



## DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR SYNAPLEX! FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

### Featuring **Harriet Rossetto, author of *Sacred Housekeeping – A Spiritual Memoir***

An honest autobiography of a courageous woman and social worker who took an interest in the unpopular cause of helping incarcerated Jewish men re-enter society and made it her life's passion. From that passion was born Beit T'Shuvah, a once tiny halfway house that has grown exponentially into a renowned treatment organization. This is the personal story of the obstacles she surmounted and the successes she encountered. This book also tells the unconventional love story of Harriet Rossetto and her husband, Rabbi Mark Borovitz.

AND...

### **Musical Explorations with 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. It only took one show for them to understand the serendipitous connection that was underway. As a result, the three musicians moved forward as Trio Shalva, choosing the name for its representation of the Hebrew word for "serenity". The trio explores both new and arranged compositions, combining elements of Jazz with Middle-Eastern, Israeli & Jewish influences.

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR JANUARY 10, 2014 SYNAPLEX SHABBAT SHIRA, SHABBAT OF SONG

Imagine the most joyous moments of your life. Perhaps you are smiling, perhaps you are giggling with joy. Imagine now that the joy you experience is so completely overwhelming that you burst into song. (Not just for those of you who are "Glee" fans.) Our tradition teaches us that after the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, Moses and Miriam led our people in joyous song and dance. We honor our freedom and our musical joy by celebrating **Shabbat Shira**, our Shabbat of song on January 10, 2014. This Synaplex evening will begin with a 5:00 pm showing of selections from "Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy." This will be followed by our 6:15 service enhanced by the expressive voices of our choirs and will conclude with our musical main event: A concert performance by C. Lanzbom and Noah Solomon. These artists form the Jewish fusion band called "Soulfarm." Their sound has been dubbed as New American music, full melodic song writing and progressive modern arrangements. Their live shows are full of Mediterranean flavor with captivating guitar leads and strong dance rhythms. The 2012 *New York Post* quotes Soulfarm as "versatile, utilizing improvisation and world music."

**DON'T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE BY  
DONATING BLOOD ON SUNDAY, DEC 8TH (8:30 AM-2:30 PM), TEMPLE ATRIUM**

## SERVICES

## Friday, December 6

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery  
 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary

## Saturday, December 7

8:45 am SPIRITUAL LIFT in Main Building  
 8:45 am Coffee and community  
 9:00 am Study  
 10:00 am SERVICE  
 10:00 am 5th GRADE FAMILY SHABBAT & BRUNCH in Main Sanctuary  
 5:30 pm SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Weiner in Sanctuary

## Friday, December 13

5:00 pm SYNAPLEX  
 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery  
 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary

## Saturday, December 14

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

## Friday, December 20

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery  
 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary

## Saturday, December 21

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

## Friday, December 27

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery  
 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary

## Saturday, December 28

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

## Friday, January 3, 2014

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Gallery  
 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary

## Saturday, January 4

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

## Weekly Torah Portions for December

## Week ending December 7, 2013

**Parashat Vayigash Genesis 44:18-47:27**

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

## Week ending December 14, 2013

**Parashat Vayehi Genesis 47:28-50:26**

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

## Week ending December 21, 2013

**Parashat Shemot Exodus 1:1-6:1**

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

## Week ending December 28, 2013

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

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

# Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah

## The Adventure of Learning Never Ends

Members of the Kol Ami community have asked about a new cycle of Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah (our last class of celebrants became adult b'nai mitzvah in the spring of 2013.) Students participate in a 2-year course of study, meeting every other Tuesday evening throughout the academic year. Students also must learn (or already be able) to read Hebrew. Beginning Hebrew classes are offered on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. There is a fee for the Hebrew classes. The only costs for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah course are for books.

We study the Jewish calendar, the layered and amazing history of Jewish holidays and celebrations, the spiritual and ritual facets of the life cycle, questions about Jewish belief and God. We learn how a service works and why Jews pray—and

each student prepares to read (chant) a portion of Torah. It is a thrilling experience. You will explore the questions of your mind and heart, you will learn, you will get to know other members of this exceptional community—who, like you, are embarking on this journey.



For questions, please call me at 914-949-4717, extension 2.

With hopes that your Thanksgiving and Hanukkah will be filled with reasons for gratitude and joy,

*Shi-*

Dear Friends,

*This year marks an historic occasion for our sacred community—Congregation Kol Ami is celebrating its 90th year! It is amazing to think that when Congregation Kol Ami (then known as The Jewish Community Center of White Plains) was founded in August 1923, we were in a period of economic recovery from World War I, we had just lost President Warren Harding to a stroke and women were given the right to vote. From its inception through today, our synagogue, rooted in Torah, worship and acts of loving kindness, has been a foundational progressive Jewish presence in Westchester County for generations.*

*We all have a story. Ours began in 1921 when two boys, Robert Stein and Martin Barbe, asked their moms for religious instruction like their Christian schoolmates. That humble beginning has evolved into a community centered on joyous worship and connected through social events and dynamic learning opportunities for children and adults of all ages, 2 to 102. Our name, Congregation Kol Ami, translates to "the voice of my people". We, a congregation of almost 800 member families, honor our name by being a voice of creative Judaism that provides contemporary meaning to traditional Jewish values and teachings.*

*We will be celebrating our 90th year throughout the 2013-14 programming year, culminating with our 90th Anniversary Gala Weekend. The Gala Weekend will start on Thursday, April 24 with our Gala Celebration, and will continue the next night as we honor Nan Blank, our Early Childhood Program Director, and Felice Miller Baritz, our Religious School Director, for their 10th Anniversaries at Kol Ami. Please check our website, [www.mkolami.org](http://www.mkolami.org), for all of our 90th Anniversary events, as well as the myriad ways you can participate at Kol Ami. We encourage you to stay in touch with us and celebrate as we honor our past, our present and our future.*

Sincerely,

*Hank*

Hank Rouda

*Shi-*

Rabbi Shira Milgrom

*Tom*

Rabbi Tom Weiner

*Mo*

Cantor Mo Glazman

## We Remember



*Valerie was so fully committed to her church and at the same time so fully committed to our community. She had a pure religious soul that saw no distinctions. She truly loved the people of Kol Ami, and we truly loved her. There are no words to describe the depth of our loss. May God guide her on her homeward journey.*

*Rabbi Tom Weiner,  
on behalf of the Kol Ami staff*

## From Our President

*H*onoring... Remembering... Celebrating. That was how I had started this article, which was to be about the first three Shabbats in November (a topic which I hope to be able to cover in another article). That all changed when I received the phone call telling me that Valerie Heim, a beloved member of our temple staff, had unexpectedly passed away. As I looked at what I had written, I realized that all of these themes more aptly applied to Valerie and her relationship to so many of our congregants.

Valerie joined our staff about 20 years ago. In that time she took on many roles and tasks, including, general secretarial work, assistant to the Cantor, and organizer of *The Connection*. For me, she was who I reached out to when I needed information and who gently, and always with good humor, reminded me when something was due (like this article). She reassured me when I was just starting out in this role and was unsure if I was “doing it right”. If she didn’t know something, she helped find the right person to get me the answer. She was, for many of us, especially many of our children, the face of the Kol Ami office.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Valerie’s family—her husband, Steve, and their sons, Jeremy and Ken. We hope that you know how much your wife and mother meant to us and that we will miss her terribly. Valerie will always be a part of our Kol Ami family. We will continue to celebrate her life and what she meant to all of us.

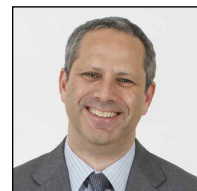


Photo by Mariela Melamed

“Days are scrolls; write on them what you want to be remembered. (*Pakuda*)” At this holiday season and with the celebration of Valerie’s life in mind, we are reminded that our time together may be fleeting and that it is so important to enjoy our time together when we can.

Jean, Jessica, Ben and I wish you a *Hag Sameach* and a happy and healthy New Year. L’shalom.

*Idan*

## From the Religious School

*T*here’s always so much going on. We are all so busy. Instead of the calendar of events I so often write about, I need to take this space to remember my friend and colleague, Valerie Heim.

Each month, it was Val who would remind me my article was due. Then she patiently reminded me again and, sometimes, again until I emailed her my completed article. She was patient and kind, always ready to edit or work through a problem. She was always available to figure out how to get it done. Always there.

Val contributed so much to the life and work of Kol Ami that it’s almost impossible to imagine functioning without her. She was always there to help. There were so many different ways that Valerie

supported Kol Ami, that we’re all still trying to figure it all out. I know so many of you feel the same way...

When you lose someone who is important—suddenly and without warning—it’s such a shock. Life is so very fragile. As we reflect, hopefully we will be reminded to cherish those people in our lives who matter to us; to be more patient and less judgmental; to appreciate all that’s good. Each day is a gift.

Goodbye my friend...  
*Felice*







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**KOL AMI**

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**THE WESTCHESTER  
LGBT COMMUNITY**

**(SINGLES & FAMILIES)**

**To**

**SHABBAT SERVICES & DINNER**

**FRIDAY NIGHT JANUARY 24TH**

**SERVICES: 6:15**

**DINNER: 7:30**

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## From the Director of Membership and Development

Dear Friends,

Mark and I want to thank you for your beautiful send off, the songs, the tributes, the blessings were beyond anything we could have imagined. It was an overwhelming and beautiful evening, from the service to the abundant and delicious oneg. We love the photo of the new sanctuary and look forward to hanging it in our London home.

Even though we are very excited to be starting a new chapter in our life, it is hard to leave this wonderful community. As many of you have heard me say, we had no expectations and no idea of what our synagogue would come to mean to us when we joined 25 years ago. Like many young parents, we were simply looking for a religious school for our kids to attend. Early in our membership, we were invited to a meeting for new members. We became active volunteers and served on countless committees, worked on programs, retreats, and financial challenges. Mark served as President of the congregation for 4 years.

Nearly four years ago after serving as Program Director, I was given the wonderful opportunity to create the position of Director of

Membership and Development. I have loved all that it has entailed—from meeting so many new congregants and helping them to navigate their entry into the synagogue, to helping other congregants connect with the synagogue and each other, to raising funds for the running of the synagogue and to re-imagining the sanctuary. Most of all, I have enjoyed being a part of a collaborative staff dedicated to creating a meaningful way to live a Jewish life in this very secular world. I am most grateful to all of you for trusting me to do this important work.

Kol Ami is what it says it is—a place of openness and innovation. We are not afraid to “push the envelope”, to try new approaches, to be the best we can be, to get out of our comfort zone, to see the world not just as being full of challenges, but also opportunities. And, to put goodness in the world. Our very talented clergy, staff and lay leadership make all of this possible. Mark and I feel blessed to have been a part of this very special community.

We thank you all,  
*Janet and Mark*



## Congratulations



**ZOË ISABELLA WEINER**, daughter of Jim and Zotica Weiner and loving sister to Éva, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on December 7, 2013. Zoë, an 8th grader at White Plains Middle School, chose to incorporate her love of reading and books into her Mitzvah project. She is organizing a book drive for the Early Head Start/Head Start program of White Plains. Head Start is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to 5 from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development. Zoë will also be volunteering to read to children in the Head Start program at the Slater Center in White Plains. In addition to her passion for literature, Zoë enjoys dance, art and especially spending time with her friends and family.

## More Friends for Shabbat and Havdalah!

Now in its third year, Kol Ami’s “Shabbat and Havdalah with Friends” has been a resounding success.

The Kol Ami community embraced the idea of sharing both Shabbat and Havdalah meals with fellow congregants, as both hosts and guests! Hosts can choose to invite guests for dinner, for coffee and dessert, or for drinks and appetizers.

The choice is yours!

If you would like to host a dinner,  
be a guest or both,

please contact Ilene Miller ([imillerkolami@gmail.com](mailto:imillerkolami@gmail.com) or 949-4717x111).

## Junior Youth Group Events

7/8th Youth Group event at Kids Kloset  
originally planned  
for December 8 will be rescheduled for January.

RSVP [rabbiniadiagold@gmail.com](mailto:rabbiniadiagold@gmail.com)

**Save the Date!**

# MUSIC OF FREEDOM



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**A Festive Community Gathering  
in Honor of  
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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2014 at 4:00 PM**

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*Performances by*  
Congregation Kol Ami Choir  
Memorial United Methodist Church Choir  
Mt. Hope A.M.E. Zion Church Inspirational Choir  
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The Turkish Center Sufi Dervish  
*and others*

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914-949-6555 or [info@mlkwestchester.org](mailto:info@mlkwestchester.org)

## From the Director of the Early Childhood Program

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

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

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

Our **November Book Fair** was equally successful and we want to thank the entire Kol Ami community for helping it to be so much fun. We opened the Book Fair with our annual Story Hour with illustrator Marisabina Russo, who delighted us by reading from her book, *The Bunnies are not in their Bunnies*. We were so proud to share the spotlight with The Mosholu-Montefiore Early Childhood Centers in the Bronx this year, sending lots of donated books to the children who attend the center.

A very special thank you goes to our incredible Book Fair Chairpersons Lauren Lappen and Danielle Meyer for their hard work and dedication. A big thank you also goes to the rest of our Book Fair volunteers for helping to make the week so successful.

This month our 4's will host a **Winter Party** for our friends from Kodomo Kuni, the Japanese pre-school in our building. The children will spend a morning together sharing a winter craft project and a special holiday snack. All of our families will also enjoy sharing Chanukah together as one community at our **Family Chanukah Concert** on Thursday, December 10th.



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

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

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

Nan



### Kol Ami Early Childhood Program

*Warm, Nurturing and Enriching*

**Registration for 2013-2014 Now Open**

*First Friends: A Toddler Program*

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

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

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

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



# January Family Concert

★  
**Shira**  
&  
**Friends**  
★

January 26, 2014 at 1:30 pm in the  
auditorium at Congregation Kol Ami

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and  
children over 2 years old



Congregation Kol Ami 252 Soundview Avenue White Plains, NY



# Mark Your Calendar – Kol Ami Blood Drive

**Sunday, December 8, 2013**

**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. **You will be entered into a sweepstakes for one pair of tickets to Super Bowl XLVIII!** 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*

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For more details, visit our FAQ page.

This program is sponsored by the WRJ/Kol Ami Sisterhood.



## Kol Ami Cares

### *Opportunities for Volunteering*

Kol Ami Cares is the umbrella committee responsible for Social Action activities and providing support and mitzvot to those in need. You can choose to get involved once a year, once a month or once a week—we leave that to you.

**COOKING FOR THE HOMELESS** has been a popular program for years. You can just drop in, ready to lend a hand on Sunday or Monday mornings. The group welcomes new comers and you may come away with a new idea for recipes to make at home. Food is taken to a local shelter and you may find you make new friends in the kitchen.

**HOME VISITS** – We are developing a list of older congregants who would appreciate a visit in their homes. It breaks up their days and can be a great way to help someone stay connected with our community who may not have family nearby. If you know a congregant who may benefit from this program, please contact Betsy with their phone number and address and details of their confinement. We hope to have members who would take time once a week or once every other week to make a connection. This is an opportunity that would be open to High School students as well.

Thanks for your help with these and all our other programs.

Ginny Ruder – [ginnyruder@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyruder@gmail.com) 914-589-5283

Betsy McCormack – [betsymc@aol.com](mailto:betsymc@aol.com) 914- 960-9390

#### **KOL AMI SINGERS**

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

**Wednesday, December 18 at 2:00 pm at Port Chester Nursing Home (note different time)**

Questions? Please contact Murray Shapiro, 946-7789

#### **COOKING FOR THE HOMELESS**

Meets in the Kol Ami Kitchen

Sundays at 11:00 am: 12/8; 1/12; 2/9, 3/9; 4/27; 5/4; 6/1

Mondays at noon: 12/16; 1/13; 2/24; 3/24; 5/19; 6/16

## Bequests Made Easy: Kol Ami's Legacy Fund

When making a bequest to the Kol Ami Legacy Fund, not all bequests are treated equally. Traditional IRAs and qualified retirement accounts like 401(k)s or 403(b)s ("retirement accounts") can be one of the best assets to use when making a charitable bequest as they generally provide the best tax planning opportunities.

As year end approaches, you may wish to consult with your tax-planning specialist to see if it makes sense for you to make a bequest to Kol Ami directly from your IRA, or to name the Kol Ami legacy Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of your IRA. This type of bequest is not taxable to the donor. By virtue of its tax-exempt status, Congregation Kol Ami is also not subject to income tax upon receiving distributions from retirement accounts.

Accordingly, if a donor's estate plan seeks to benefit both individuals and non-profit institution, it is most efficient, from a tax standpoint, to direct that the retirement distributions pass directly from the IRA to the institution (in this case, Kol Ami).

Naming The Kol Ami Legacy Fund as a beneficiary of your retirement account will have no bearing on your right to receive lifetime distributions but it can save your family significant estate and income taxes.

*This article is for information purposes only, and is not to be construed as tax advice. Please consult with your tax advisor or attorney on the above and all related tax matters.*



# Love to Sing?

Please join Cantor Mo Glazman, Cantor Jonathan Comisar and the Choirs of Kol Ami:

**Or Chadash (A New Light) for children in K-5th grade**

meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 pm when Religious School is in session

**Congregational Choir for High School Students and Adults**

meets on Thursdays from 7:45-9:30 pm

New to either group? Please contact the temple office at 914-949-4717  
to be added to the rosters and receive our emails.



## WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM — “Sisterhood”

This time of year, a time of increased darkness, when the nights are getting longer and our hours of daylight are diminishing, is the perfect opportunity to reflect on a couple of Jewish heroines who served as beacons of light in our history and whose stories are tied to this season.

As I write this article, our Shabbat *parasha* is Vayeishev, which includes the story of Tamar, daughter-in-law of Judah (Joseph's brother), widow of his first-born son. Determined not to leave her fate in the hands of male relatives, Tamar takes matters into her own hands and assumes extraordinary risks to secure the family's future and perpetuate the line of Judah by getting pregnant by her father-in-law. She gives birth to two sons, one of whom will be a forefather of King David, thus creating a legacy that saves Judah's household and protects Israelite destiny, lighting the way for our future. I encourage you to read Genesis 38 for all the details!

Our second heroine is Judith, with whom many of us are unfamiliar. Judith's story, a Jewish story, is written in the Book of Judith, the fourth book of the Apocrypha, but is not part of the Jewish Bible. Although set in the Babylonian period, in the sixth century B.C.E., her story is thought to have been written at the time of the Maccabees, and has been understood in the context of the story of Chanukah, leaving a legacy of faith and courage, of overcoming a larger force, that changed the course of history. (In oral tradition, Judith often became the aunt or daughter of Judah Maccabee.) Judith is a brave and pious young Jewish widow whose town of Bethulia is under siege by Assyrian emperor Nebuchadnezzar's top general, Holofernes. If Bethulia falls, the entire country would come under Assyrian control. Another Jewish woman who takes matters into her own hands, Judith dresses in beautiful garments, enters the enemy camp, seduces the general with salty cheese and wine, and when he succumbs to the effects of the alcohol, beheads him. She sneaks out, taking the head with her and hangs it on the town's walls. In the morning, the “headless” enemy is routed, and the town, the people, and the country are saved. Light is also a theme in this story as when Judith returns to her village, the people greet her carrying lamps and torches; there is a huge collection of fires to celebrate her victory.

In paying tribute to our foremothers, Tamar and Judith, the Women of Reform Judaism focused on light and legacy at this season as well, with our Latkes and Latte event. In addition to the delicious food

and drink, our guest presenter spoke on the theme of legacy and decisions regarding who should receive one's personal property, with the goal of fostering positive, loving relationships. And a Saturday evening event would not be complete without the light of a beautiful Havdallah ceremony.

But light and legacy are not one-time occurrences for our Kol Ami Sisterhood. The support and care that we provide for one another and the positive influence that we have on the Temple and our community create a lasting legacy. We invite you to share in the warmth of our light and be a part of Sisterhood.

Sheryl Brady

Judy Sarch

Rachel Eckhaus

## Sisterhood = Friendship



**Something magical happens when women come together**

An instant community forms; lives intersect: tears and laughter are shared. The collective power of women is unstoppable. Come together with special women who share your values and concerns.

Join Sisterhood today



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**KOL AMI  
WOMEN'S  
OASIS AT  
HOME**



Rabbi Shira Milgrom will take us on a journey of self to explore all the ways we connect with the people in our lives. She will be joined by 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.

**Register for the Oasis at Home Series Today!!**

☐ Yes, I would like to attend the Series.

☐ Four sessions \$60

☐ Individual sessions \$18

☐ Session 1      ☐ Session 3

☐ Session 2      ☐ Session 4

*Supplemental material will be provided and refreshments will be served at each session.*

# Women's Relationships: Many & Varied — Carefree & Complex

How we relate to the people in our lives reflected through Torah teachings and women's stories from the Bible.

## WOMEN'S RELATIONSHIP TO SELF

**How our self-image is shaped by religious tradition**

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

7:30-9:30 pm, location to be announced

## WOMEN & THEIR PARTNERS

**Who we love and how we love throughout our lives**

Sunday, December 15, 2013

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

## WOMEN'S RELATIONSHIPS AS MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS

**Evolving through a lifetime**

Thursday, February 27, 2014

7:30-9:30 pm, location to be announced

## WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIPS & SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS

**Our allies and our rivals**

Sunday, April 27, 2014

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

TO REGISTER: please print this flyer and return the form with a check payable to "Kol Ami", and mail to Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606 or visit [www.nykolami.org](http://www.nykolami.org) to register online.

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For further information,  
call Jill Abraham 472-5806  
or Lauri Carey 472-8076.

**Friday evening schedule :**

**5:00 pm**

Explorations in Jewish Music with Cantor Mo Glazman and special guests

**5:30 pm**

Shabbat -in-the -Woods for children ages 2-6; followed by supervised childcare, light supper & Shabbat crafts

**6:00 pm**

Unwind with hors d'oeuvres

**6:15 pm**

Shabbat Services

**7:15 pm**

Shabbat Dinner (RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE)

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Tzedakah sandwich making and arts and crafts

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**8:15 pm**

THE MAIN EVENT

**9:15 pm**

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**THIS MONTH'S FEATURED GUESTS...**

**Musical Explorations with 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. It only took one show for them to understand the serendipitous connection that was underway. As a result, the three musicians moved forward as Trio Shalva, choosing the name for its representation of the Hebrew word for "serenity". The trio explores both new and arranged compositions, combining elements of Jazz with Middle-Eastern, Israeli & Jewish influences.



**The Main Event - Harriet Rossetto, author of Sacred Housekeeping — "A Spiritual Memoir"**

An honest autobiography of a courageous woman and social worker who took an interest in the unpopular cause of helping incarcerated Jewish men re-enter society and made it her life's passion. From that passion was born Beit T'Shuvah, a once tiny halfway house that has grown exponentially into a renowned treatment organization. This is the personal story of the obstacles she surmounted and the successes she encountered. This book also tells the unconventional love story of Harriet Rossetto and her husband, Rabbi Mark Borovitz .



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or visit [www.nykolami.org](http://www.nykolami.org)**

**SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING SYNAPLEX EVENTS...**  
Jan 10 , Feb 28 , Mar 15 & May 9

**CLIP & RETURN DINNER RESERVATION FORM NO LATER THAN DEC 11TH  
TO CONGREGATION KOL AMI: 252 SOUNDVIEW AVE, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10606**

**"Quiet Conversation Dinner" Adults Only**

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**"Community & Family Dinner"**

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#Children/teens \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#Children 5 and under \_\_\_\_\_ = N/C

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

**Adult Name/s**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Children's Name/s & Ages**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please seat me with** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Seating is planned 2 days in advance. Last minute requests cannot be guaranteed.**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2014**

**Friday evening schedule :**

**5:00 pm**

Selections from "Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy"

**5:30 pm**

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# SHABBAT SHIRA SHABBAT OF SONG

## THIS MONTHS FEATURED GUESTS...

Imagine the most joyous moments of your life. Perhaps you are smiling, perhaps you are giggling with joy. Imagine now that the joy you experience is so completely overwhelming that you burst into song. (Not just for those of you who are "Glee" fans.) Our tradition teaches us that after the Israelites crossed the Sea of Reeds, Moses and Miriam led our people in joyous song and dance. We honor our freedom and our musical joy by celebrating Shabbat Shira, our Shabbat of Song on January 10, 2014. This Synaplex evening will begin with a 5pm showing of selections from "Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy." This will be followed by our 6:15pm service enhanced by the expressive voices of our choirs and will conclude with our musical main event: a concert performance by C. Lanzbom and Noah Solomon. These artists form the Jewish fusion band called "Soulfarm." Their sound has been dubbed as New American music, full melodic song writing and progressive modern arrangements. Their live shows are full of Mediterranean flavor with captivating guitar leads and strong dance rhythms. The 2012 New York Post quotes Soulfarm as "versatile, utilizing improvisation and world music."

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## Adult Education

Please read more about offerings for the whole year in our Adult Ed brochure that was distributed during the holidays or on our website,

<http://www.nykolami.org/images/PageDocuments/ADULT%20ED%20BROCHURE%202013-14%20FINAL%20SEPT%2011.pdf>

### Spiritual Journeying Groups

#### Mussar Classes

facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax,  
Spiritual Care Coordinator,

Westchester Jewish Community Services  
Mondays, 12:30—2:00 pm

This workshop will introduce Mussar practice through tikkun middot ("repairing ourselves from the inside out"), so that we can act with greater compassion, kindness, and love in our homes, friendships and work.

Contact Rabbi Wax at [pwax@wjcs.com](mailto:pwax@wjcs.com) or 914-761-0600 x149 to register.  
Mondays: Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb. 10,  
Mar 10, Apr 7, May 12, June 9  
Schulman Chapel in the Woods

#### Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW,  
the WJCS Partners-in-Caring  
clinician for Kol Ami

Thursday mornings, 9:30 - 10:45 am  
Jewish contemplative practices for clearing the mind, softening the heart and opening to the One. All Welcome. No meditation experience necessary.

No class 12/26

Schulman Chapel in the Woods

#### Women in Transition

led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW

Are you attempting an adjustment to a major life change? Please join us in an Interactive Discussion Group. Topics to be discussed include but 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.

Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month in the Conference Room.

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Space is limited and original group members have priority. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sheila Sturmer at [sturmersheila@gmail.com](mailto:sturmersheila@gmail.com) or 914-723-7760

### Parenting Workshops

with Susan Davis, LCSW

#### Adolescent Parenting Workshops

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

First & third Thursdays of the month

First Thursday: 9:45 – 11:45 am

Third Thursday: 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

#### Grandparenting Workshops

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

Meets the first Monday of the month  
9:15 - 10:45 am

#### Parent Talk!

Designed for Parents/Grandparents  
and Babies 2 - 12 months.

Topics will be related to parenting babies at this stage.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month (coinciding with the ECP calendar)

in the Petschek Gallery

9:00 - 10:30 am

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

#### Sunday Parenting Group

Raising resilient, self reliant children—  
a morning discussion group for  
parents focusing on a variety of parenting  
issues and stresses.

12/ 8 — 9:15 - 10:45 am

#### Weekly Torah Study:

Friday mornings 10:00 – 11:30 am  
Room 20

Meets every Friday except when temple is closed. Led by Kol Ami Members

### COURSES

#### Wisdom of the Sages

with Rabbi Tom Weiner

Lively discussions of the world and our lives based on some of the most provocative and fascinating texts of Jewish learning.

All are welcome.

Tuesdays, 12:00 noon-1:00 pm in Room 20

#### Introduction to the History of Israel from Joshua in Canaan to the Monarchy

with Emily Fields

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

A contextual study of Israel and the Middle East—then and now. If you are interested in participating, please email Emily at [efgraph@optonline.net](mailto:efgraph@optonline.net)  
No class 12/25

### 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. Each session will begin with an overview of the issue. Participants will examine issues, through various perspectives, using readings, video or a guest speaker.

Mondays, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in Room 20  
Dec 2 & 16

Jan 27, Feb 3 & 24, Mar 3 & 17,

Apr 7 & 28, May 5 & 19

#### The Hebrew Prophets

Mondays 7:00 – 8:00 pm  
Room 20

Led by Kol Ami Members

The bible chronicles the history of the Hebrew people from approx. 740 BCE to 520 BCE through the eyes and hearts of the prophets, from Isaiah to Malachi. Who are these men? How do they see their world? What are their messages and are they relevant today? We will explore these questions and more. Contact Paul Davis at [paullawrencedavis@yahoo.com](mailto:paullawrencedavis@yahoo.com)

### Free University

Start a study group, discussion group or seminar at Kol Ami. Cover any topic that falls under the broad umbrella of Reform Judaism. Adult Ed will vet, advertise and coordinate. Contact Paul Davis at [paullawrence-davis@yahoo.com](mailto:paullawrence-davis@yahoo.com)

### Other Items of Interest

#### Lunch and Learn in New York City

with Rabbi Tom Weiner

Issues ancient and modern with texts, ancient and modern.

Dates to be announced soon

#### Women's Roundtable Breakfasts

with Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Wed., 7:45-9:00 am

12/4, 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2 & 5/7

#### Mah Jongg

Open To All: Experienced and Novice  
Wednesdays 11:30 am in the Kol Ami Atrium  
Email Wendy Roos [Wendyroos1@aol.com](mailto:Wendyroos1@aol.com)  
to be added to the email distribution

No mah jongg 12/25

#### Bridge

Open to All

Wednesdays, 11:30 am  
in the Kol Ami Atrium

No bridge 12/25



## Kol Ami Reads Book Club

### *The Cat's Table*

by Michael Ondaatje  
December 4, 2013

### *The Death of Ivan Ilyitch*

by Leo Tolstoy  
January 8, 2014

### *My Beloved World*

by Sonia Sotomayor  
February 5, 2014

### *The Yellow Birds*

by Kevin Powers  
March 5, 2014

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, [DLDingott@gmail.com](mailto:DLDingott@gmail.com) or  
Elaine Cohen, 725-0248, [elwilco@verizon.net](mailto:elwilco@verizon.net)

## MITZVAH KNITZ

We will be meeting on  
Thursday  
December 19, 2013  
from 11:00 am  
to 1:00 pm.

Join us.  
Knitters of all skill levels  
are welcome.  
For further information,  
call Elaine Cohen,  
725-0248 or  
[elwilco@verizon.net](mailto:elwilco@verizon.net)

## Adult Education *continued*

### Westchester Adult Jewish Education at Kol Ami:

A discussion of Jewish Ethics.  
with Dr. Carol Diamant

Please see the Adult Education brochure for more details  
or [CLICK HERE](#)  
for a listing of all their programs.

### Welcome to Kol Ami's Winter Jewish Film Festival—Monday Movies Screenings of Israeli films and films with Jewish content~

Selected Monday evenings at 7:30 pm • Moderated by Roger Seti

The December 16th film will be

### “Jascha Heifetz: God's Fiddler”

Not since Paganini had there been such a magician on the violin. The first modern violin virtuoso, Jascha Heifetz went on to set the standard in violin playing for nearly a century. This film portrays an artist for whom only perfection would do, so well known in popular culture that his name became shorthand for excellence for everyone from Jack Benny to The Muppets to Woody Allen.

### Hebrew Classes for Adults\*

Pending sufficient enrollment

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Sunday Mornings  
with Emily Fields

Advanced Beginners Adult Hebrew

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Intermediate Adult Hebrew

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Cost: \$175

Please contact Emily at  
[efgraph@optonline.net](mailto:efgraph@optonline.net) if you  
are interested in attending or  
require additional information

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Sundays, 9:30 am

Contact Alice Seidman at 953-8455  
for further information

*Classes meet when Religious School is in session*

**We gratefully acknowledge your generous contributions**

**Rabbi Shira Milgrom's  
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- In honor of Elianna's baby naming, Leni Glauber

**Rabbi Tom Weiner's  
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- In honor of Lindsey and Michael's wedding, from David and Luarie Fermo
- In memory of Lidiya Belenkaya, from Cohlman/Klein family
- In memory of William Waldorf, from Emily Grant
- In honor of Anna's Bat Mitzvah, from Pam and Paul Rubin
- In honor of Nathan's Bar Mitzvah, from Elizabeth and Andrew Ward
- In appreciation and in memory of Bill, from Barbara Waldorf

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Discretionary Fund**

- In honor of Acadia's Bat Mitzvah, from Mark Thielking and Moria Trachtenberg-Thielking
- In honor of Abraham's Aufruf, from Dr. Ellen Umansky
- In honor of the High Holy Days, Annie and Bernie Borenstein
- In appreciation, Dr. Steven Borenstein and Dr. Shragit Glazman

**Kol Ami Fund**

- In appreciation, from Suzanne Hochberg
- In loving memory of my dear mother Petja Kroner from Vivian Kroner
- In honor of the birth of Toby Marcus Lowenbraun, grandson of Elizabeth Gordon and Neil Lowenbraun from Janet and Mark Hershey
- In honor of the birth of Avery Liat Siegel, granddaughter of Madeline and Allan Hauptman from Janet and Mark Hershey
- In honor of the birth of Benjamin Brown Pollak, grandson of Georgia and Bill Pollak and great-grandson of Henry and Jean Pollak from Janet and Mark Hershey
- In honor of the birth of Scarlett Eve Tsiropinas, and Shia Albie Arsham, grandchildren of Margery and Jim Arsham, from Janet and Mark Hershey
- In loving memory of Alfred Shasha husband of Hanina Shasha, from Florence Nadler
- In loving memory of Rhoda Fischman mother of Susan Sachs from Iris and James Brucks

**Fund For The Needy**

- In loving memory of my husband Roland Kalb from Lore Kalb
- In loving memory of Joseph K. Weiner, father of Rabbi Tom Weiner from Ethel and Murray Shapiro, Beth and Louis LaTorre, and Margie and Gary Lewis
- In loving memory of Ray Sarch father of Danny Sarch from David Zoll
- In loving memory of Valerie Heim from Margie and Gary Lewis

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- In loving memory of our dear friend Rhoda Fischman from Elaine and Paul Oster

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- In memory of Lillian Greenberger from Stephanie Levine
- In memory of David Rogowsky brother of Stanley Rogowsky from Sue and Ken Simon
- In memory of Rabbi Tom's father Joseph Weiner from Women of Reform Judaism, Sue and Ken Simon, Joyce & Alan Goldman, Mimi & Stan Rogowsky
- In memory of Dan Sarch's father from Sue & Ken Simon and Mimi and Stan Rogowsky
- In memory of Valerie Heim from Sue and Ken Simon and Mimi & Stan Rogowsky

**CONGRATULATIONS**

- To Luari and David Fermo on the marriage of thier daughter Lindsey to Michael Feldman
- To Dr Ellen Umansky on the marriage of her son Abraham to Karlie Alexandria Eubanks
- To Georgia and Bill Pollak, grandparents, and Henry and Jean Pollak, great-grandparents, on the birth of Benjamin Brown Pollak

**CONDOLENCES**

- To Rabbi Tom Weiner on the death of his father, Joseph K. Weiner
- To Robert, James and Joanne on the death of their father, Robert (Bob) Goldwater
- To Susan Sachs, on the death of her mother, Rhoda Fischman
- To Roger Stern on the death of his father, Walter Stern
- To Cathy Pohl on the death of her mother, Elinor Pohl
- To Stanley Rogowsky on the death of his brother, David Rogowsky
- To Danny Sarch on the death of his father, Ray.

**In Memoriam**

**Rhoda Fischman  
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<b>8</b>  <b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> <b>8:30am-2:30pm: BLOOD DRIVE at Kol Ami</b> 9:15am: Sunday Parenting Class in Chapel 11:00am: Cooking for the Homeless 11:30am: Jr. Youth Group event	<b>9</b>  12:30pm: Mussar class 7:30pm: Prophets Class	<b>10</b>  11:00 am Transitions Group 7:00pm: Purim Spiel Rehearsal 8:00pm: Dues Committee Meeting	<b>11</b>  <b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> 6:00pm: Or Chadash Rehearsal 7:30 pm: History of Israel Class	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  10:00am: Torah Study <b>5:00pm: SYNAPLEX</b> <b>5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS</b> in Gallery <b>6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE</b> in Sanctuary	<b>14</b>  <b>SPIRITUAL LIFT</b> in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study <b>11:00 am SERVICE</b>
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<b>29</b>  <b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>ECP CLOSED</b> 7:30pm: Prophets Class	<b>31</b>  <b>ECP CLOSED</b>	<b>Jan. 1</b>  <b>ECP CLOSED</b> <b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>2</b>  9:45 am: Adolescent Parenting Class 7:45 pm Congregational Choir	<b>3</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>4</b>  <b>SPIRITUAL LIFT</b> in Chapel 9:00 am Coffee & Community 9:30 am Study <b>11:00 am SERVICE</b>

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