thursday, October 4  
7:30-9:30pm in the Sukkah at the home  
of Rabbi Shira Milgrom

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](mailto:Jill.SA2@verizon.net), or Lauri Carey at 472-8076 or [Lauricarey@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://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

**5:30 pm**

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

**5:45 pm**

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

**6:00 pm**

- ◆ **Hanukkah Candle Lighting**  
€ *Atrium*  
**Bring your own menorahs!**  
**We'll provide the candles!**

**6:15 pm**

- ◆ **Shabbat and Dedication Services—**  
**Celebrating our new sanctuary**  
All our families and generations are welcome!

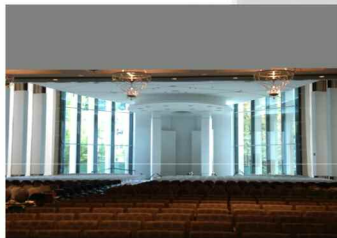


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**7:15 pm**

- ◆ **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 under 5**

**7:30 pm**

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

**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.**

**8:00 pm**

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

**Teens are encouraged to join in adult activities.**

**8:00 pm**

- ◆ **THE MAIN EVENTS**  
**Hanukkah Synaplex—**  
€ A spectacular family art project with Avi Zukerman, (our own "Art with Avi")  
**There will be an additional charge for materials. Details to follow!**  
-OR-  
€ The Jewish mystery of glass – a Hanukkah miracle featuring ark designer and glass artist, Maura Smolover.

**9:30 pm**

- ◆ **Dessert Oneg**

**Save the Dates for 2013**  
**Synaplex Events**

Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 15, & Apr 12

**CLIP & RETURN TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE NO LATER THAN DEC 12th**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ under 5 free

**"Shabbat Picnic Dinner" Adults Only**  
# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10/ea

**PLEASE SEAT US WITH:**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED**  
\$ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SEATING IS PLANNED 2 DAYS IN ADVANCE.**

**ANY LAST MINUTE SEATING REQUESTS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.**

## The Kol Ami Brotherhood — KABRO



### 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](http://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*



## WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM — "Sisterhood"

The New Year at Kol Ami begins again with *Tzedakah* and *Tikkun Olam*. I would like to thank all the members of our Temple Community who helped to make this year's Food Drive the *most successful ever!* With your help we collected 2,771 pounds of food, 500 pounds more than last year.

The envelopes attached to the bags were for MAZON, a national nonprofit organization founded as "A Jewish Response to Hunger" and dedicated to preventing and alleviating hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds. Your monetary donations support their year-round initiatives.

Your bags of groceries are donated to the Food Bank for Westchester which sorts and distributes them to food pantries throughout Westchester County. Their mission is to educate

Westchester County in creating a hunger free environment.

Many people deserve thanks for their support of our annual Food Drive. Dick and Harley Lewis were instrumental in the founding of this effort, which has grown tremendously over the years. Sisterhood volunteers label 1000 bags and distribute them on the evening and day of Rosh Hashanah. Paul and our custodial staff collect and transport literally a ton and a half of food in the bins they man. Murray Shapiro personally delivers some of the food to the Bridge Fund Food Pantry in White Plains. And Jane Friedberg provides amazing traffic control of the entire operation. Our sincere thanks to all of them.

*Ellen Kurtz*

# 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

[rmaimin@gmail.com](mailto:rmaimin@gmail.com)

# MITZVAH KNITZ

We will be meeting on  
**Thursday**  
**November 15**  
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

### Poetry Session

Amy Winkler will lead  
November 7, 2012

### 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

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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**Anthony Wolf, PhD**

Psychologist – Author  
Speaker – Consultant



## What To Do And What Not To Do Raising Today's Kids

**Tuesday, November 8th**  
**7:30 pm**

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Anthony E. Wolf Ph.D., a practicing child psychologist, author and speaker has written many parenting books including his just published, *I'd Listen to My Parents if They'd Just Shut Up: What to Say and Not Say When Parenting Teens*, and the best selling, *Get Out of My Life, but first could you drive me and Cheryl to the Mall? A Parent's Guide to the New Teenager*, which has sold over 500,000 copies and continues to be the most widely acclaimed how to deal with your teenager book in the country.

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**We gratefully acknowledge your generous contributions**

**Rabbi Shira Milgrom's  
Discretionary Fund**

- For the December ECP Bookshare, from Naomi and Daniel Lobatto
- For the January Bookshare, from Jenifer Johnson and Jason Shuker
- In appreciation, from Jacob and Rita Clark
- In memory for the Quinn-Block families, from Jeanne Quinn
- In appreciation, from Helane and Alan Smith
- In memory of Joyce Seidman, from Andy and Robbie Seidman
- In appreciation, Alan and Rena Steinfeld
- In appreciation of our wonderful High Holy Day services, from Bernice and Jerry Rubenstein
- In celebration of Liore and David's marriage, from Ilene and Glenn Miller, Ron and Julie Carran, Judy and Jeff Gelfand
- In memory of Mrs. Lenore Greenberg, mother of Susan Greenberg, from Janice Green
- In appreciation for officiating at my mother's funeral and providing us with comfort and solace, from Susan Greenberg and family and Leo Greenberg
- In honor of Harry and Ellie Fleisch, from Frank and Beri Harris
- In memory of my son, David Phillip Trent, from Geraldine Trent
- For the November ECP Bookshare, from Wendy Shemer

**Rabbi Tom Weiner's  
Discretionary Fund**

- In appreciation, from Nat and Betsy Bohrer
- In memory for the Quinn-Block families, from Jeanne Quinn
- In honor of the anniversary of Deborah Friedberg and Rebecca Williams, MD, from Loisann Friedberg
- In appreciation, from Edith Karliner
- In appreciation, Drs. Joe and Janet Zuckerman
- In memory of my mother, Karyl Gottlieb, from Mark Gottlieb
- In honor of Rabbi Weiner, in honor of the birth of our grandson, Andrew David Larson and the proud parents, Jessica and Jeffrey Larson, from David and Marilyn Rivkin
- In appreciation, from Alexis Smith
- In appreciation, from Helane and Alan Smith

**Cantor Mo Glazman's  
Discretionary Fund**

- For being with our family at our time of loss from Susan Greenberg & Family
- On honor of the High Holy Days music from Claudia Harari & Alan Barson, Helane & Alan Smith, Annie & Bernie Borenstein
- In honor of our son Ray's Bar Mitzvah and with thanks to the Cantor from Ellen & Jonathan Flaks
- In honor of Ellie Bea's baby naming from Cori Adelman & Peter Shifrin
- In appreciation of the Cantor from Jeanne Quinn
- With thanks to the Cantor from Marsha Geller and family
- In honor of our son Sam's Bar Mitzvah and with thanks to the Cantor from Laura Wilker & Andrew Jeske

**Kol Ami Fund**

- In honor of Rhona Merkur, Paul Schupak and Elyse Schupak from Diane Tabakman & David Rhodes
- In memory of Fred Weisberg from Madge Weisberg Conway & Thomas Conway
- In memory of Alfred Schechter, husband of Shirley Schechter from Dr. & Mrs. Sheldon Alter
- In memory of Norman Schoenfeld from Dr. & Mrs. Sheldon Alter
- In memory of my father, Rishon Rosen, from Amy Rosen & Arthur Weisberg

**L/Dor Va'Dor (Capital Campaign) Fund**

- In honor of Ronnie Cohn Farley and Mark Seiden, Man and Woman of the Year, from Helene and Alan Smith

**People to People Fund**

- In honor of Helen Berger's 90th birthday from Ann & Jack Kanarek

**Religious School Fund**

- In memory of Larry Meltz, step-father of Felice Miller Baritz, from Allison & Mitchell Danzig, Wendy & Edward Gellert

**ECP Fund**

- To Cindy Musoff in memory of Susan Foreman, her beloved Nanny, from Jay Musoff

**Prayer Book Fund**

- In honor of Martin Kahn's 70th birthday from Bonnie & Eric Eilen

**CONGRATULATIONS**

- To Mandy & Ben Zoffness on the birth of their daughter, Hayden Alexandra. Hayden also is the great-granddaughter of Marjorie Alexander
- To Alan Lerner on the birth of his grandson, Hudson Edward Cummings
- To Robin Cohen on the birth of her grandson, Jonathan Reuben Davidson
- To Pamela Millian & Dr. Gary Orentlicher on the marriage of their son, Joshua Oren, to Becky Zorowitz
- To Rabbi Shira Milgrom & Dr. David Elcott on the marriage of their daughter, Liore Milgrom Elcott, to David Gartner

**CONDOLENCES**

To Bill Giddins on the death of his mother, Celia Giddins  
To Rhoda Fischman on the death of her husband, Leonard (Lenny) Fischman

**In Memoriam**

Marcel Brailey  
Leonard (Lenny) Fischman  
Betty Menke  
Miriam Wallach

**If your child was born in 2002...**

**Please plan to join us on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7:30 pm for a Parents' Orientation meeting to discuss Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates for 2015.**

**If your child does not attend Kol Ami's religious school, please email Valerie Heim, [vheim@nykolami.org](mailto:vheim@nykolami.org), and include your child's birth date to be sure that our records are complete.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b>  9:15 am Jewish Meditation Class 9:45 am Adolescent Parenting Class with S. Davis 7:45 pm Congregational Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b>  <b>SYNAPLEX</b> 10:00 am Torah Study <b>5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS</b> in Gallery <b>6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE</b> in Sanctuary <b>6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>SPIRITUAL LIFT</b> in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study <b>11:00 am SERVICE</b> <b>10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:</b> B'not Mitzvah of Emma Boshart and Felicia Tuchman <b>5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE:</b> Bat Mitzvah of Sofia Mustacchi
<b>4</b>  <b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> 9:15 am Interfaith Brainstorming Session 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 <b>5:00 pm MAN/WOMAN OF THE YEAR DINNER</b>	<b>5</b>  9:15 am Grandparenting Class with S. Davis	<b>6</b>  <b>ELECTION DAY ECP CLOSED</b> 11:30 am Women in Transition Class 12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages Class 7:30 pm Sisterhood (WVRJ) Meeting	<b>7</b>  <b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> 11:30 am Mah Jongg & Bridge 7:30 am Women's Roundtable Breakfast 9:15 am Kol Ami Reads Book Club 6:30 pm Adult Adv. Beginners Hebrew 7:30 pm Israeli Dancing	<b>8</b>  9:15 am Jewish Meditation 9:00 am ECP Mommy Talk Class 7:30 pm Speaker Anthony VVolf, PhD 7:45 pm Congregational Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b>  10:00 am Torah Study <b>5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS</b> in Gallery <b>6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE</b> in Sanctuary <b>6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>SPIRITUAL LIFT</b> in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study <b>11:00 am SERVICE</b> <b>5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE:</b> B'not Mitzvah of Rheanna Greenberg Bello and Parker Heuer
<b>11</b>  <b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> 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	<b>12</b>  10:30 am Spiritual Directions Group 11:00 am Current Events Class 8:00 pm KABRO Board Meeting	<b>13</b>  <b>ECP BOOK FAIR</b> 11:30 am Women in Transition Group 12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages 4:00 pm ECP Story Hour 7:30 pm Winter Jewish Film Festival 8:00 pm Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class	<b>14</b>  <b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ECP BOOK FAIR</b> 9:00 am ECP 3s Breakfast 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	<b>15</b>  <b>ECP BOOK FAIR</b> 9:15 am Jewish Meditation 12:00 pm Mitzvah Knitz 12:00 pm Adolescent Parenting Group 8:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>16</b>  <b>ECP BOOK FAIR THIRD GRADE FAMILY SHABBAT</b> 10:00 am Torah Study <b>5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS</b> in Gallery <b>6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE</b> in Sanctuary <b>6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>SPIRITUAL LIFT</b> in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study <b>11:00 am SERVICE</b> <b>5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE:</b> Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Sommers
<b>18</b>  <b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> <b>9:15 am ECP TURKEY TROT</b> 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 <b>7:30 pm SEEDS OF PEACE CONCERT</b>	<b>19</b>  9:30 am Blessings of a Skinned Knee Class 11:00 am Current Events Class 12:00 pm Cooking for the Homeless	<b>20</b>  11:30 am Women in Transition Class 12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages Class	<b>21</b>  <b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED</b> 11:30 am Mah Jongg & Bridge No Adult Hebrew No Israeli Dancing	<b>22</b>  <b>THANKSGIVING ECP &amp; OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>ECP &amp; OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS</b> in Gallery <b>6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE</b> in Sanctuary <b>6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>SPIRITUAL LIFT</b> in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study <b>11:00 am SERVICE</b> <b>10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:</b> B'nai Mitzvah of E. J. Kolber and Molly Segall
<b>25</b>  <b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>26</b>  11:00 am Current Events Class	<b>27</b>  11:30 am Women in Transition Class 12:00 pm Wisdom of the Sages 8:00 pm Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class	<b>28</b>  <b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> 11:30 am Mah Jongg & Bridge 6:30 pm Adult Adv. Beginners Hebrew 7:30 pm Israeli Dancing	<b>29</b>  9:15 am Jewish Meditation 7:00 am Worship Committee Meeting 8:00 pm Congregational Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b>  New Member Shabbat 10:00 am Torah Study <b>5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS</b> in Gallery <b>6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE</b> in Sanctuary <b>6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT? SERVICE</b>	<b>Dec. 1</b>  <b>SPIRITUAL LIFT</b> in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study <b>11:00 am SERVICE</b> <b>5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE:</b> B'nai Mitzvah of Mark Perlman and Matthew Reynolds



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