



Happy New Year to All Our Families

Music of Freedom Concert Sunday, January 11

The Interfaith Connection and
Westchester Martin Luther King, jr. Institute for Nonviolence
present an Interfaith Gathering at Congregation Kol Ami
(See page 15 for more details)

Congratulate Jane on her Retirement Friday, January 16

Please join us on as we honor Jane Friedberg for her 22 years of dedication to Kol Ami!
Services at 6:15pm with a special supper to follow!

Welcome back to Synaplex Friday January 23

Featuring

*Explorations in Jewish Music with Cantor David Rosen and special guest Matt Turk
and*

Dr. Matias Zaldarriaga of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, presenting
In The Beginning, Modern Cosmology and the Origins of our Universe

(See page 7 for details and reservation form)

SERVICES

Friday, January 2

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

Saturday, January 3

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

Friday, January 9

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

Saturday, January 10

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 10:30 am **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:**
 Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel Zolot
 5:30 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE:**
 Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Silverman

Friday, January 16

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

Saturday, January 17

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 10:30 am **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:**
 Bar Mitzvah of Adam Roos

Friday, January 23

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

Saturday, January 24

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 10:30 am **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:** Bat
 Mitzvah of Sophia Caione
 5:30 pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE:** Bar
 Mitzvah of Ryan Gordon

Friday, January 30

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

Saturday, January 31

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel
 9:00 am Coffee and community
 9:30 am Study
 10:30 am **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:** Bat
 Mitzvah of Tamara Gee

Weekly Torah Portions for
January

Week ending January 3, 2015

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 January 10, 2015

Parashat Shemot Exodus 1:1-6:1

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

Week ending January 17, 2015

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 the Israelites redemption. God also commands Moses to speak to Pharaoh and demand that he liberate the people of Israel. Pharaoh refuses to release the slaves and God causes plagues on the Egyptians in order to change Pharaoh's mind.

Week ending January 24, 2015

Parashat Bo Exodus 10:1-13:16

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

Week ending January 31, 2015

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

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

Givers and Receivers

It turns out that the most direct route to happiness is gratitude. Finding reasons for gratitude simply and amazingly increases the quality of our lives. Last November, our Kol Ami Cares committee put together a beautiful service celebrating our volunteers, called a Shabbat of Giving. Following are only some of the beautiful reflections that were shared on that Shabbat. We hope that their words will inspire you to find places within this remarkable community that will add depth and joy to your life in 2015. If you were unable to attend this service and would like a copy of the full program, please stop by or call the office.



With wishes for a meaningful and joy-filled 2015,

Shi-

Ginny Ruder

My experience volunteering at Kol Ami began with Women of Reform Judaism. I helped with the gift shop and was on the Sisterhood board. In that role I was able to hear Lenny Fishman talk about his experience with Birkat Cholim – visiting those who are ill- and volunteering at White Plains Hospital. After my own experiences as a patient in the hospital I connected with Lenny and he and Shira suggested I could help visit the Jewish patients there. I jumped in with two feet and felt that I was in the right place at the right time. Lenny's health was failing and I was able to let him see that the connection to "his" patients would continue. I was also encouraged by Bro. Rick Lorino to take classes in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) which have been invaluable.

I have been volunteering at WPHC for 4 years now. I have had an experience that is special. Helping patients and their families when they are in pain, frustrated, or at a loss of how to deal with their own personal illness, or the expected loss of a loved one has been a blessing for me.

I have met people of many different faiths who turn to the Holy One when they are in that place that is very fragile. Sometimes they share with me that they are "lapsed" Jews or Catholics but when they are offered a "healing prayer" they accept and realize that we are together in a place of love. There have been times when joining me to sing Debbie Friedman's Mi Shebeirach is really all they need to bring a smile to their face and a sense of relaxation to their body.

In working with Kol Ami Cares I have had the pleasure of connecting with congregants of all ages to make our Kol Ami family a place to turn to when help is needed. Many of you here tonight have made meals, given rides, or made a connection with someone who may be alone, or in need. We all thank you for this. Every little gift adds up.

As I have gotten more involved in my Chaplain's work of Spiritual Care I have learned that to share positive love is a joy and blessing; no matter how it is presented. This is something many of you understand and do in your own special way as volunteers. Thank you and Shabbat Shalom

Jared Fischer

Like many kids, I dropped out of Hebrew school after my bar mitzvah. However, because I did not complete any formal bar mitzvah project, I looked to volunteering as an assistant teacher to satisfy my parents requests. Little did I know what an impact that would have on my life. Through the next year, I grew closer with many of the staff here and connected with many of the kids whom I helped teach. It was so much fun for me, I signed up for another year. I grew even closer to the staff and even took a liking to learn in depth about Judaism. The following year, I came back for Hebrew school as a highschooler and continued to assist teach. I've been assistant teaching for 5 years and continue to stay in high school program for which I became a part of the youth group.

At Kol Ami I have had the chance to explore my Jewish heritage and culture and see what it is all about. Judaism is something so special to me, nobody can ever take it away; Kol Ami has helped me understand why.

Through Kol Ami I had amazing opportunities to travel. I went to Costa Rica with Rabbi Tom, Felice, and Timna along with other teens on a community service trip and enjoyed my time with others who feel Judaism is an important part of their life.

Earlier this year, I was encouraged to go to Israel by my friends here and this past summer I had the time of my life during a very scary and important time for Israel. I was only met with appreciation and love when I returned and as much as people were afraid, they were happy to hear and see what an amazing time I had.

Words can't describe what Kol Ami has done for my life. It has in many ways shaped me to become the young man I am today. I look up to so many people here who have inspired me and helped me throughout the years. If I were to grow up and become half the person these people are, I know I did something right. Kol Ami is the only place I know where I have been scolded for something stupid I did in my personal life by my mentors who are all my second mothers and fathers. I am deeply saddened to part Kol Ami as I leave for college at the end of this next summer but every time I come back and visit home, I will stop by and visit my second family.

Jen Labovitz

This year, I have the honor of co-chairing the Religious School Committee along with the amazing and incredible Susan Kohn Arovas. I am also a member of the Annual Retreat Committee and was a member of the Executive Director Search Committee.

Earlier this week I sat down to jot down some notes about the idea of giving but this uncomfortable thing kept happening—I couldn't talk about giving, without talking about getting. I began to realize, I think for the first time, that volunteering was perhaps, really all about me. Here's what I mean...

First, I volunteer to be around you; for a sense of belonging. Simply being present, being involved, makes me feel ingrained in the community. I know people walking into services, I recognize faces when I stand in the lobby of the religious school, and I truly feel part of this community. Also, it never ceases to amaze me how any time I step into any volunteer position here, I am surrounded by so many talented, intelligent, good-hearted, people that I would not otherwise have the opportunity to work with and know.

Second, like many of the Religious School volunteers here tonight, I volunteer for my children. I have three children; an 8 year old boy, and two six year old girls. My children, like so many others, frankly, don't often listen to me. But they watch and they model. Volunteering is my way of showing them who I expect them to be, without saying a word. You have all heard the expression "It takes a village." Except what people don't often say is "you can choose your village." All of the volunteers in this room tonight are whom I want my children to watch, learn from, and model as they grow. The unspoken expectation that they will become like you, is incredibly powerful. So, I have shyly managed to get you to help me raise MY children.

Last, but far from least, being a volunteer is in the simplest of terms, what being Jewish means to me. Like many of you, I believe that Tikkun Olam, healing the world, is at the heart of who we are as a people and that it is not just an esoteric idea, but a real responsibility. As grateful as I am to be in this beautiful new sanctuary, I actually feel the strongest connection to G-d, to being my best self, when I am doing, working, helping.

So the truth is, while giving my time and energy may hopefully help the Kol Ami community, it gives me so much more than I could ever possibly give back.

Introducing “Shabbat Stories”— A Celebration of Shabbat For All Ages

Being a parent of a little one, I empathize with the exhaustion that often comes at the end of a long week. Between your busy schedule and all the various extra-curricular activities of your children, it is easy for Shabbat to take a back burner to whatever else may be going on in our lives.

While our son Joel is only 3 years old, as tired as he is on a Friday afternoon, you can be sure that he will be reminding us that Shabbat in the Woods begins promptly at 5:30pm in the Synagogue Atrium. His week would not be complete if he didn't sing the usual repertoire of popular melodies, recite the important Shabbat blessings and eat the traditional Shabbat delicacies!

At Kol Ami, we are blessed to offer many opportunities for families to celebrate Shabbat together. Our "Shabbat in the Woods" program is a natural extension of our ECP and attracts dozens of families with children ages 0-5 from within and outside of our community.

In recent months, some families have requested a program for children who have “graduated” from “Shabbat in the Woods”. A natural progression is for families to attend our regular Shabbat services, which begin at 6:15pm and are approximately one hour in duration.

Our services are always family friendly and it is an opportunity for your children to become familiar with the liturgy and music that they will be learning in Religious School.



We understand that it is not always possible for our children to remain seated for an hour at a time. Beginning Friday February 6th we will be offering an extension to our regular Shabbat service entitled “Shabbat Stories.” Children ages 5-10 will have the opportunity to learn with Rabbi Tom, Rabbi Shira or myself during part of the service. This 15 minute program will feature a themed story relating to Shabbat or the Weekly Torah portion and will include a mini-Shabbat Oneg, featuring some tasty treats. After the program, children will have the opportunity to come back into the main service and join the clergy on the Bima for Kiddush and the closing song.

“Shabbat Stories” is an opportunity for everyone in your family to enjoy the magic and warmth of Shabbat at Kol Ami.

We can't wait to see you there!

From Our New Executive Director

It will be my honor and privilege to commence service as Congregation Kol Ami's 7th Executive Director later this month. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you and address a few of the questions congregants have posed to me over the last two months.

First, I would like to thank Jane Friedberg for her 22 years of dedicated leadership. In my capacity as a congregant, Jane patiently assisted me in planning three b'nai mitzvah, including my own. As a congregational leader, I have had many occasions to work with Jane. The output of every engagement was enhanced as a direct result of the knowledge and experience Jane willingly contributed. Lastly, in working with me on transitioning to the role of Executive Director, Jane has shared her wisdom and has patiently mentored me while addressing my questions. Jane, thank you for all of the roles you have filled. I look forward to seeing you at Kol Ami for many years to come when you attend programs and services. Then, I'll be the woman sitting in the back of the sanctuary worrying about the heat and the sound.

Now, to answer some of the questions I've been asked: why Kol Ami? why now? Kol Ami has nourished my family and me in myriad ways. Over the course of 20 years, Kol Ami has become home and family for my husband Dave, my children Sarah and Robby, and me. As a volunteer, I have always tried to give Kol Ami my best, but I want to do more. I am committed to making Kol Ami the preeminent Reform congregation in Westchester. For many years, I have dreamt of bringing my energy and talents to Kol Ami in a professional capacity. Having completed 25 years of service at IBM I feel I am quite fortunate to be able to pursue this dream.

To those who have politely queried whether leadership success in the corporate world can translate to success at Kol Ami—my experience has taught me that leadership, regardless of the venue, is all about

people and starts with trust. When someone feels trusted they will work hard not to disappoint those who gave them the gift of trust. A corollary to the concept of trust is to treat others the way you would like to be treated. I believe that leadership is about inspiring and enabling others to do their absolute best, and together we can realize a meaningful and rewarding shared purpose. In managing people, I lead by showing I care and by providing clarity, encouragement and support. Most importantly, as a leader I never compromise on integrity. I am confident these leadership tenets apply at Kol Ami.



Others have asked what I plan to do in my first 100 days. I plan to listen. Really listen. I have already begun meeting with our clergy, professional staff, lay leaders and congregants. In these meetings I am trying to gain better perspective on how I may best support each person in achieving his or her mission or interests. I would also welcome the chance to meet with you. I would like to hear what you most enjoy about Kol Ami so we may consciously continue those programs and events. I would like to understand your recommended solutions in areas where you believe we can do better. Once I have completed my first round of meetings, I plan to develop a list of early priorities and longer range objectives. Please stop by my office for a chat. Or, if you would like to schedule a meeting, please call me in the office (949-4717 ext. 101) or send me an email at JessicaLorden@nykolami.org or ExecutiveDirector@nykolami.org.

I am excited about beginning this new challenge and new career as Congregation Kol Ami's Executive Director. I look forward to getting to know you and to learning how I may enhance your Kol Ami experience.

Jess

From Our President

Happy New Year! Jean and I hope that your holiday season was relaxing, fun and filled with joy and that the coming year is one filled with peace and happiness. As we move into the second half of our fiscal year, I thought that it would be good to take a quick look back, as well as, a look forward to see what's ahead.

This year has been one of transitions. Our year started with us welcoming a new musical team—our new Cantor, Cantor David Rosen, and our new accompanist, Lenora Eve. David and Lenora have quickly established themselves as integral parts of our worship experience. I hope that all of you have taken the opportunity to meet Cantor Rosen and have been able to see first-hand his warmth and talent. We look forward to David, Ilyse and Joel being a vital part of our community.

Sometimes, we're able to turn an unfortunate event into a positive. The burst sprinkler pipe in the chapel ceiling gave us the opportunity to reimagine this beautiful space. The result is the recent renovation that included new carpet in the sanctuary area, new hardwood floors in the entry and family room, and flexible seating. The new seating has already enabled us to make much better use of the chapel and has given us an additional resource that makes our facilities far more versatile. Thank you to everyone who participated in this renovation by purchasing a chair. You can still choose to participate by calling the office and letting them know that you'd like to buy a chair.

Jane Friedberg has been our Executive Director for over 20 years and has been the only face of the office that many of us have known. Jane announced her retirement earlier this year and we owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude for all of her hard work and dedication. We are extraordinarily blessed to be able to have found a new Executive Director from our own community. Jess Lorden brings a wealth of knowledge about our congregation, and great business and management experience from her 25 years at IBM. Please make sure that you stop by and say hello to Jess when she starts at the end of this month.

Our social action initiatives this year have mostly centered on the

Coachman Family Center in White Plains. This caring and supportive facility helps families in transition. We have been lucky to have been able to provide them with a fantastic Thanksgiving dinner attended by about 75 guests who were served by an equal number of wonderful Kol Ami volunteers; we donated presents at the holidays so that the children would be able to have a happy holiday; we are sponsoring birthday parties for the children to help provide a level of normalcy for them; and we are donating a variety of supplies (including backpacks so that the children have every advantage going to school). It's still possible to participate in these efforts and you can check with the office to find out more.



Photo by Mariela Melamed

So, with that busy of a half-year, where do we go from here? The Board is working on several initiatives for the rest of the 2014-2015 year. Foremost is a focus on relationship building in our community. The Board held a retreat at the beginning of the programming year that was centered on how to build a stronger relational community. We've already implemented a few smaller programs (Trustee ushers on Friday nights being one) and more will be introduced during this year and next. You can expect to see smaller, more focused programs that are centered on the interests of our congregants. We are also working on continuing to strengthen the financial health of the temple. We have had several positive financial trends this year (including the best Annual Fund result in the temple's history), but we still lack a sufficient capital fund and we have no endowment. The Board will be addressing both of these, as well as other financial issues, as we move through the rest of the year.

As always, please reach out to me or any of the other Officers or Trustees if you have any comments (both positive and negative) or suggestions. We look forward to celebrating, mourning, eating, worshipping, and just being together as the new year unfolds.

L'shalom!

Blank

SAVE-THE-DATE!

The 2015 Kol Ami Retreat will take place from June 12-14, 2015,
at Circle Lodge in Hopewell Junction, NY. Please note this a different weekend than usual. Interested in volunteering to help make the 22nd Retreat an amazing weekend, with friends and family of all ages, that you'll never forget?

Contact Genna Farley at Genna.Farley@gmail.com.

Want to support the Retreat but are unable to attend or volunteer?
Your donation, of any amount, to the newly created Retreat Fund is
the perfect way to support this Kol Ami tradition.

Happy New Year!
The Kol Ami Retreat Committee

Ritual Riches: *The Saturday Morning Lift*

Pssst! There are those who say the Shabbat Morning Lift in the Schulman Chapel-in-the-Woods is one of Kol Ami's best kept secrets. This "secret" should definitely be shared.

The Lift, as it's often called, actually consists of several different activities. Anyone is welcome to attend any or all of these activities.

9:00–9:30—times are approximate

The morning unofficially begins around 9:00am in the anteroom (or family room) of the chapel with a buffet of bagels, fruit, coffee/tea, and community. This is a time for casual conversation, to meet friends (new and familiar), and to check-in and catch up with each other—how was your week, trip, celebration, etc.? It's a perfect opportunity for someone who has not attended the lift before to come, enjoy a light breakfast, and get to meet people in this small group.

9:30–10:45—times are approximate

Those who are interested in study and exploring the Torah together move to the sanctuary part of The Chapel at approximately 9:30. Others may continue their coffee and quiet conversation in the Chapel's family room. Rabbi Shira facilitates the discussion, which focuses on a text that may be based on the week's Torah portion or another topic related to the Torah. The dialogue is open and lively, with participants sharing diverse opinions and interpretations on the subject. No prior knowledge or experience is necessary. The "study" portion of The Lift lasts until approximately 10:45, so feel free to come and join the conversation anytime during this time period.

10:45–11:00

After all that thinking and talking it's time to refresh, touch base, and enjoy another "nosh" in the Chapel's anteroom. Some people leave and others may arrive during this period between the end of study and the beginning of services at 11:00. This in-between time is another opportunity to come and meet people.

11:00–12:15

When Rabbi Shira begins strumming her guitar and singing *Ma Tov* you'll know that it's 11:00 and services are beginning. This phase of The Lift is more structured in order to accommodate those who come to observe a *yahrzeit*. The service, however, is as participatory and interactive as the rest of the morning. Those present are invited and encouraged to share relevant observations and readings from the siddur. The service and The Lift's activities end at about 12:15.

So... why is it called The Lift, and what's being lifted? Some will say it's their spirituality, others believe it's their level of understanding, while still others feel it's a feeling of community. Perhaps it's all of these.

Come and decide for yourself what you feel is being lifted. No commitment is necessary, but I warn you The Lift has been known to be habit forming.

Ritual Riches is a monthly column written by members of the Worship Committee. We hope you find these articles interesting and informative. This article was written by Ellen Bittner.



Kol Ami Early Childhood Program

Warm, Nurturing and Enriching

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First Friends: A Toddler Program

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JANUARY 23, 2015

Friday evening schedule:

5:00 pm

Explorations in Jewish music with Cantor David Rosen and special guest Matt Turk

5:30 pm

Shabbat -in- the -Woods for families with young children (newborn - kindergarten); 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)

7:30 pm

Tzedakah sandwich making and arts and crafts

8:00 pm

Supervised sports and games with Coach Steve for children in grades K-6

8:15 pm

THE MAIN EVENT

9:15 pm

Relax at the end of a long day and week with dessert and coffee

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DINNER

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED GUESTS...

"Sing Along for the Soul" with Matt Turk

Web music authority *All Music Guide* calls him "...an artist to be reckoned with." A seasoned recording artist, multi-instrumentalist, eternal idealist and compassionate peace loving realist, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY based **Matt Turk** is a veteran performer who has engaged audiences around the world, both as a rocking bandleader and an acoustic folk troubadour. He has shared the stage with Pete Seeger and opened for Judy Collins, The Doobie Brothers, Fiona Apple, The Grateful Dead's Mickey Hart and more.

The Main Event -

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.

**For further information, contact Ilene Miller
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or visit www.nykolami.org**

ASL Interpretation upon Request



**CLIP & RETURN DINNER RESERVATION FORM TO CONGREGATION KOL AMI
252 SOUNDVIEW AVE, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10606
NO LATER THAN JAN 21, 2015**

**SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING
SYNAPLEX EVENTS...
Feb 27 , Mar 20 & May 1**

"Quiet Conversation Dinner" Adults Only

Adults _____ X \$25 = \$ _____

"Community & Family Dinner"

#Adults _____ X \$25 = \$ _____

#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.

From the Religious School

Welcome to a New Year. It's 2015! I hope everyone had a restful break. In the Religious School we'll be hitting the ground running! We have lots of exciting things planned.

As you know if you visit our building on Sunday mornings, the Religious School provides coffee and bagels. This has become a wonderful addition to our Sunday mornings. You can drop your child off at their class and hang out with other parents over coffee and bagels. It costs about \$100 each week. We would like to request your assistance in keeping this wonderful program going. Please consider sponsoring a Sunday morning bagel "event" in honor of a special occasion. If you are interested in supporting us in this way, please complete a bagel donation form and return it to the school office. We will acknowledge your donation with a poster in the Religious School lobby on the Sunday morning of your donation!

Now that the winter is upon us, please be aware that the Cushman Road entrance will be closed. When it snows, we do

not plow the back lot! Every year, someone believes they can save a minute or two by using this cut through and THEY GET STUCK! Please do not use this road. In addition, please remember to be courteous and drive slowly when entering and exiting our parking lot. Temple volunteers will assist in traffic control whenever possible... remember they are there to assure the safety of our children.



In the coming weeks our children will be busy with a wide array of programs and activities. If you don't know what's going on in our school, check out the website and calendar or come by and visit! We're happy to share what we are learning.

As another busy year begins, I wish you all a year filled with the joy of learning.

Felice



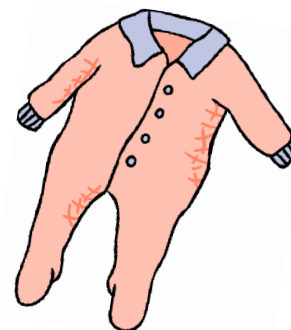
The Early Childhood Program of Congregation Kol Ami Invite all families with young children to A Havdalah and Sh'ma Pajama Party!



Join Nan Blank, Rachel Edelson and
Rabbi Shira Milgrom
Saturday Afternoon, February 7, 2015
4:30 – 5:30 PM

Enjoy the Sweetness of Havdalah with Family and Friends!
Crafts, Family Learning and Snack

Come in your Pajamas!



Admission: Please bring a new pair of Children's Pajamas to be donated to the local family shelter.

Reserve your place today by calling Nan Blank at 949-4717 x107 or email nanblank@nykolami.org

You Are Invited

For our 1980s
"B'nai Mitzvah Throwback"
ECP Fundraiser

Thursday, February 5, 2015
at 7:30pm
in the Atrium

Cocktail Attire

Hors d'oeuvres
Carving Stations
Cocktails
Dessert
Dancing

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Save the Date for Shabbat Across the World at Kol Ami Friday, March 13th, 2015

Following Shabbat Services
Sponsored by the Kol Ami Membership Committee

Join us for a family friendly international pot luck dinner. Everyone will be asked to bring a dish that pays tribute to their family heritage or reflects their cultural sensibility. For more information please contact Susan Davis at susanhopedavis@hotmail.com or Lisa Hochman at lisahochman@mac.com.

January Family Concert



**Shira
&
Friends**



January 25, 2015 at 1:30 pm
Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and
children over 2 years old



... in the auditorium at
congregation kol ami



Congregation Kol Ami 252 Soundview Avenue White Plains, NY

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 16th, 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 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

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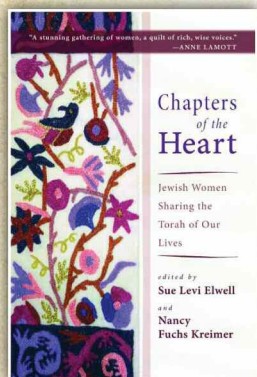
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Kol Ami Women's Oasis at Home

Realize the
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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.

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



Sisterhood invites you to attend our

Tu B'Shevat Seder

February 3rd, 7:30pm

Kol Ami

Learn, be inspired, snack on delicious nuts and fruits, and drink 4 cups of wine as we celebrate the holiday of the trees. Examine how food connects us to Jewish tradition, to the earth, to other people and to ourselves.

R.S.V.P.

by January 30th

www.NYKolAmi.org/Sisterhood

There is no charge but we must have your R.S.V.P.
so we know how much food to prepare



Hanukkah Party Rocks Kol Ami



Over two hundred people packed into the social hall and auditorium on Sunday December 14th to enjoy fabulous food, games, face painting, dancing and arts of crafts at the Men's Council third annual Family Hanukkah Party. Thanks to Men's Council, clergy, and volunteers for making this such an awesome event.

Special Film Screening of "Regina"

Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 7:30pm

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.

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

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- ◆ Litany by Interfaith Council of White Plains
- ◆ Kindred Spirits: Bethel Baptist Worship and Fine Arts Ministry
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- ◆ Mt. Hope A.M.E. Zion Church Mass Choir
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- ◆ Shinnyo-En Buddhist Temple Ceremonial Taiko Drums

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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 Betsy McCormack 914-960-9390 betsymc@aol.com

KOL AMI SINGERS

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

Greenwich Woods Nursing Home, 1165 King Street, Greenwich, CT

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 2:30 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 (Mondays) Nancy Marcus larrymarcus@aol.com (Sundays)

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

Mondays at noon: 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

Betsy McCormack, betsymc@aol.com



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

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.

The Sisterhood celebrated this season our own way with our second annual ***Latkes and Latte*** event, a preview of Chanukah, the holiday of lights. Delicious holiday food and drink and gift vendors along with the warmth and brightness of relationship and connection brightened the otherwise dreary, rainy afternoon.

Coming up in the next couple of months are a meeting on January 13 and a Tu B'Shevat seder on February 3. Please join and us and share in the warmth and glow of Sisterhood.

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Spiritual Journeying Groups Mussar Classes

*facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax,
Spiritual Care Coordinator,*

Westchester Jewish Community Services
Mondays, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 18
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 or
914-761-0600 x149 to register.
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
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 paulawrencedavis@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

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

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 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

Feb 10 & 24,

Mar 10 & 24, Apr 14

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

Mah Jongg & Bridge

Open To All: Experienced and Novice
Wednesdays 11:00 am in the Kol Ami Atrium
Email Wendy Roos 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
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rently planned study group on the prophets.

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

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
January 12, 2015

Aftermath

Kol Ami Reads Book Club

The Gift of Rain

by Tan Twan Eng
January 7, 2015

Officer and the Spy

by Robert Harris
February 4, 2015

The Boys in the Boat

by Daniel James Brown
March 4, 2015

Gilead

by Marilyn Robinson
April 1, 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
January 15, 2015
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*

As a follow up to the Standing Room Only workshop on Forgiveness (Letting Go - from Yom Kippur afternoon) please join us for three workshops with the same gifted teacher and psychologist, Dr. Mimi Leibman

3 Fridays from 11:30am - 1:00pm
January 16, 2015

Forgiveness: Healing the Wounds of the Past

February 13

Dealing Effectively With Your Anger

March 6th

How to Talk so People Will Listen and Listen so People Will Talk

Dr. Mimi Leibman is President of the Staff Development Institute. Previously she was Co-Director of the Human Relations Institute of White Plains and the Assistant Director of Professional Development for the Yonkers Public Schools. Dr. Leibman received her B.A. from Brooklyn College and her Ph.D. in psychology from the City University of New York.

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