



Synaplex — November 2, 2012



Join us at our opening Synaplex, featuring **keynote speaker Alan Morinis**,
author and the founder of The Mussar Institute

*We are all Spiritual Orphans –
what the Jewish Tradition of Mussar Offers to Make Life Fulfilling.*

Man and Woman of the Year



Photo by Mariela Melamed

*Please join us as we honor Ronnie Cohn Farley and Mark Seiden
November 4, 2012
Please see page 6 for reservation form.*

SERVICES

Monday, October 1

10:00 am SUKKOT SERVICE in Chapel

Friday, October 5

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

Saturday, October 6

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 Dylan Libman & Aaron Lehr

Sunday, October 7

6:00 pm SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE &
CONSECRATION

Monday, October 8

10:00 am SIMCHAT TORAH AND YIZKOR SERVICE
in Chapel

Friday, October 12

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT SERVICE

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

Saturday, October 13

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

11:00 am SERVICE

10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Ray Flaks

Friday, October 19

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT SERVICE

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

Saturday, October 20

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 Justin Cohen & Kayla Soh

Friday, October 26

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT SERVICE

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

Saturday, October 27

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 Adam Ginsburg & Jeffrey Pollak

Friday, November 2

SYNAPLEX

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery

6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT SERVICE

6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING 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 Felicia Tuchman & Emma Boshart
KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE
FAMILY SHABBAT*The reading of the Torah never ends...**Erav Simchat Torah
Sunday, October 7th at 6:00pm**Join the hakafah and dance around the Sanctuary
with flags and Torah scrolls!
Join together with the Congregation as we
encircle our community in Torah!**Welcome our new Religious School students
as they are called to the Torah to be consecrated.**After services join us for festive dancing with
Shmulik and an oneg to celebrate.**Morning Simchat Torah and Yizkor Service
Monday, October 8th
10:00 in the Chapel in the Woods**Weekly Torah Portions for October***Week ending October 6, 2012****(The Shabbat during Sukkot) Parashat Ki Tisa Exodus 33:12-34:26**

This portion of Ki Tisa relates the story following the incident of the Golden Calf. Moses is beset by doubt and anxiety over his own ability to lead the Israelites, and asks for the ultimate reassurance – to behold the Divine Presence. God does not grant this request, but does reveal the nature of God's attributes. The *parashah* ends with a restoration of mutual faith and with Moses carving a second set of tablets inscribed with Ten Commandments.

Week ending October 13, 2012**Parashat Bereshit Genesis 1:1-6:8**

B'reishit, our first *parashah* in the Torah cycle, begins with the creation of the world. God creates the world in seven days, concluding with the first Shabbat. In a second version of the creation story, Adam is created from the dust of the earth rather than as a result of a divine breath. Adam and Eve are expelled from the Garden of Eden for eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Their son, Cain, kills his brother Abel. Adam and Eve have another son named Seth, from whom Noah descends.

Week ending October 20, 2012**Parashat Noach Genesis 6:9-11:32**

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

Week ending October 27, 2012**Lech L'cha Genesis 12:1-17:27**

The story of our ancestors begins in earnest in *Lech L'cha*. Abram is promised he will be the father of a great multitude if he follows God's call. Abram leaves Haran for Canaan with Sarai and his nephew Lot. As a sign of the covenant they each receive a new name, Abraham and Sarah. Sarah gives her handmaid, Hagar, to Abraham to bear a son for him. Then, sensing Hagar's pride at becoming pregnant, Sarah asks Abraham to send Hagar away. God promises Abraham (at the age of ninety-nine) and Sarah a son of their own (named Isaac) through whom the covenant will be fulfilled.

Ritual Riches — *Festivals of Sukkot, Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah*

"You shall live in booths seven days; all citizens in Israel shall live in booths, in order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I the Eternal your God. (Leviticus 23: 43-43)"

Sukkot is celebrated on the 15th day of Tishrei five days after Yom Kippur. It lasts for seven days in Israel, eight days in the diaspora. Many of us know this holiday as the holiday of booths or the celebration of the fall harvest. Depending on when the 15th day of Tishrei falls in the secular calendar, the arrival of Sukkot is usually a good indication that the summer is over. Symbols of Sukkot are the sukkah, lulav and etrog. At Kol Ami we have several sukkahs. Each year, the one in the sanctuary is beautifully decorated by the Sisterhood. A sukkah is to have three walls with the top open and covered just enough for protection from the weather, but so you can see the sky. You can now buy pre-made sukkah kits that are made from canvas, metal and wood. Last year a company called Sukkah Depot distributed 500,000 sukkah kits to the US, Canada, Europe and Latin America.

It is customary to eat dinner in the sukkah. Some more observant Jews sleep in the sukkah. In Hebrew, lulav means palm branch. It is the ceremonial object "with a

single palm branch in the center, two willow branches on the left, and three myrtle branches on the right." In Hebrew, etrog means citron. This lemon-like fruit is only used for the ceremonial rituals of Sukkot. The ritual of reciting a blessing while holding the lulav and etrog together and shaking them in six directions is to be aware of God's presence in all creation. Leviticus 23:40 commands "On the first day, you shall take the fruit of a goodly tree (etrog), palm branches, myrtle boughs, and willows and rejoice before Adonai." Substance, color and size are important factors in choosing the perfect etrog. Most etrogs are grown in Bnei Brak, Israel, but there are etrog farms in Greece, Morocco, Yemen and California. There are many events that occur in Israel during the week of Sukkot including a public reception in the President of Israel's sukkah. People are able to tour the residence, there are performances and the President is in attendance. At Kol Ami, we have many wonderful Sukkot activities.

Sukkot concludes with Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. In Reform Judaism, the two are combined. "Sh'mini Atzeret was originally a time for a final day of reflection before returning to daily routine. It also became a time to pray for rain in the year to come," which is particularly important at this time of year both in Israel and in this year in parts

of the US that are drought stricken. Simchat Torah is Hebrew for "rejoicing the law". This celebration of concluding the reading of Deuteronomy and beginning the reading of Genesis was added onto the Sukkot celebration in the eleventh century. Consecration of new students to our religious school is one of the traditions attached to Simchat Torah along with marching around the sanctuary with all our Torah scrolls. There's nothing more thrilling, and a little scary, than seeing one of the Torah scrolls completely unrolled around the perimeter of the sanctuary being gently held on the top by members of the congregation.

The intense Jewish holiday season begins with Rosh Hashanah and concludes with Simchat Torah. The freshness of the fall air coincides with the freshness of the New Year and the fresh opportunity for all us.

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

Information for the above article was obtained from the following: urj.org, Wikipedia, Google, reformjudaismmagazine.org, israelinsideout.org and 10 Minutes of Tora.

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!

Call Rabbi Weiner's Office for info: X114

From Our Co-Presidents

Last month was the third time that we relished the view from the bima during High Holy Days, and, although it was a new and different perspective, it was just as awe inspiring as the first time. Viewing from our vantage point the newly emerging sanctuary beyond the many rows filled with our friends, families and guests was both breathtaking and heartwarming. The “buzz” created by our members’ and guests’ first look into our beautiful, developing sanctuary was palpable. Although the entrance to holiness was in a slightly different configuration this year, the inspiring words of our clergy as well as the beautiful music and vocal harmony of our services were, in many ways, more inspiring than ever. It “takes a village” to generate the wonderful feeling of the High Holy Days that we have all come to expect. Kol Ami’s amazing clergy, staff and lovingly dedicated volunteers and members again created the warm and caring community we strive to achieve. Special thanks to our Worship Committee and to the many congregants who participated in the services.

In addition, we wish to acknowledge and

thank everyone who contributes to making not only these services so special, but also our diverse operations and programs throughout the year:

Thanks to our office staff led by Executive Director Jane Friedberg and custodial staff led by Building Superintendent Paul Mauro. Nothing seems to faze this group- not major construction work running concurrently in our sanctuary and classrooms nor working almost around the clock for days on end to make the High Holy Days run seamlessly.

Thanks to our clergy and professional staff. You inspire us not only during the High Holy Days, but also all year long with your vision, dedication and passion for our worship experiences, schools, programs and community building.

Thanks to our volunteers. You participate in our committees, auxiliaries, task forces and give generously of your valuable time, talent and devotion to our shared spiritual home.

Thanks to our Board of Trustees and

Officers. You provide leadership for our congregation and demonstrate the kind of commitment that makes others eager to do the same.

Thanks to our congregants. You make Kol Ami the warm, welcoming synagogue that is, and always will be, the foundation of our community.

During the High Holy Days, as we reflect upon all for which we are grateful, we wish to sincerely thank all of you for the privilege of serving as your co-presidents. We look forward to continuing to build community together and wish our entire congregation health, happiness and peace in 5773.

*With our deep appreciation,
Ronnie and Mark*



Photo by Mariela Melamed

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

What Mussar Means to Me — *Alan Morinis and Everyday Holiness*

Life changes little by little most of the time. The only big realizations, the “aha” moments have come to me in times of crisis and trauma. When I hurt the most, I grow the most. My challenge is to find a path in the spaces between the big moments, a gradual trail through the moss, the grasses, the weeds that grow around the mile stones.

Like the Soviets and Chinese, I favor five year plans. Every five years I return to Arizona for my high school reunion. I graduated from high school in 1975, and college in 1980. Things went off kilter when I finished grad school in 1983, ran the NY City Marathon in 1986, left my job of five years in 1988 and finished law school and got married in 1991. I was only a year off. My first child was born in 1995, the second in 1999. I was fifteen years in my first law job – and fifty years old when I left with a generous early retirement offer. Back on schedule: two graduate schools, two careers and two kids in twenty years.

Those are some facts. The real story lies in the events, feelings, growth, confusion, depression and innumerable frustrations that accompanied each of those years and bear down on me still. My life has been a rafting trip through a snaking canyon, I can never see around the corner until I get there and realize it is too late to plan. Here I am floating down a cold, dirty, rushing river attempting to keep myself and my loved ones afloat. I ask myself: “Where are we going?” “Why is it so difficult?” “Why don’t I enjoy and reflect on the journey?” “Am I biding my time until I get to the next rapids?” “Or am I just thinking about what the people in the other boat are doing and saying?”

To me, books are the shiny pebbles strewn on my path, sometimes showing the way. One afternoon, last fall, after a family squabble – the kind that leaves one shaking with frustration, I escaped the house, under the guise of shopping and errands. Maybe I would drive to JFK and catch the next flight to Hawaii. Instead, I slipped into Inspiration Gallery to look for a book. I picked up *The Book Thief*. Many had recommended it, there was a movie. For nonfiction, I perused the offerings. A pleasant looking book cover spoke to the seeker in me, *Everyday Holiness* and *The Jewish Spiritual Path of Mussar*. Written by Alan Morinis, the type was not too small and no Hebrew on one side of the page. I remembered Rabbi Pamela Wax talking about Mussar at an event last spring.

Instead of heading home, I pulled out of the

parking lot and crossed over North Avenue to park next to Starbucks. I ordered a decaf tall latte and shortbread cookies in cellophane, found a shady table in the outside patio and dug into *The Book Thief*. Hours went by, different groups of people came and went from the big table across from me. The shade shifted. I was almost finished – her house had been destroyed and only she survived – reading a book in the basement. The ping of the submarine in my cell phone caught me in mid-sentence, reminding that I was AWOL. *The Book Thief* went back in the bag. I dragged myself home and waited until bedtime to sneak in the end.

The Book Thief was a perfect introduction to *Everyday Holiness* and the teachings of Mussar: good people doing good things in horrendous circumstances. The premise of *Everyday Holiness* hit me in the face like a cool blast of air. As a human being I am precious but imperfect. I can start by recognizing my strong and weak characteristics in relation to what Morinis translates from the Hebrew as “soul traits.” In his book, Morinis encourages us to pick a virtue, a fault, a theme, a goal, and analyze its relevance to our lives, our everyday tasks, our careers, our families, and our communities. Here is something that resonated with me, even from ancient orthodox Jewish teachings.

Some people focus on their “look” for each day, each week. They plan their wardrobe a week in advance. Each day they put on an outfit, anticipating how they will feel, or appear to others. During the day, they might be comfortable, uncomfortable, warm or chilly, enjoy the feeling of the material against the skin or maybe find an itchy label or too tight elastic that needs adjusting or fixing. Each day they take off an outfit and reflect on whether to wear it again or to pair it with a different shirt, blouse, shoes, belt or skirt. What we wear depends on who we are, what our needs are, whether we want to fit in and/or want to be noticed, and other innumerable considerations that make up our personality and preferences.

Practicing Mussar is like adding new pieces to one’s wardrobe. But, before we do, like the little boy who saw the emperor had no clothes, we must determine whether we see what is really there. And then we ask ourselves, what do we see? What troubles or attracts us? What do we like and dislike about what we do, how we are? Instead of new shoes, can we try on awareness, humility, modesty, honor, empathy? Can we admit to pride, anger, stubbornness, defiance? Or

are we overly humble, modest, honorable or empathetic? Do these so called qualities get in our way? Could we show more pride, firmness or courage? Morinis suggests choosing one trait a week, trying it on and examining how it fits – is there too much, too little? He offers the possibility that engaging in Mussar practice can change our lives and if not that, can lead us to be better people.

Here are Middot I began to consider. I tried order, humility, gratitude, compassion in the first weeks. I suffer from disorder and disorganization; I value humility; I wish I were less entitled and more thankful; my anger and irritation make it hard to be compassionate. I reminded myself of my focus every morning, I looked at Morinis’ book, which recommends actions for each middah. To honor each and every soul, I follow his suggestion to greet everyone I meet before they greet me. In a compassion week, I work at quieting my internal critic, giving myself the same understanding I strive to give others. I keep track by looking at the list I wrote in the back of my copy of *Everyday Holiness*.

Lately, I have been writing my weekly middah on a dry erase board magnetically stuck on the refrigerator. When I forget, my son asks: “what is your weekly lesson?” At the end of the day, I write a paragraph, or just one sentence in my journal about my middah. Sometimes, I only write the word. At the end of my first thirteen weeks, I eliminated some of the soul traits that were not as relevant to me as others; and started the process all over again. Morinis recommends having a partner, or a teacher to help with this practice. I have not done that.

After half a year of even limited Mussar practice, my perspective has changed in little ways. When faced with a decision, a crossroads, I ask myself, how can the trait of “enthusiasm” help me to deal with this, what about “humility” or “honor”? Do I value my pride or do I want to honor the other? What if my enthusiasm conflicts with my desire to be humble? I doubt anyone else can see the changes. But, I know that I smile more at everyone and perhaps, I am a better person.

Alan Morinis will be speaking at Congregation Kol Ami at our first Synaplex on November 2, 2012. Let the seeker in you listen and wonder whether Mussar might have something to offer you in the New Year.

Jennet Walker

KABRO (MEN'S COUNCIL) AND WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
PRESENT OUR
2012 MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Mark Seiden
&
Ronnie Cohn Farley



Sunday November 4, 2012

AT 5:00 PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL

Please R.S.V.P. by October 26th

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Mark Seiden

A long-time member of the Kol Ami Board of Trustees, Mark Seiden was elected Co-President in 2010. Previously, he served as Vice President for three years and was on the nominating committee three times.

In their eventful term as Co-Presidents, Mark and Woman of the Year Ronnie Cohn Farley have led Kol Ami through several joyous celebrations and a long list of achievements for the temple, its physical plant, finances, and administration. Mark's proudest accomplishments include the construction of our new sanctuary and the Capital Campaign that made it possible; spring fund-raisers including the 2011 Gala honoring Rabbi Shira Milgrom and Dr. David Elcott; improving fiscal controls and revamping the temple's committees; and, as Mark says, "building community and getting new and different people involved with the synagogue."

Mark has taken a special interest in the L'Dor va Dor capital campaign, which is led by Mark's wife of 25 years, Andrea. Andrea runs a healthcare communications and public advocacy firm, runs marathons, and has chaired many temple events.

Professionally, Mark is senior partner with Milber, Makris, Plousadis & Seiden LLP, a 65-member law firm with offices in White Plains, Woodbury, New Jersey, Buffalo and Boca Raton. The firm's specialty is defending professional liability claims. Mark earned a B.S. in education from Cornell University in 1982 and a J.D. from Fordham Law School in 1985.

Mark enjoys swimming, playing the piano, and spending time with family and friends. Mark and Andrea are the proud parents of two wonderful sons, Joshua, a senior at Brandeis, and Gregory, a sophomore at Cornell and former president of our Senior Youth Group.



Ronnie Cohn Farley

Ronnie Cohn Farley joined Congregation Kol Ami 19 years ago when her daughter, Genna, was entering first grade in the Religious School. During her first or second year of membership, Ronnie was invited by Stanley Goodman to participate in Leadership Development training and, Ronnie says, she was "hooked right from the start."

Ronnie was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2001. She was elected Vice President in 2005 and Co-President with Man of the Year Mark Seiden in 2010. During her years at Kol Ami, Ronnie co-chaired the Religious School Committee, participated in the Religious School's Israeli Partnership program, and was a "Drama Mama." She also participated in the Nominating Committee, the Youth Activities and College Youth Committees and chaired both the Dues Review Committee and Leadership Development.

In recent years, Ronnie has been most actively engaged in the work of the Annual Fund, Capital Campaign, and Building Committees. In addition to the construction of the new sanctuary, the Capital Campaign, and other achievements, Ronnie has taken a special interest in "the development of our Inclusion Committee to increase our sensitivity to, and support for, congregants' and guests' individual needs."

Professionally, Ronnie has worked for the past 40 years to protect the rights of people with developmental disabilities and to insure their access to necessary services. She participated in the class action litigation that shut down the Willowbrook Developmental Center on Staten Island in 1987, and she continues to act as the independent evaluator for the ongoing process to guarantee the class members appropriate living situations and community services throughout New York State. Ronnie has also participated in similar class actions in California, Alabama, Connecticut, Tennessee and New York.

Ronnie earned a B.S. in psychology and an M.S. in special education. She enjoys spending time with her parents, aunt and uncle, extended family, valued friends, and her loving daughter, Genna, a graduate of Clark University and former president of our Senior Youth Group.

From the Director of Membership and Development

The Annual Fund is well underway, and we are aiming for 100% participation from our congregation. This is your opportunity to help ensure that Kol Ami is able to maintain its facilities and can continue to offer the outstanding programs which help to make us such a special place. If you have not already made your Annual Fund donation, it is not too late.

As many of you observed and heard over Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, work is continuing on the sanctuary renovation and grounds. As you could see, the sanctuary is going to be beautiful and functional.

This campaign is not solely about bricks and mortar. It's about building a vibrant community for Jewish life where we can all celebrate the joyous events in our lives and enrich our enduring religious traditions with friends, family and community. With this important initiative, we will inspire a hopeful vision for future generations who will treasure what we have created.

We welcome everyone to join in creating a place of beauty and spirit for all. It is our hope that every congregant will participate to the

best of their ability and we encourage you to join the 250+ congregants who have already done so! An alphabetical listing of all who have participated in the Capital Campaign will be in the November Connection.



For more information about the Annual Fund and the Capital Campaign, please contact Janet Hershey at (914) 949-4717 ext. 115.

Janet

From the Religious School Principal



It feels like it was just a moment ago we were relaxing on those last lazy summer days... We had a successful opening of Religious School, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur have passed and we have all hopefully had the opportunity to spend some quality time with friends and family. I hope these days have provided you all with some time for reflection.

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

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

As we embark on a new school year, the value of learning within a community is crucial to our success. As a unique place comprised of many communities, Kol Ami gives

us the opportunity to reach out and create new connections for our children and ourselves. Judaism is meant to be lived in a community. Sharing Shabbat with other families makes Shabbat better. When people are sick and need others to provide food or comfort, community is indispensable. Whether you come to Synagogue to talk to God, or to make connections with other Jews, we support your choices for Jewish living and hope to provide you with many opportunities to participate in our Jewish community.

Please join us on Sunday evening, October 7th as we wrap our community in Torah and celebrate Simchat Torah. We will consecrate our new Religious School students as they embark on their Jewish learning at Kol Ami.

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

Felice

Meet Our Membership Committee

The mission of the Membership Committee is to attract new members and, equally important, to help retain current members. This year's co-chairs are Lisa Hochman and Susan Davis. Members are Bernice Gale, Leslie Wiesen, Evelyne Klein, Adrienne Pollak, Lori Abrams, Lisa Borowitz, Paul Davis and Elaine Loewengart.

Lisa grew up in White Plains and her family belonged to Kol Ami (JCC back then). She was confirmed by Rabbi Davis and is presently studying with Rabbi Shira's Judaism class, learning Hebrew and looking forward to being part of a b'nai mitzvah celebration. She is married to Kevin Worth and

has two sons, Eli who is 11 and Simon who is 9, both of whom attend Hebrew School at Kol Ami. They live in Larchmont and she is a lawyer practicing land use and environmental law.

Susan and her husband Paul live in White Plains and have been members of Kol Ami for 20+ years. Their daughter Annie is a psychiatrist living in Los Angeles and their daughter Nikki, who works in the fashion industry, lives in Manhattan. They have four grandchildren, David and Daniel in New York and Isaac and Lucy in Los Angeles. Susan has a psychotherapy practice in White Plains and leads parenting and grandparent-

ing groups at Kol Ami. She is also on the Kol Ami Board of Trustees.

Lisa is happy to be back home at Kol Ami and she and Susan are both looking forward to connecting with other members, both current and prospective. They invite anyone interested in working with them on the committee to contact one of them or Janet Hershey, who would also be very happy to hear from you.

Lisa Hochman at lisahochman@mac.com
Susan Davis at susanhopedavis@hotmail.com

The Early Childhood Program Welcomes You Back!

We're off and running in the ECP. Our classrooms are bustling, the children are laughing and our incredible staff is smiling. This month we're celebrating, decorating, parading, cooking, painting, playing, dancing and just having an all around great time.

We are excited to invite all families with young children to our Sukkot Dinner on Thursday evening, October 4 at 6:00 pm, rain or shine. Advanced reservations are available by calling the ECP office at 949-4717 x107 and the last day to sign up is Wednesday, October 3rd. I hope you will take the opportunity to join us and remember everyone in the community is always welcome!

Cocktail parties for our 2's, 3's and 4's parents are slated for this month. Our 2's Party will be hosted by Lisa and Robert Bernstein and Maggie and Josh Feldman, Our 3's Party will

be hosted by Erica and Steven Baker and Michelle and David Kroin and our 4's and Pre-K's Party will be hosted by Susan Kohn and Greg Arovas and Kelly and Lee Sperling. A special thank you goes out to these families who have opened their homes.

Our Family Photo Days are coming this month, too! On Sunday, October 14th and 21st, Mariela Dujovne Melamed, an extremely talented exhibited photographer and member of our congregation, will be with us. Everyone in the entire Kol Ami Community is welcome and encouraged to participate in this fabulous family activity. The photo sessions are held outside on our back fields with the beautiful fall foliage as our background. See page 10 and sign up by calling the ECP office at 949-4717x107.

On Thursday, November 8th at 7:30 pm, the

ECP invites the entire community to an evening with Anthony Wolf, Ph.D., psychologist, author, speaker and consultant. Dr. Wolf is the well-known author of such titles as *The Secret of Parenting*, *Get Out of My Life, but First Could you Drive Me and Cheryl to the Mall*, and *It's Not Fair, Jeremy Spencer's Parents Let Him Stay Up All Night!* Dr. Wolf will be speaking on what to do and what not to do raising today's kids. We hope to see you there!

Make sure to stop by the next time you're in our building and see what's happening here in the nursery school—there is much to be proud of!

Nan



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)

Beginning Thursday, September 27th — 9:00-10:00 am
and meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday thereafter

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.

Kol Ami Drama Club 2013 Presents:
“REALLY ROSIE”
 By Maurice Sendak & Carole King

**An information and introductory meeting
 will be held on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18th**

from 6:00-7:00pm in The Chapel.
 Children and parents are encouraged to attend.

**Auditions and Registration will be held on
 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25TH from 6:00-8:00pm**

in The Chapel (sign-up on October 18th at the meeting or contact Ellen to schedule a time).

If you are interested in knowing more about the show,
 check it out on YouTube!

The Drama Club provides kids 7 and older with a wonderful
 opportunity to create long-lasting friendships,
 gain valuable theater skills from a professional director
 and musical director and perform for friends, family and our
 wonderful Kol Ami community!
 Everyone who auditions will be cast!

Rehearsals

Monday nights from 6:00-8:00pm from January-April
 January 1, 14, 28; February 4, 11, 25
 March 4, 11, 18; April 1, 8
 Tech – April 15, 16, 18
 Brush-up – April 22, 25

Performances

Sunday, April 21st during Religious School (Time TBA)
Sunday, April 28th at 2:00pm

Tuition

\$175/per child
 Parent involvement is encouraged!

Any questions? Contact Ellen Flaks, our Director at
 ellenflaks@verizon.net or call her at 917-679-5760

Family Photo Days are Back!

All members are welcome!

Sunday, October 14th OR Sunday, October 21st
9:30-4:30, Rain or Shine • \$100.00 Sitting Fee

Mariela Dujovne Melamed

an extremely talented photographer and member of Congregation Kol Ami
 returns as our photographer.

You must have internet access to view your photos,
 to create the packages that suit you best and to order your prints!

Reserve your spot today. Sign-up in our school lobby, the ECP office or at our Parent Orientation evening

You can view Mariela's work on her website at marielamelamedphotography.com

***The first \$100 of the sitting fee goes to the Early Childhood Program
 to help with our 4's Community Garden and our Lending Library.***

More Friends for Shabbat

In case you haven't heard, Kol Ami's "Shabbat with Friends" dinners have been a resounding success. The Kol Ami community embraced the idea of sharing Shabbat dinners with fellow congregants, whether as hosts or guests (or both)! "Shabbat with Friends" filled us with food, wine, conversa-

tion and laughter. Best of all, these gatherings were part of our goal to build, REALLY build, a community of caring, sharing and love. This year, we are happy to announce an extension of the "With Friends" program: "Havdalah With Friends." Hosts can choose to invite guests for dinner, for coffee and

dessert, or for drinks and appetizers. More choices, more hosts, more events...more Friends for Shabbat! Hosts – please sign up as soon as possible. Please contact Ilene Miller at ilmillerkolami@gmail.com or 914-949-4714 x111 with host dates and any questions.

FRIDAY SHABBAT WITH FRIENDS

Friday, October 12th — following services at 7:30 pm

At the home of Judy & Jeff Gelfand

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) no later than October 10th.
Address provided upon reservation.

SATURDAY HAVDALAH WITH FRIENDS

Saturday, October 13th — time to be announced

At the home of Jane Hein

To enable everyone to participate (not just the hosts) there is a cover charge of \$5.00 per person.
Advance sign up is essential as space is limited

Please RSVP to Ilene Miller (imillerkolami@gmail.com or 949-4717 x111) no later than October 10th.
Address provided upon reservation.

Shabbat with Friends Dates/Hosts

Oct. 12	Judy and Jeff Gelfand
Nov. 9	Marian and Ed Steinberg
Nov. 16	Patty and Burt Wohl
Dec. 7	Evelyne and David Klein
Jan. 25	Ginny and Brian Ruder
Mar. 8	Judy and Bob Asher
Apr. 19	Lisa Borowitz

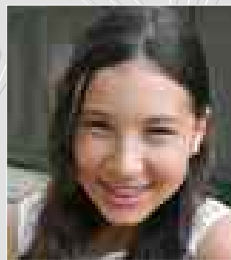
Havdalah with Friends Dates/Hosts

Oct. 13	Jane Hein
Nov. 17	Lisa Borowitz
Jan. 26	Jean and Hank Rouda

Congratulations



AARON LEHR, son of Maura Lehr, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 6, 2012. For his Mitzvah Project, Aaron collected blankets, sheets and pillowcases used to make beds for the animals at Pets Alive, a shelter in Elmsford. He also volunteered there, helping to socialize kittens and younger cats so they would be ready for adoption and playing with older cats that had lived at the shelter for many years. Aaron chose this project because he loves animals. He is an 8th grader at Eastview Middle School in White Plains and enjoys video games, movies, and bicycle riding.



DYLAN LIBMAN, daughter of Kathleen and Jon Libman and older sister of Taylor, will be called to the Torah as Bat Mitzvah on October 6, 2012. For her Mitzvah Project, Dylan volunteers at Blythedale Children's Hospital doing art projects, reading stories, and playing with the children. In addition, Dylan made special bracelets that will be used to help raise money for the Ronald McDonald Houses. Dylan is an 8th grader at the Scarsdale Middle School. She is involved in the school's cheerleading program, and also enjoys participating in the town's running club. During her summers, Dylan attends Camp Fernwood Cove in Harrison, Maine, and is a CIT at Camp Hillard. Dylan also loves spending time with her family and friends and cannot wait to be with all of them on her special day.



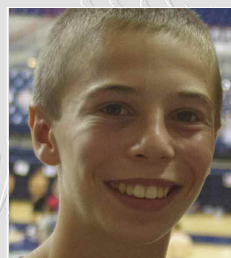
RAY FLAKS, son of Jonathan and Ellen Flaks and younger brother of Nate Flaks, will become a Bar Mitzvah on October 13th. He is an 8th grader at Dobbs Ferry Middle School. For his Mitzvah Project, Ray is tutoring a student who needs extra help at his local elementary school in order to make a difference in that child's life. Ray is involved in Destination Imagination, an international competition that focuses on problem-solving through improvisational theater. In addition, he's the youngest member of the Dobbs Ferry MS/HS Tech Crew. He is also a purple belt in karate. Ray is fascinated by cosmology, astronomy, and the sciences of space.



JUSTIN COHEN, son of Shari Soloway and Kevin Cohen, will become Bar Mitzvah on October 20, 2012. For his Mitzvah Project, Justin has been a regular volunteer at the New Rochelle Humane Society, a not-for-profit animal shelter, where he helps with the care of the animals and the facility. Justin also collected items for donation to the Humane Society. Justin is an 8th grader at Scarsdale Middle School. In Justin's spare time he participates as an assistant teacher at Kol Ami, plays the piano and enjoys hiking and fishing. Justin also enjoys spending time with friends and family and is looking forward to celebrating with them.



KAYLA SOHL, daughter of Sharon and Stephen Sohl and big sister to Lexie, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 20, 2012. For her Mitzvah Project, Kayla is a dedicated volunteer at Pets Alive Westchester, a no-kill animal shelter located in Elmsford, NY. Kayla is an 8th grader at Highlands Middle School in White Plains. She enjoys horseback riding, dance, drawing and playing the viola in the school orchestra. She is looking forward to celebrating her special day with family and friends.



ADAM GINSBURG, son of Helene and Peter Ginsburg and brother to Jenna, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 27, 2012. Adam was diagnosed with celiac disease. For Adam's Bar Mitzvah project, he teamed up with the Colin Leslie Walk for Celiac Disease on September 30th to raise money and to help generate awareness. Proceeds are donated to the Celiac Disease Center at Columbia University. Adam also plans to donate a portion of any monetary gifts he receives for his Bar Mitzvah to this cause. Adam is in 7th grade at Eastchester Middle School. He competes in soccer and plays basketball and baseball. Adam also plays drums in the EMS band and plays piano in its jazz band.



JEFF POLLAK, son of Adrienne and Scott Pollak, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 27, 2012. For his Mitzvah Project, Jeff collected new and slightly used baseball equipment for the organization Pitch in for Baseball. This equipment goes to underprivileged children. Jeff loves baseball and feels that all children should be able to play the sport he loves. Jeff is an eighth grader at Highlands Middle School in White Plains. In his spare time, he enjoys playing sports such as baseball, football and basketball. He also enjoys hanging out with his friends.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Repairing the World — Tikkun Olam

Join our "Done in A Day" initiative....

Start our New Year in a good way
and join us in making our world a better place...

Monday, October 15th

Hebrew Union College –Soup Kitchen

1 West 4th Street

We will learn together and prepare and serve a meal
in the HUC Soup Kitchen

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Light dinner for the volunteers is included

For more information contact

Elizabeth Ward at Ehirschward@gmail.com
713-0553

or Janet Hershey at
Janethershey@nykolami.org
949-4717 ext 115

MITZVAH CORPS

It's a mitzvah to bring an hour of music, companionship and smiles to those in need. With piano accompaniment and our own songbook, we visit one nursing home each month for a sing-along. Please join us! No professional training needed. No rehearsal. Just heart, a giving spirit, and a little of your time.

King Street Home — Wed., Oct. 17th, 2:30

Contact Valerie Heim at the office for more info.

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: 10/21, 11/18, 12/2, 1/13, 2/10,
3/3, 4/14, 5/5, 6/2

Mondays at noon: 10/22, 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.

Featured in October

"Temporary Shelter, An Art Installation about Homeless New Yorkers.

Fiber Artist Heather G. Stoltz tells stories of homeless men, women and children through her installation piece *Temporary Shelter*. The art piece, which takes the shape of a sukkah, will be installed at Kol Ami Sept. 25th and will remain through Oct. 3rd.

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

Oct 22, Nov 12, Dec 3

Schulman Chapel in the Woods

Facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax,

Spiritual Care Coordinator

Westchester Jewish Community Services

Writing Our Lives: Cancelled

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

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

Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30; 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 Sherkman, 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

(except for the first date)

Beginning Oct 15

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

Beginning Oct 4

Hebrew Classes for Adults*

Pending sufficient enrollment

\$150 per semester (scholarships available)

\$180 per semester for non-members

Wednesday Evenings

with Emily Fields

beginning October 3

Advanced Beginners - Aleph Isn't Tough

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Sunday Mornings

with Emily Fields

beginning October 14

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 publications. An informal learning environment.

with Alice Seidman

9:30 – 10:30 am

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

Grandparenting Workshops

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

First Monday of the month

(except for the first date).

9:15 - 10:45 am

No October meeting

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

Adult Education

More Groups

Mah Jongg

Open To All: Experienced and Novice
Wednesdays 11:30 am
Kol Ami Atrium
Resumes Wednesday, Oct. 3
Email Wendy Roos to be added
to the email distribution
Wendyroos1@aol.com

Bridge

Open To All: Experienced and Novice
Wednesdays 11:30 am
Resumes Wednesday, Oct. 3

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
10/3, 11/7, 12/5
Jan. 2, 2013, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1

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
Oct 15 & 29; Nov 29 & 26;
Dec 10; Feb 11 & 25; Mar 18;
Apr 8 & 22; May 6 & 20

Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah

Make New Friends and Ask Great Questions
Tuesdays 8:00 - 10:00 pm
Oct 2 & 16, 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

Israeli Folk Dance

with Shmulik Gou-Ari*
Connect with the heart and soul of the
Jewish story through dance.
Wednesdays, beginning Oct 3
7:30 – 8:15 pm Beginners
8:15 – 10:00 pm Open Dance
Individual sessions -
\$10 members, \$13 non-members

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
beginning Oct 16. Bring your lunch.

Lunch and Learn in NYC

Friday, Oct. 19th - 12:30 pm
Lunch provided.
Hosted by Eric Tirschwell, Partner
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
1177 Ave. of the Americas
(between 45th & 46th)
Room 29D 212-715-7691
Advanced sign up is
essential as space is limited.
RSVP no later than 10/18 to
Suzanne Fromm
949-4717 x114 or
suzannefromm@nykolami.org

SAVE THE DATE!!

Sunday, November 18th, 7:30 - 9:00pm

Congregation Kol Ami will host a spectacular evening of music
in honor of and to benefit Seeds of Peace.

The Middle East - In Harmony

Israeli Palestinian singer, Mira Awad joins with Jewish Israeli Shira Gabrielov in a concert of Jewish, Christian, Muslim, English, Hebrew and Arabic music - a spectacular evening of music in honor of and to benefit Seeds of Peace. 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 Gabrielov has been heralded as Israel's Newcomer of the Year by many radio stations and magazines. "Gabrielov's signature harmonies and sultry voice has audiences captivated as they listen to her. Add in her classical musical training and her unquenchable desire to always do something new, and you get something very honest and refreshing." The two have performed together before - and join together tonight for an unforgettable, exciting and intimate evening.



Congregation Kol Ami **Tag Sale**

 ***Looking to clean out your closets or garage
and make some money too?*** 

Join us for the Kol Ami multi-family tag sale.
Rain or shine, You bring your stuff, price and sell it and keep the profit.
We provide the space and do all the marketing!

We Recommend You Sell

Antiques, clothing, toys, books, bric a brac
working small appliances, strollers, housewares
sports equipment, small furniture.
NO CAR SEATS or HIGH CHAIRS
due to recalls.

Location

In the Kol Ami Gym
252 Soundview Ave
White Plains, NY

Price

\$54 for members
\$100 for non-members.
Tables are available for
a \$10 rental charge

When

Sunday, Oct. 28th, 9am-3pm
Load in Saturday, Oct. 27th,
from 5pm to 7pm or
7am -8:45 am on Sunday, Oct. 28th
Rain or Shine

For more information

Email: Elza Rosen at Elzarosen@gmail.com or call 914 723-0756
Drop off all checks in the Kol Am Sisterhood mailbox
or mail checks to Kol Ami Sisterhood

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Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Table Needed: _____ Member? Y/N: _____ Number of Spaces: _____



FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 2, 2012

Join us at our opening Synaplex
featuring keynote speaker,
Alan Morinis, author and founder of
The Mussar Institute.

5:00 pm

- ◆ Explorations in Jewish Music with Cantor Mo Glazman and special guests Trio Shalva

Born and raised in Israel, each of the musicians eventually found themselves in the heart of New York, where they spent years developing their individual styles and techniques. In 2009, Assaf Gleizner, Koby Hayon, and Nadav Snir-Zelniker came together for their first gig, in which they performed original compositions and arrangements of traditional Israeli repertoire. The trio explores both new and arranged compositions, combining elements of Jazz with Middle-Eastern, Israeli & Jewish influences.

€ Main Sanctuary

5:30 pm

- ◆ Shabbat in the Woods

€ Petschek Gallery

6:00 pm

- ◆ Unwind with Wine and Cheese

€ Atrium

All reservations must be received by 5:00 pm Wed., Oct 31st and are non-refundable unless cancelled 2 days prior to the Synaplex Shabbat.

6:15 pm

- ◆ Shabbat Services

€ Main Sanctuary

- ◆ 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 under 5

7:30 pm

- ◆ Tzedakah Sandwich making and Arts and Crafts with Bonnie Wach

€ Petschek Gallery

All activities and locations are subject to change.

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 EVENT

We are all Spiritual Orphans -- what the Jewish tradition of Mussar offers to make life fulfilling.

Alan Morinis is an anthropologist, filmmaker, writer and student of spiritual traditions. For the past fifteen years the nearly-lost Jewish spiritual discipline of Mussar has been his passion, and he is now a leading interpreter of Mussar teachings and practices. Born and raised in a culturally Jewish but non-observant home, he studied anthropology at Oxford University on a Rhodes scholarship, earning his doctorate at that university.

9:30 pm

- ◆ Dessert Oneg

***Save the Dates for 2012-2013
Synaplex Events***

In 2012: Dec 14

In 2013: Jan 11, Feb 8,

Mar 15, & Apr 12

CLIP & RETURN TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE NO LATER THAN OCT 31ST

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.



Saturday October 20, 2012 at 1:00 pm

Best in ... Shul

We will celebrate Parshat Noach with our very own Kol Ami Canines! Come for an afternoon of laughs and fun and share the talents of your family's and our community's favorite companions. Light refreshments will be served for dogs and owners alike. We will have treats and samples of food for our canine friends from PHD Pet Foods .

- ◇ **Dog Speaking:** Display your dog's barking/speaking interaction ability.
- ◇ **Canine-a-hora:** A competition featuring the best fox trotting dog/owner. Shake it baby shake it!
- ◇ **Best Dog Trick:** Show us your dog's most unique talents and tricks.
- ◇ **Best Dog Costume:** Purim for puppies?
- ◇ **Alta-Cocker and Pisher-Pup:** The oldest and youngest
- ◇ **Chazer Canine and Bissel Bichon:** zaftik 'n bissel
- ◇ **Doodle Bubbella:** The best "doodle mix" dog
- ◇ **Share-a-Punim:** What dog looks most like their owner?
- ◇ **Fashtei-Stay?** Does your dog understand how long to "stay"?
- ◇ **Chai Jump:** How high can your doggy jump?

Prizes will be awarded!

Rain or shine — we'll build an arf - ark if we have to!

Congregation Kol Ami 252 Soundview Ave White Plains, NY 10606 914 949-4717



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM — "Sisterhood"

With the High Holy Days just behind us and our reflections for the past year still fresh in our minds, Sisterhood is planning for a busy fall season. Please join us for our monthly open meetings, the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30-8:30 pm. Stop in, meet new friends and find out what is being planned for the year ahead. Bring your ideas for the social activities you would like to see. Support Kol Ami by paying your Sisterhood dues early and enjoy discounts on events throughout the entire year. In just the next few weeks some of us will be attending the theatre together. We can all participate in fundraising and honoring our Man and Woman of the Year. Information about these events is in this *Connection* and updated in *This Week At Kol Ami*.

SAVE THE DATES

TAG SALE — OCTOBER 28

MAN WOMAN OF THE YEAR — NOVEMBER 4

We want to hear from YOU!

Ellen Kurtz
KolamiSisterhood@aol.com

MITZVAH KNITZ

We will be meeting on
Thursday
October 18
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

The Hare with the Amber Eyes

by Edmund De Waal
October 3, 2012

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

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

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

Congregation Kol Ami
Early Childhood Program
Invites You to an Evening With
Anthony Wolf, PH.D.
Psychologist – Author
Speaker – Consultant



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

Tuesday, November 8th
7:30 pm
252 Soundview Avenue White Plains

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.

*Everyone in the Entire Community is
Always Welcome!*



**Adding Life
To Your Years!**

There's only one Hebrew Home
and we're in Riverdale

- Care Management
- ElderServe Managed Long Term Care
- Home Care
- Memory Support Program
- Nighttime Alzheimer's Care
- Nursing Home
- Senior Apartments
- Senior Day Programs
- Short Term Rehabilitation
- Sonia Jaye & Edward Barsukov Low Vision Center
- The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention

800-56-SENIOR (800-567-3646) www.hebrewhome.org Find us on  

The Kol Ami Virtual Cemetery

This fall, the Congregation will offer a new resource for all members with the launch of the Congregation Kol Ami Virtual Cemetery. What is a virtual cemetery? It is a location on the internet where memorial pages for deceased individuals can be gathered, regardless of where the person is interred.

The memorial pages include, as a minimum, the name of the deceased, where he or she is interred and a photograph of the gravestone.

There are provisions for creating memorial pages for those who have been cremated or have not had a traditional burial.

As a first step, all of the interments at the Congregational plots in Mount Hope and Mount Pleasant cemeteries will be available for viewing.
As the project proceeds, burials of Kol Ami members in other cemeteries will be added.

KOL AMI WOMEN'S OASIS AT HOME

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

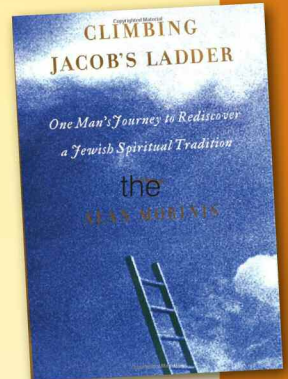
It's time for this year's inspiring book series, led by Rabbi Shira Milgrom, Rabbi Pamela Wax, WJCS Spiritual Care Coordinator, and Dr. Ellen Umansky, the Carl and Dorothy Bennett Professor of Judaic Studies and Director of the Dorothy Bennett Center for Judaic Studies at Fairfield University, CT.

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

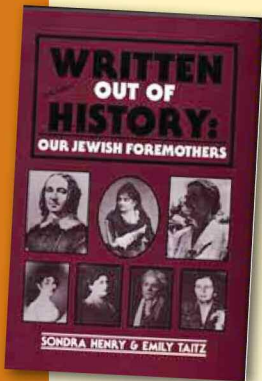
Climbing Jacob's Ladder by Alan Morinis. One man's journey of rediscovery that reveals the central teachings and practices that are the spiritual treasury and legacy of Mussar. Alan Morinis, author and Dean of the Mussar Institute will be keynote speaker at Kol Ami's Synaplex on Friday, November 2nd.

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.

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CONGRATULATIONS

- To Jane and Steve Hochman on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Anna Elise and Juliet Rose Towle

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- To Ronnie Lee on the death of her father, Irving Claremon
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- To Pierre Darmon on the death of his father, Michel Darmon
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- To Sandy Carol Drescher on the death of her sister, Barbara Rubin
- To Susan Greenberg on the death of her mother, Lenore Greenberg

*We Point
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David C. Klein received the Annual President's Award at Sarah Lawrence College for 26 years of clean audits steering the college during a 700% growth in its endowment fund, and many years of "unparalleled" contributions to Sarah Lawrence College.

On September 20th, **Judith Hochman** was honored at a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Judith C. Hochman Building which will house the Teacher Training Institute at the Red Oak Lane Campus of Windward School in White Plains. Dr. Hochman is the former head of the Windward School. She is also the founder and senior faculty member of the Windward Teacher Training Institute.

**In Memoriam
Matthew Stotsky**

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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 SUKKOT. OFFICE & ECP CLOSED 10:00 am SUKKOT SERVICE in Chapel	2 7:30 pm Sisterhood (WVRJ) Meeting 8:00 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class begins	3 7:45 am Women's Roundtable Breakfast RELIGIOUS SCHOOL begins 9:15 am Kol Ami Reads Book Club 6:30 pm Adult Advanced Beginners Hebrew	4 9:15 am Jewish Meditation 9:45 am Adolescent Parenting Group 6:00 pm ECP Sukkot Dinner 7:00 pm Oasis at Home Series begins	5 10:00 am Weekly Torah Study 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE	6 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: B'nai Mitzvah of Dylan Libman & Aaron Lehr
7 EREV SIMCHAT TORAH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED 6:00 pm SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE	8 SIMCHAT TORAH: OFFICE & ECP CLOSED 10:00 am SIMCHAT TORAH AND YIZKOR SERVICE in Chapel	9 ECP CLOSED 11:30 am Women in Transition Group	10 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 6:30 pm Adult Advanced Beginners Hebrew 11:30 am Mah Jongg & Bridge resume	11 9:00 am ECP Mommy Talk 9:15 am Jewish Meditation 8:00 pm ECP Pre-K Cocktail Party	12 10:00 am Weekly Torah Study 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT SERVICE 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE	13 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Ray Flaks
14 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:30 am Intermediate/Advanced Adult Hebrew 10:00 am Adult Advanced Beginners Hebrew 11:15 am Adult Intermediate Hebrew	15 9:30 am Blessings of a Skinned Knee 11:00 am Current Events Class	16 12:00 pm NYC Wisdom of the Sages 7:00 pm ECP First Friends Orientation 8:00 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	17 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 11:30 Mah Jongg and Bridge 6:30 pm Adult Advanced Beginners Hebrew	18 9:15 am Jewish Meditation 12:00 pm Mitzvah Knitz 12:00 pm Adolescent Parenting Group 8:00 pm Board of Trustees 8:00 pm ECP 3s & 4s Cocktail Party	19 10:00 am Weekly Torah Study 12:30 pm NYC Wisdom of the Sages 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery 6:15 pm GOT SHABBAT SERVICE 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE	20 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study 11:00 am SERVICE 10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: B'nai Mitzvah of Justin Cohen & Kayla Sohl
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