



## Happy Hanukkah

***We have lots planned for your Hanukkah enjoyment!***

### **Lattes & Latkes**

Sisterhood presents a special program on  
Saturday, December 6th from 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
See page 12 for information

### **KABRO (Men's Council) Family Hanukkah Party**

Sunday, December 14th from 11:00am - 1:00pm  
See page 16 for details and to RSVP

### **Recite the Hanukkah Blessings as You Light Your Candles**

See page 11

### **Latke-Off**

Friday December 19th at 6:15pm  
See page 10

*Save the Date As We Honor  
Jane Friedberg on her Retirement  
Friday, January 16, 2015  
at the 6:15 pm Shabbat Service.  
A special Oneg to follow*

## SERVICES

Friday, December 5

5:30 pm **SHABBAT IN THE WOODS**  
in Atrium6:15 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE**  
in Sanctuary

Saturday, December 6

**SPIRITUAL LIFT** in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

10:30 am **Shabbat Morning Service:** Bar  
Mitzvah of Ari Greenberg

Friday, December 12

5:30 pm **SHABBAT IN THE WOODS**  
in Atrium6:15 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE**  
in Sanctuary

Saturday, December 13

**SPIRITUAL LIFT** in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

10:00 am **FIFTH GRADE FAMILY SHAB-  
BAT AND BRUNCH**

Friday, December 19

5:30 pm **SHABBAT IN THE WOODS**  
in Atrium6:15 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE**  
in Sanctuary

Saturday, December 20

**SPIRITUAL LIFT** in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

Friday, December 26

5:30 pm **SHABBAT IN THE WOODS**  
in Atrium6:15 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE**  
in Sanctuary

Saturday, December 27

**SPIRITUAL LIFT** in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

*Weekly Torah Portions for December***Week ending December 6, 2014****Parashat Vayishlach** Genesis 32:4-36:43

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

**Week ending December 13, 2014****Parashat Vayeshev** Genesis 37:1-40:23

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

**Week ending December 20, 2014****Parashat Miketz** Genesis 41:1-44:17

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

**Week ending December 27, 2014****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 has become 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.

**Hearing Assistant Aid Missing**

One of the new hearing aids that can be used only in the Sanctuary has been misplaced. If you have been to any service, funeral, seminar, class, or another function in the Synagogue and have any information of its whereabouts in the Synagogue, or accidentally took it home with you, please contact the Inclusion Committee:

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or

Beth Tomkiewicz – [mb1795@gmail.com](mailto:mb1795@gmail.com)

We appreciate your assistance.

# Make Room for Holidays

“What is the miracle of Hanukkah?” The sad reality is that too many of us would answer: “The oil that was supposed to last just one day burned for eight days.” Hanukkah is a holiday that happened in historic times. Many of our holidays took shape in our ancient, mythic past. They didn’t happen at one moment; they were formed over centuries. This is not the case for Hanukkah. We have a record of the events that surround the Hanukkah story—and these events are recorded in the Book of Maccabees, which was written during the time the events themselves happen.

The book tells us that following the death of Alexander the Great, his kingdom was divided into three smaller empires. The area of which Israel is a part came under the control of Seleucus (hence, the Seleucid Empire), whose capital was in Antioch. All those who ruled from Antioch were called Antiochus (sounding familiar?) Greek culture was so beautiful, so enticing, so interesting and compelling, that wherever it spread, people wanted to become like the Greeks. The same was true for Israel. Jews who were touched by Greek influence (primarily the wealthy) wanted to be Greek (Hellenist). They willingly abandoned the study of Torah and the practice of Judaism (including circumcision). Circumcision was a seminal issue(!)—as circumcised males were excluded from the central arena of Greek life—the physical, cultural and intellectual life of the gymnasium. The Book of Maccabees tells us that Jewish Hellenist males went through a procedure to reverse the look of circumcision—that’s how desperately they wanted “in”—and of course, stopped circumcising their own baby boys.

To make a long—and very interesting—story short, Hanukkah started as a civil war. Jews who felt they could still learn from the Greeks without abandoning their Jewish selves revolted against the upper class, completely assimilated, Hellenized Jews. It took the revolt three years—but

their victory is memorialized in the holiday of Hanukkah. When they won, they cleansed the Temple from its contamination from idolatry (under the leadership of both Greeks and a Hellenized Jewish priesthood)—and rededicated it in an eight-day festival.



This is the story recorded in the Book of Maccabees. There is no mention of miraculous oil—not for centuries. The legend of the oil is beautiful, and it speaks of hope and renewal—certainly at the darkest time of the year. But telling that story obscures some of the real miracles of the Jewish story: the courage to be oneself (the rest of the ancient world was swept away by the lure of Hellenism) and the right to be different; the triumph of ideas; the need to honor the differences within human cultures and to do everything to prevent coercion by one power, or one culture.

I have kept some of our children’s Hanukkah decorations they have made over the years. One particularly “simple” Hanukkah mobile hangs in my office. On one side of a Hanukkah menorah (*hanukkiyah*) is the Hanukkah dreidl motto: *nes gadol haya sham*: a great miracle happened there. On the other side, children were apparently encouraged to write about a personal miracle, and my son wrote, “A Miracle Happened—During World War II, my great-grandmother and my grandmother got out of Germany.”

Don’t let the fairytales and legends obscure the real miracles of your life—or block your way to genuine Jewish connection.

Happy Hanukkah!

*Shira*

## The Blessings of Difference: Thoughts on a Thoughtful Synaplex with Prof. Andrew Solomon

The sign of a great program is when it leads to more discussion and action. That is the type of evening we had with Andrew Solomon, author of the bestselling book, *Far From The Tree: Parents, Children, and the Search for Identity*. He spoke to us so with poetry, compassion, brilliance and humor. He helped us understand the magnificent array of possibilities that parenting presents to us, often surprising us, challenging us and teaching us of a very special kind of love. In the days following his November 14th presentation, we have heard from many attendees sharing beautiful responses. I thought I’d share one below (with permission from the writer):

“Hi Rabbi Shira and Rabbi Tom,

*I just wanted to say thank you for bringing us the amazing evening with Andrew Solomon Friday night. For me, it was the essence of what is Truly Torah—the telling of people’s complicated, painful, joyful, messy life stories in the service of finding meaning, building connection, and inspiring hope. What could be more Torah than the tales so eloquently told by Andrew Solomon?*

*It was especially moving for me to witness and participate in this experience in my hometown of White Plains. In many ways, I was the ‘far from the tree’ child in my family—and I had to flee Westchester to live an authentic life of integrity as a lesbian in the late 1970’s. I never in my wildest dreams thought I would be sitting there, in White Plains, in a room full of people who seemingly effort-*

*lessly (though I know it takes many things, including effort) are embracing diversity of all kinds, with compassion, empathy, and identification. When my son had his baby naming in this congregation 19 years ago, Rabbi Shira likened his being born to lesbian parents as being like grass miraculously growing in the cracks in the sidewalk. Well, all these years later, the concrete sidewalk has certainly given way to a beautiful meadow, in our world and in this congregation.*



*All my life, I’ve pursued the goal of social justice for marginalized populations, especially LGBT folks. What Andrew Solomon accomplished was truly remarkable, conveying the profound message that social movements have been trying to drill into people’s heads for decades: that we are all different in some way, and that that simple fact is the bridge to making difference, judgment, stigma, and marginalization disappear.*

*Thank you, thank you for this wonderful evening.*

*And thank you for the networking list – such a great way to have the evening ripple on and on.*

*Best,  
Julie”*

# Who Changed My Melody?-- *Finding Spirituality in Different Musical Styles*

One thing that has always fascinated me about music is how many different musical genres exist for us to experience and enjoy. From country to soft rock to jazz to classical, there is no shortage of musical choice for our ears and hearts to appreciate. And yet, despite these differences, there is a common thread that unites music connoisseurs even with the most diverse musical tastes.

When we stop for a moment to analyze the various musical components that go into a piece of music, we know that things like rhythm and pitch are essential, while language and vocals or instrumentation are a function of the an individual composer's preference for that piece of music.

At Kol Ami, we are blessed to have a rich and dynamic musical tradition that is representative of musical tastes from a variety of different genres. From traditional to contemporary to folk to choral, our services are enriched through the sounds of our collective voices and our musicians coming together to create a sacred and unique sound.

As a cantor, I am constantly receiving feedback about different musical settings that are used during services: "Cantor, I loved that new melody we sang for Psalm 150," or "Cantor, if you never sang that Mi Chamocha again, I wouldn't miss it." While some may be discouraged by this type of feedback, I have come to understand over the years that these comments are simply a function of the different musical tastes of each one of you. Just like some of us like green olives on our pizza, others prefer peppers and onions.

Finding and feeling our own spirituality in a musical selection that we don't like can be challenging. Even when we don't sing the ver-

sion of "Oseh Shalom" that we were really hoping to enjoy on a given Shabbat, I encourage each one of us to find something about that version that speaks to us. Perhaps we think of the text or read one of the alternative prayers in the column of our prayerbook. Or maybe we find comfort in knowing that the person sitting behind us happens to love this piece and is closing his eyes humming it softly. Listen to the rhythm, listen to the direction of the melody line....what was the composer trying to accomplish with this musical setting? What was she thinking when she composed this piece? How does the melody paint a picture of the words it is trying to express?



Despite our musical differences, all of us can come to appreciate the incredible and diverse music of our religion and its surrounding cultures. It is a delicate dance to weave and mesh these two elements - making our worship relevant while at the same time preserving the DNA of our most precious, time-hallowed traditions.

May each of you find your own voice as we continue to make our worship together at Kol Ami one of spiritual nourishment for every generation. Whether you join a choir or sing from the "pews" it is your voice that makes the difference.

B'shira,



"A song lifts us from the place we are, to the place we want to be."

~Shneur Zalman of Lyady 1745-1813

## From Our President

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines “community” as a group of people who have the same interests, religion, race, etc... I would argue that, at Kol Ami, it goes much deeper than that. We have created a community that, while it’s based on common interests and religion, is also based on the fundamental notion that connecting with and to each other benefits us all. The connections that one makes and cultivates deepen the sense of community and give back to each individual far more than one puts in.

So, what do I mean when I talk about community? Community is a friend calling to check on your parent because the friend heard that your parent is in the hospital. Community is the sympathy cards from dozens of congregants, many of whom you barely know, when you’ve lost a loved one. Community is someone offering to help you out with new business when you’ve just started your own business. Community is making sure that someone from Kol Ami is at the funeral and at every shivah to wrap you and your family in warmth and support. Community is over 70 volunteers cooking, setting up, greeting, and serving Thanksgiving dinner to over 75 people from the Coachman Family Center. Community is the legion of volunteers who were just honored at our Shabbat of Giving for everything that they do for Kol Ami and our broader Westchester community.

Community is also a group of crafters getting together to share ideas, resources and advice. Community is a group of men learning Talmud with the Rabbi and then spending time together talking, eating, and watching football. Community is welcoming new members and new

faces at services. Community is participating in the joy and beauty of a b’nai mitzvah at the Saturday morning Lift service. Community is discussing current events in a group led by our volunteers. Community is coming to services to honor a deceased loved one by saying kaddish and knowing that you will be wrapped in the embrace of the entire congregation.



Photo by Mariela Melamed

While I believe that this sense of community is strong at Kol Ami, it’s not something that we can take lightly and just assume that it’s always been that and will always be so. Rather, it takes constant nourishment and cultivation to keep this bond strong. The secret to Kol Ami’s success is that our sense of community doesn’t come from the top down; rather, it’s the strength of the relationships that develop at the grass roots level which feed our Kol Ami community. It’s the selfless acts which are, or which become, second nature, which are the building blocks of whom we are and who we will continue to be. It’s all of these things that ultimately create the unique community which means so much to us.

Just a reminder that the December Board of Trustees meeting, which will be held on Thursday, December 18 at 8:00, will be the first open Board meeting. We hope that you will join us for the meeting. More information will be sent out soon.

*Shalom,*

*Blank*

## Ritual Riches: *Hanukkah Here and Around the World* by Sheryl Brady

It is that time of year again. Holiday decorations are emerging from the office closet. The receptionist comments that she can only find a cardboard wall hanging of a menorah and that we need a real one again to complement the Christmas tree, stockings, and other seasonal symbols that will be displayed. So I decide to take this opportunity to discuss how a menorah is really not comparable to a Christmas tree and that, in fact, Hanukkah is only a minor holiday on the Jewish calendar.

Why in America has Hanukkah come to be associated with Christmas, when in many places around the globe hanukkah is acknowledged with far less fanfare, and certainly with less gift giving? Published in October, 2013, Dianne Ashton’s “Hanukkah in America: A History” postulates that hanukkah has become such a big-deal commercial holiday in America for many of the same reasons Christmas has, with 200 years of rising consumerism, the expansion of department stores, and the recognition that gift giving is very good for business. With America itself being associated with prosperity and conspicuous consumption, it is no surprise that hanukkah (and Christmas) should reflect this. “For immigrants in the early 20th century on the Lower East Side, buying presents for your kids showed you weren’t a greenhorn, and it also showed that you had earned enough money and had a few pennies extra.” Ashton further explains that it was “Jews living in close and reasonably harmonious proximity with Christians that led to hanukkah’s resemblance to and association with Christmas.” Hanukkah bushes appeared in the 1950s as Jews became part of the fabric of suburban life, and their children became exposed to Christian neighbors’ traditions and decorations.

November 16th’s Journal News contained an article, “Hanukkah Getting Christmas Spirit” describing new versions of Hanukkah-themed products based on Christmas traditions and toys. For example, Elf on a Shelf has inspired Mensch on a Bench. Manischewitz produces a Jewish version of gingerbread houses, Hanukkah House kits containing cookie dough and blue and white icing. Blue and white lights adorn the exteriors of Jewish

houses along with the trees in their yards.

Around the world, where it has not taken on the magnitude of the major holiday it has become in the U.S., Hanukkah is still observed with joy and celebration. In some Jerusalem neighborhoods, spaces are cut into the sides of buildings so that people can display their menorahs outside. Historically, in Morocco and Algeria it was customary to hang a menorah on a hook on the side of the door opposite the mezuzah, and Alsace featured double-decker menorahs which allowed parent and child to join together to light their own candles in one menorah. Israel holds a relay race from Modi’in (where the Maccabees struggle began) to Jerusalem, in which a torch is passed from one runner to the next. Turin, Italy links Tisha b’Av’s mournful commemoration of the destruction of both Temples to Hanukkah’s joyful rededication of the Temple by blowing out the candles of Tisha b’Av, wrapping them up, and bringing them out on Hanukkah to use as the shamash.

A summery outdoor festival, Hanukkah in the Park, is featured in Sydney, Australia, a Ladino concert in Istanbul. Hanukkah in Samarkand, Uzbekistan is feted with dancing for eight nights in different homes. Januca is the name of the holiday in Mexico where children play a game of dreidl called toma todo, and break a dreidl-shaped piñata. In Avignon, France, after the Shabbat that falls during Hanukkah, Jews go from house to house opening and tasting new bottles of wine. Members of a new Jewish community in Santa Marta, Colombia eat patacones or fried plantains instead of potato latkes. The Moroccan Jewish community favors the Sfenj doughnut, made with the juice and zest of an orange. And Yemenite and North African Jewish communities observe the seventh night of hanukkah as a women’s holiday, in honor of Jewish heroines Hannah and Judith.

Wherever and however you celebrate this most visible of American Jewish holidays, may your observance of Hanukkah be joyful and meaningful, allowing you the opportunity to reflect on what it means to be Jewish and shedding light on the unique role of Jews in our world.



## From the Religious School

As December rounds the corner... what is most on our children's minds is VACATION! There is still much to do before everyone heads off for that much anticipated winter break. Our 5th grade and 7th grade students will both have art with Avi, our beloved art specialist on Wed. Dec. 3rd. Our 3rd Grade students and their parents will join together to read and discuss the book *Christmas Menorahs* on Sunday Dec. 7th. Also on Sunday, December 7th, as part of our Kindergarten and First Grade celebration of Hanukkah, parents will be invited to join their child for the final half hour of school for a special presentation/performance of our Kashkesh—Hebrew learning program. Finally, our 5th Grade Family Shabbat takes place on Saturday morning, Dec. 13th.

The first candle of Hanukkah is the evening of Saturday, Dec. 16th. We hope you all enjoy the celebration of Hanukkah with family and friends...

### The History of Hanukkah

Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev (Dec. 17th this year!) and lasts for eight days. It commemorates the victory of Judah Maccabee and his followers over the forces of the Syrian tyrant Antiochus Epiphanes and the re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem, which the Syrians had profaned. Hanukkah celebrates more than the end of an unsuccessful attempt by an outside power to destroy Judaism. The threat to Judaism was both internal and external.

The assimilation to Hellenistic culture was so great that certain elements within Jewish society sought to become fully assimilated, to

be accepted as Greek citizens and to participate in Greek culture at the expense of their own unique Judaic culture. The resistance of the Maccabees and their allies to the blandishments of assimilation preserved Judaism. The story of Hanukkah is the age-old struggle of the Jewish people to remain in a non-Jewish world.



To celebrate their victory and to re-dedicate the Temple, the Maccabees proclaimed an eight-day festival, which was to be observed annually. According to the Talmudic legend, when the Hasmoneans recaptured and cleansed the Temple, they were able to find only a single cruse of oil with the seal of the High Priest, sufficient for one day's lighting of the Menorah. But, as the story goes, a miracle occurred, and it burned for eight days.

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

Enjoy the celebration of freedom that Hanukkah represents... and enjoy the time together with your families that vacation provides! Take the time to shine your light on the world around you and appreciate how lucky we are to live in a world that cherishes this freedom. We return to our Religious School classes on Wed. Jan 7th and Sunday, January 11th.

Felice

## Love to Sing?

Please join Cantor David Rosen, Lenora Eve (accompanist),  
and the Choirs of Kol Ami:

### Or Chadash (A New Light) for children in K-6th grade

Children in Kindergarten through 6th Grade meet on Sundays from 11:00 am–12:00 noon  
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 Cantor David Rosen  
at 914-949-4717 x 114 or at [cantordavid@nykolami.org](mailto:cantordavid@nykolami.org) to be added to the rosters  
and receive our emails.

## From the Director of the Early Childhood Program

November smelled wonderful! From pumpkin bread and cranberry sauce to corn bread, roasted pumpkin seeds and sweet potatoes, all of us had a delicious time! We made hand-print turkeys, clay turkeys, headaddresses, 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*, *The Popcorn Song*, and *The Turkey is a Funny Bird*. Our Pre-k's invited their families for a Thanksgiving brunch and baked 3 types of bread, and served them with a delicious fruit salad! Our 3's enjoyed a feast as one community and our 4's hosted our 7th Intergenerational Feast by extending an invitation to their parents and grandparents. Those who joined us were thrilled! Most important though we learned what we are thankful for, food, friends and family.

Our 2K Turkey Trot was a huge success! About 25 families participated in this wonderful event teaching Tzedakah 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.

This year we had the honor to participate in Kol Ami's Thanksgiving project with the Coachman Family Center, one of our family shelters in Westchester County. On Saturday evening, November 22nd Kol Ami hosted a community Thanksgiving Dinner for the families who presently live at the Coachman. For this feast, each of our ECP classes made special holiday breads and sent them along with Thanksgiving cards and candy bags for all of the Coachman guests.

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 author and ECP mom, Sarra Roth who delighted us by reading from her book, *Not the Quitting Kind*. We were so proud to share the spotlight with The Head Start Program of Westchester 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 Laurie Feinstein 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 preschool in our building. The children will spend a morning together sharing a winter craft project and a special holiday snack. All of our families will also enjoy sharing Chanukah together as one community at our family Chanukah concert on Thursday, December 18th.

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 2015-2016 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 Designed for children turning 5 from September through December. See for yourself—nothing takes the place of a personal visit.**

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

# *Congratulate Jane on her Retirement*

**We invite you to join in the celebration of Jane Friedberg's  
retirement after 22 years!**

**Join us on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to honor Jane during  
Shabbat Services.**

**There will be a festive oneg to follow.**

To honor Jane's 22 years of dedication, we are creating a commemorative book for her. If you would like to send her congratulations and well wishes, please do so by writing a few (or more) words on Jane's behalf. Please send your note **no later than December 15, 2014** to [imillerkolami@gmail.com](mailto:imillerkolami@gmail.com) or complete the form below and mail it to Ilene Miller, Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606

Notes of 20 words or less = \$18.00

Notes of 50 words or less = \$54.00

Please make checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami

\*Any notes over 50 words will be edited to fit the space/ word limit

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your note clearly:

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**Calling All Bakers...**

**Cantor David Rosen's Installation Oneg! December 5, 2014**

**...to bake bite sized goodies for Cantor David Rosen's installation oneg!**

**Your homemade goodies, such as cookies, brownies, lemon squares, and chocolate covered fruits, will be added to our usual oneg treats to make this oneg a festive and special one.**

**All homemade, hand held treats are welcome, but**  
**NO NUTS PLEASE!**

**Please deliver your baked goods to the Kol Ami Kitchen on Thursday, December 4th or Friday, December 5th before 2:30pm.**

**Bring your goodies as they are. We will plate them for you!**



## Latke-Off & Menorah Lighting

Latke makers start peeling your potatoes and heating your oil! This year's Latke-Off is taking place on **Friday, December 19, 2014**. Bring your best latke to be enjoyed by everyone! You supply the latkes and we will supply the applesauce and sour cream. Please bring them in a disposable oven tin so we can re-heat them for you.

Bring your latkes to the Kol Ami Kitchen on **Friday, December 19th before service.**

And don't forget your menorahs! Let's kindle the lights on winter's darkest nights before the Shabbat Service.



## We recite these b'rachot on each night of Hanukkah:

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

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

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

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים  
לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

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

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

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

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ, וְקִיָּמָנוּ,  
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

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

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





# The Kol Ami Sisterhood Havdalah Series Presents

## Latkes & Lattes

An evening of Hanukkah celebration

Saturday,  
December 6th  
4-6pm  
At Kol Ami



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Online Credit Card Registration: [www.NYKolAmi.org/Sisterhood](http://www.NYKolAmi.org/Sisterhood)

Mail Registration: Make check payable to Kol Ami Sisterhood  
and send to the main office

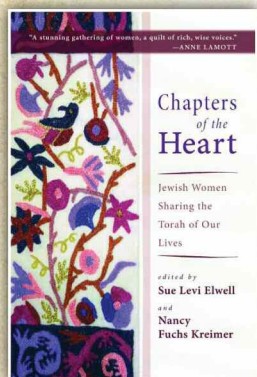


Torah reflects  
on the past,  
interprets today,  
and envisions  
our future.

# Kol Ami Women's Oasis at Home

Realize the  
relevancy of  
Jewish text in  
the context of  
our everyday lives.

Stepping off from here...



## Chapters of the Heart

Jewish Women Sharing the  
Torah of Our Lives

*edited by Sue Levi Elwell and  
Nancy Fuchs Kreimer*

**Tuesday, October 21, 2014 • 7:30-9:30pm**

**Section I: All the Days of Our Lives** (Psalm 27:4)

with Rabbi Shira Migrom

LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

**Sunday, December 7, 2014 • 9:15-11am**

**Section II: From the Narrow Places** (Psalm 118:5)

with 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*

SCHULMAN CHAPEL IN THE WOODS

**Thursday, March 5, 2015 • 7:30-9:30pm**

**Section III: Opening the Gates** (Psalm 118:19)

with Rabbi Shira Milgrom

LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

**Sunday, April 26, 2015 • 9:15-11am**

**Section IV: Be Still and Know** (Psalm 46:10)

with Rabbi Pamela Wax, *WJCS Spiritual Care  
Coordinator*

SCHULMAN CHAPEL IN THE WOODS

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

- ☐ Four sessions \$60
- ☐ Individual sessions \$18
- ☐ Session 1 - Tuesday, October 21, 2014
- ☐ Session 2 - Sunday, December 7, 2014
- ☐ Session 3 - Thursday, March 5, 2015
- ☐ Session 4 - Sunday, April 26, 2015

Books will be available for pick up in the Rabbi's  
study starting on 9/1.

Refreshments will be served at each session.

TO REGISTER: Please print this flyer and return  
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**For further information,  
call Jill Abraham 472-5806  
or Lauri Carey 472-8076.**



## Coachman Corner

It has been said that there is nothing more powerful than giving back. At Kol Ami, there is nothing more powerful than giving back TOGETHER!

On Saturday, November 22nd, we hosted approximately 70 guests from the Coachman Family Center for a Thanksgiving Feast. More than 60 Kol Ami volunteers came together to plan, prepare a menu, design a beautiful & fun layout of our space, shop, cook and bake, make cards, goody bags and table centerpieces, transform open space into a beautiful party room with flowers and other special touches, welcome guests, hang up coats, serve a delicious holiday meal with all of the fixings, play games with children, cuddle babies, lead arts and crafts projects and other activities for kids, give out books, cards and goody bags, and send families home with extra meals. In short, we provided a special afternoon and evening for new friends from the Coachman Family Center. Thank you to our volunteers, many of whom are featured in the photo.

If you are interested in volunteering for one or more of our Coachman initiatives or any of the myriad of volunteer opportunities at Kol Ami, please contact either Rabbi Milgrom or Jess Lorden.



# Kol Ami Blood Drive

Sunday December 14, 2014 • 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Come to the Temple Atrium

*Give The Gift of Life*

*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

Every year Congregation Kol Ami hosts a blood drive during a critical time of the year. We urge participation by temple members during this semi-annual blood drive. You don't need to make an appointment.

For those who have never given, you will be surprised how easy it is. No one likes needles, but for enduring a small bit of discomfort you can save a life. Remember to eat well and have plenty of fluids prior to your giving.

Just come to the Temple Atrium anytime between 8:30 and 2:30. Bring a friend or family member and donate together. If you are dropping off a child for religious school, please stay to give blood. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with written parental/guardian permission) and weigh 110 pounds. 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.

David Klein, Men's Council/Brotherhood Blood Drive Chair

## SAVE THE DATES

Synaplex January 23, 2015

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DECEMBER 12TH SYNAPLEX  
HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED. NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

### In the Beginning, Modern Cosmology and the Origin of our Universe

Dr. Matias Zaldarriaga, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, has made many influential and creative contributions to our understanding of the early universe, particle astrophysics, and cosmology. Much of his work centers on understanding the clues about the earliest moments of our universe.

### Special Film Screening of "Regina" Saturday evening, January 31st

Regina tells the story of Regina Jonas (1902-1944), the world's first female rabbi. Having grown up in Berlin's slum as the daughter of an Orthodox Jewish peddler, Jonas was ordained in Berlin in 1935. Her incredible religious devotion brought hope and encouragement to many persecuted German Jews. Jonas continued to work tirelessly in the concentration camps but was murdered in Auschwitz in 1944, aged 42. Voiced by Rachel Weisz and executive produced by her father, George Weisz, Regina pays tribute to this inspiring woman, using the only surviving photo of Jonas as a leitmotif for the film.

*Directed by Diana Groó | 2013*

*Introduction and discussion moderated by Dr. Ellen Umansky  
Carl and Dorothy Bennett Professor of Judaic Studies, Fairfield University, CT*

# dan nichols FAMILY CONCERT

Sunday, December 14, 2014

4:00 pm

Larchmont Temple

A fabulous family concert featuring acclaimed Jewish singer/songwriter Dan Nichols, one of the most dynamic, influential and beloved Jewish musicians in North America. All are welcome to join us, along with congregations Temple Israel of New Rochelle, Kol Ami of White Plains, and Westchester Reform Congregation of Scarsdale, for this special event. Concert is free and open to the community.

# FAMILY CHANUKAH PARTY



*Crafts for Kids  
Latkes and Doughnuts  
Dreidel Spinning  
Chanukah Music  
Storytelling*

**Sunday, December 14, 2014      11:00 a.m – 1:00 p.m**

The Kol Ami Men's Council Invites You to  
Join us for a fun filled event.

Everyone's welcome! Activities for children (2-10)  
A pizza lunch and refreshments will be served

Admission is free . . . Tzadakah, by choice: an unwrapped children's  
toy to be donated to charity

**Please RSVP by Friday, December 5th**

**To: Anthony Zitrin ([anthonyzitrin@aol.com](mailto:anthonyzitrin@aol.com)) or**

**Leave with Office: Kol Ami—Attention: Men's Council**

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults (13 & older) \_\_\_\_\_

# of children (2-12) \_\_\_\_\_

# of children under 2 years \_\_\_\_\_





# Kol Ami Cares

## *Opportunities for Volunteering*

**Providing endless opportunities for connection and caring in times of joy and in times of sorrow.**

We call bereaved families, help, lead or participate in shiva services for families in mourning, visit the sick and connect with the homebound. We also work to support the larger Westchester and world communities by knitting for our troops, preparing food for the hungry and through many other activities of mitzvah.

Several of our congregants no longer drive or have difficulty getting to services and special events. Kol Ami Cares maintains a database of members willing and able to provide transportation as needed. Offering a ride even once in a while is hugely appreciated.

Also, within our Kol Ami community are older congregants who would welcome a visit in their homes. Many do not have family living nearby and would appreciate the company. Please join our growing list of members who spend time with our housebound congregants. (B'nai mitzvah students may choose this activity as a Mitzvah Project.)

In addition, Kol Ami Cares delivers meals to our members recovering from illness or surgery. We welcome anyone who can provide a meal for those unable to shop or cook for themselves or their families.

If you need one or more of these services or would like to be included in our database of volunteers, please contact Ginny Ruder 914-589-5283 [ginnyruder@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyruder@gmail.com) Betsy McCormack 914-960-9390 [betsymc@aol.com](mailto:betsymc@aol.com)

### **KOL AMI SINGERS**

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

**The Esplanade, White Plains**

**Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 2:00 pm**

Questions? Please contact Murray Shapiro, 946-7789

### **COOKING FOR THE HOMELESS**

Members have been participating in this program for many years. Newcomers are welcome. Drop in ready to lend a hand on Sunday and Monday mornings. Food is prepared in our kitchen and driven to a local shelter.

Contact Laura Green [greenlg@mac.com](mailto:greenlg@mac.com) (Mondays) Nancy Marcus [larrymarcus@aol.com](mailto:larrymarcus@aol.com) (Sundays)

Sundays at 11:00 am: Dec 7, Jan 11, Feb 11, Mar 1, Apr 26, May 3

Mondays at noon: Dec 1, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 13, June 1

## **Looking for a Mitzvah Project?**

## **Looking for a Volunteer Opportunity for Your Family?**

## **Look no further than our own congregation!**

Kol Ami Cares can help. We can match you with an older congregant who would love to get to know you and your family. Several of our members are homebound or have no relatives nearby and would greatly benefit from a meaningful connection with you.

Visit as often as you can—bring a game, puzzle, story to share. Celebrate a Shabbat dinner together, offer a ride to services, develop a lasting relationship that will enrich your lives.

Maybe your extended family lives out of town. By “adopting a grandparent” perhaps you and your children can fill a void in your own lives—hear stories from the old country, pick up some Yiddish, gain insight into World War II, learn to cook homemade mitzvah ball soup.

Please give this idea some thought and decide if it is right for you. We would be happy to meet with you and help you get started.

Ginny Ruder, [ginnyruder@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyruder@gmail.com)

Betsy McCormack, [betsymc@aol.com](mailto:betsymc@aol.com)



## WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM — Our New Season

As we write this article, we are completing the month of Cheshvan, the only month on the Jewish calendar with no holiday, and which this year has straddled the secular months of October and November. It has been a time to take a deep breath after the flurry of the High Holy Days, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah—to assess, to consider, and to evaluate—before rushing headlong into the month of Kislev, its upcoming holiday of Hanukkah, and associated Sisterhood programming.

We are looking forward to a new month filled with the lights, blessings, and treats of Hanukkah. And what would Kislev be without *Lathes and Latte*, such a big hit last year, and the next event in our Havdallah series! Please join us on **Saturday, December 6th, from 4 to 6 p.m.**, where you will enjoy both latkes and lattes. Make your favorite recipe to share! In addition to tasting and noshing and sipping, we will bring on the bling with some special jewelry vendors who will provide us with an opportunity to purchase Chanukah gifts.

And speaking of Hanukkah gifts, please make sure to stop by the Judaica Shop which is now featuring Hanukkah items for your home and family. We have a lot of new stock, and Hanukkah is closer than you may think!

It is not too late to join the Kol Ami Sisterhood. Along with receiving special discounts at our events, please help us in all we do to connect the women of Kol Ami and to support many projects and activities in our Temple. Just this past weekend, your dues and participation in our activities enabled us to fund the food for Kol Ami's Thanksgiving celebration for the families residing at the Coachman.

In the meantime, enjoy the closing days and the respite of Cheshvan. We look forward to seeing you in Kislev!

Sheryl Brady

Judy Sarch

Rachel Eckhaus



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## Adult Education

Please read more about offerings for the whole year in our Adult Ed brochure or visit our website, [nykolami.org](http://nykolami.org), and click on Adult Education to view an even more detailed brochure.

### 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.  
Dec 8

Schulman Chapel in the Woods

### Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Group

The group meets every Thursday morning (except for holidays), 9:30-10:45, in the Chapel in the Woods. Join us in learning mindfulness meditation, a practice of training the mind and heart so that we can live with greater clarity, acceptance and connection.

Contact *Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW*, and certified meditation teacher, at WJCS, 914-761-0600 ext. 148, for further information. Free of charge, donations accepted, no prior experience required.

### Current Events

*with Beth and Gene Kava*

Each session will provide an opportunity to examine a current issue in depth, beginning 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 1 & 15

Jan 12 & 26, Feb 9 & 23, Mar 9 & 23,  
Apr 6 & 20, May 4 & 18

### Weekly Torah Study:

#### Parashat Hashavua

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

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

### Prophets Seminar

Mondays, 7:30 pm

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; are they relevant today? We will explore these questions and more. Contact Paul Davis at [paullawrencedavis@yahoo.com](mailto:paullawrencedavis@yahoo.com)

### Parenting Workshops

#### First Friends:

**an ECP Program for Toddlers 13–22 months**  
(accompanied by a parent or caregiver)

This program runs from October–December and January–April and provides a wonderful segue to our Early Childhood Program and to our Kol Ami. If you have a toddler and you're looking to make some new friends what are you waiting for? Maybe the time is right to think about joining us! For more information and membership details please call Nan Blank, ECP Director at 949-4717x107

#### Cuddles and Conversation

*with Susan Davis, LCSW*

Drop in and be a part of our group.

For parent/grandparents and babies 2 to 14 months. Bring a mat or blanket and small toys for your child.

Meets twice a month on Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:00am.

Questions - please call Nan Blank in the ECP office at 914-949-4717x107

#### Sunday Parenting Group

*with Susan Davis, LCSW*

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

Meets the 1st Sunday of the month  
9:15 - 10:45 am

### Adolescent Parenting Workshops

*with Susan Davis, LCSW*

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.

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month  
12:00 noon

### Grandparenting Workshops

*with Susan Davis, LCSW*

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

Meets the 1st Monday of the month  
9:15 – 10:45 am

### Wise Aging

*Led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW,*

WJCS Partners-in-Caring clinician for Kol Ami Being 60 years of age and above can be a time of continued growth, new experiences, and life repair. Using texts, discussion and experiential exercises, we will identify the many possibilities that this stage of life offers.

8 Thursdays

11:00 – 12:15 pm

Schulman Chapel in the Woods

### Kol Ami Reads/Book Club

Meets the first Wednesday of every month throughout the year.

9:15 am, Room 20, Main Building

For more information call Doris Dingott at 289-0869

### Women in Transition

Are you attempting an adjustment to a major life change? Join us in an interactive discussion group. Topics to be discussed include: retirement, widowhood, aging, changing relationships with adult children, and other life transitions.

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Conference Room.

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

*Led by Kol Ami Members*

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sheila Sturmer at [sturmersheila@gmail.com](mailto:sturmersheila@gmail.com) or 914-391-1227

### Adult Bar & Bat Mitzvah

Second year of a 2 year course *with Rabbi Shira Milgrom*. This course includes study of Jewish beliefs and practices, conceptual introduction to holidays, life cycles, rituals, new friendships and the art of asking good questions.

Tuesdays, 8:00-9:30 pm

Dec 2 & 16, Jan 20,

Feb 10 & 24, Mar 10 & 24, Apr 14

### Mah Jongg & Bridge

Open To All: Experienced and Novice Wednesdays 11:00 am in the Kol Ami Atrium  
Email [Wendyroos1@aol.com](mailto:Wendyroos1@aol.com) to be added to the email distribution

### Westchester Adult Jewish Education at Kol Ami:

A discussion of Jewish Ethics.

*with Dr. Carol Diamant*

For more information please contact Nina Lubin, WAJE Director at 914-761-6309 or [waje@wjcouncil.org](mailto:waje@wjcouncil.org)

### Lunch and Learn in New York City

*with Rabbi Tom Weiner*

Issues ancient and modern with texts, ancient and modern.

Fall, Winter and Spring session.

Dates and locations to be determined.

### 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. Contact Paul Davis at [paullawrencedavis@yahoo.com](mailto:paullawrencedavis@yahoo.com) with your ideas for leading a study group or if you would like to join the currently planned study group on the prophets.

## Kol Ami Reads Book Club

**Daniel Deronda**

by George Eliot  
December 3, 2014

**The Gift of Rain**

by Tan Twan Eng  
January 7, 2015

**Officer and the Spy**

by Robert Harris  
February 4, 2015

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 or  
Elaine Cohen, 725-0248,  
elwilco@verizon.net

## MITZVAH KNITZ

We will be meeting on  
**Thursday**  
**December 18, 2014**  
**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

## Adult Education *continued*

### Women's Roundtable Breakfasts

with Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Join Kol Ami's remarkable, multigenerational  
women for learning and friendship.

Wednesdays, 7:45 – 9:00 am  
Dec 3, Feb 4, Mar 4,  
Apr 1, & May 6

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

Screening of Israeli films and  
films with Jewish content  
Moderated by Roger Seti  
Selected Monday evenings at 7:30 pm

December 8th

#### **Sholem Aleichem:**

#### ***Laughing in the Darkness***

Discover the man behind the musical  
"Fiddler on the Roof" in this biography of  
Sholem Aleichem. Vintage photographs, film  
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Aleichem's world and how he portrayed turmoil  
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### Hebrew Classes for Adults\*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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