



Kol Ami Welcomes



Cantor David Rosen

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SERVICES

Tuesday, June 3

7:00 pm EREV SHAVUOT AND
CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Wednesday, June 4

10:00 am YIZKOR & SHAVUOT SERVICE

Friday, June 6

5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in
Atrium6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
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Saturday, June 7

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

11:00 am SERVICE

10:30 am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:

Bat Mitzvah of Emily Pacicca in
Sanctuary

5:30pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE:

Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Bortstein in
Sanctuary

Friday, June 13

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

Saturday, June 14

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

11:00 am SERVICE

10:30am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:

B'nai Mitzvah of Eli Worth and
Julia Rosner

Friday, June 20

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

Saturday, June 21

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

11:00 am SERVICE

Friday, June 27

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

Saturday, June 28

SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel

9:00 am Coffee and community

9:30 am Study

11:00 am SERVICE

*Rabbi Weiner will be on Sabbatical
from June 1, 2014 until late August.
Rabbi Milgrom and Cantor Rosen will
be available during this time.*

Weekly Torah Portions for June

Week ending June 7, 2014

***Parashat B'haalot'cha* Numbers 8:1-12:16**

In this *parasha* God instructs Moses to appoint elders to share the burden of ruling the people and settling their many issues. The *parasha* concludes with Aaron and Miriam saying disparaging things about their younger brother Moses. As a result, Miriam is struck with a skin disease, manifested as white, itchy scales. Aaron appeals to Moses, who offers a prayer to God on his sister's behalf.

Week ending June 14, 2014

***Parashat Sh'lach L'cha* Numbers 13:1-15:41**

This week's *parasha* continues the story of the Israelites wandering through the desert. Moses sends twelve emissaries to scout out the land of Israel. Only two (Joshua and Caleb) return with a message of hope. The people react to the terrifying account of the other ten spies with fear and panic. As a consequence for their behavior the members of this generation will wander the desert for another 38 years and will not be allowed to enter the "promised" land.

Week ending June 21, 2014

***Parashat Korach* Numbers 16:1-18:32**

Four rebels hatch an ill-fated "coup-d'état" against the leadership of Aaron and Moses in this week's *parasha*. Two dreadful punishments await the rebels: for Dathan, Abiram, and their group, the earth bursts asunder, swallowing them. For Korach and his band, fire and plague bring death and havoc.

Week ending June 28, 2014

***Parashat Chukat* Numbers 19:1-22:1**

This week's *parashaa* begins with the death of Miriam, Moses' and Aaron's sister, at Kadesh. God instructs Moses to take his rod and order a rock to bring forth water when the people complain that they have no water to drink. Moses, in his anger against the complaining people, strikes the rock with his rod instead. As a result, God informs Moses that he will not be allowed to lead the people into the Land of Israel. Aaron dies at Mount Hor and his son, Eleazer becomes his successor.

Josh Rosenthal Joining Kol Ami as New Youth Director of Engagement

We are pleased to announce that Josh Rosenthal will be joining the Kol Ami staff as our new Director of Youth Engagement. After a thorough year's search we have found this very talented, professional youth worker who will start at Kol Ami at the end of August.

Among Josh's responsibilities, he will guide the High School Youth program, teach in middle school, work with bar mitzvah students, supervise the junior youth program, be a permanent staff member on all Kol Ami retreats, be part of weekly senior staff meetings,

Josh, a resident of Hartsdale, has spent the last seven years

working in various capacities at Crane Lake Camp in West Stockbridge, MA. This coming summer he joins their senior staff training high school students to work as counselors. During the summer of 2013 Josh was a Madrich with NFTY, leading 59 students through Eastern Europe and Israel.



He is a graduate of Tulane University, having earned his BA in Jewish studies. He's thrilled to come join the Kol Ami community as we are thrilled to have him join us.

Ritual Riches – *The Stories of Our Torah Mantle Covers*

The Jewish concept of “hiddur mitzvah” (beautification of the commandments) has inspired members of our congregation to craft mantle covers that beautify our most loved ritual objects: our Torahs. Like any undertaking, the wardrobe of covers did not emerge overnight, but rather are the products of long hours of study and discussion reflecting Judaic themes. The guidance and commitment of the clergy was instrumental in propelling these projects forward.

The first five mantle covers were created by Rhoda Alder, Mimi Feinberg, Gladys Goldman, and Harley Lewis. Robin Ascher's beautiful layout enabled the team to complete the project. The theme of these covers focused on the books of the *Pentateuch* – *Genesis*, *Exodus*, *Leviticus*, *Numbers* and *Deuteronomy*. The project was begun in 1997 as part of our 75th Anniversary Year and were completed and presented to our congregation on Friday, October 1, 1999 at the Simchat Torah service. The committee spent time discussing traditional symbols, meeting with the clergy for support and advice and visiting local synagogues for inspiration. Ultimately, using materials such as ultrasuede, metallic thread and fine needlework, the end products were colorful, modern and vibrant. When laid end to end, the River of Life and a dove of peace flows from one Torah to the next in an unbroken line.

Not long after, (much like painting only one room in a house!) it was decided that our High Holy Day mantle covers could benefit from new covers. Carla Meyer and Debbie Lewis undertook this project under the guidance of Rabbi Milgrom. The theme of these covers was the prayer, *Shehechyanu*, a recurring theme of those special days, in which we express our

gratitude for having reached this season. The covers were created from beautiful gold cloth, edged in black with a wide cream Dupioni silk band. On this band, each Torah has a hand painted word of that prayer in deep black ink. The font used is the same used in our High Holy Day prayer books, echoing the connection between text and image.

The most recent mantle cover was created by Harley Lewis, Rhoda Adler and Debbie Lewis in 2013 when it was discovered that we had a special Torah that had been rescued from Prague after the Holocaust and donated by Charles and Elaine Petschek. This cover is a complex ingathering of symbols and materials. The outer part of the mantle, made primarily from ultrasuede, embellished by hand embroidery, hand painting and metallic threads. The concept behind this cover was to continue the themes of the covers we use daily – it would have a River of Life and a dove; however, given the history of this particular Torah, it would need to honor the Shoah. The center of the cover has an applique of the word “Zachor”, which means “remember”. Executed in tones of blue, gray and gold, it is a sober cover, yet vivid and life-affirming. It holds a secret as well. The lining is made from a blue/gray striped fabric symbolizing the camp uniforms worn by those in the concentration camps. Additionally, this Torah was assigned a number by the Nazis – 2741, which is painted on the lining together with a yellow star roughly sewn beside it. It is powerful and honors those who perished during this darkest time in our history.

Beautifying our ritual objects is both a commandment and a privilege.

From Our President

Sitting down to write my remarks for this article gave me the opportunity to pause and reflect, a luxury that we don't generally have while we're in the midst of the normal hectic pace at which Kol Ami operates. To reflect not only on where we've been for the past year (and the past 90 years), but also to take a look at where we can go.

This has been a busy, fulfilling, frustrating, exhilarating, sobering, sorrowful and hopeful year. In other words, fairly typical. A year ago when I addressed you at this meeting, I focused on the financial aspects of the coming year and that's how we, as a Board, started the year. Events and a certain amount of reality soon set in and altered our focus. There really have been two major threads throughout the year which seemed to direct our efforts: personnel changes and relationships.

Change is an inevitable part of life and that is no less true here at Kol Ami. People come in and out of our lives and, yet, we move on enriched for having had them be a part of our life. Janet and Mark Hershey epitomize what is so special about Kol Ami. They both gave so much to this congregation and much of what is great about our community has been shaped by their efforts. Their departure left a large hole, a hole that we will never completely fill. Valerie Heim was a fixture at Kol Ami for 20 years. For many congregants, especially our children, Valerie was their "person" on the Kol Ami professional staff. While we may fill her position, we cannot replace what she meant to so many of us.

They say that things like this come in threes, so it was with great trepidation that I had a conversation with Cantor Mo in early January. With Mo's tremendous talent and Jewish musical soul, it was not surprising that Central Synagogue would want to add him to their clergy team. We will all miss Mo and we wish him the best as he embarks on this exciting challenge. Please make sure that you join us on Friday, June 6 as we honor Mo for all that he has meant to this community.

While change can be disorienting, it also opens the possibility of reimagining how we can accomplish our sacred duty. To that end, the Executive Committee and the Director of Membership and Development Search Committee have been looking at the professional staff roles in a broader sense and will be working with the existing staff to fill the open positions so as to take advantage of everyone's strengths and to create greater efficiencies in how we operate. As you know by now, the Cantorial Search Committee has completed its work and we have a new Cantor to present to you this evening for election.

One of the first tasks that we started at the beginning of this programming year was to form a Membership Financial Commitment Task Force led by Vice President Jess Lorden. The stated goal of this Task Force was to look at every way

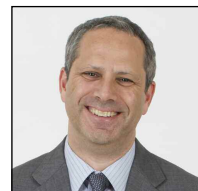


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that our congregants interact with Kol Ami financially. One of the things that we hoped would result from this review is a new dues model that will better reflect current reality than the dues model that has been the primary funding mechanism for synagogues in the US for the past 100 years. The Task Force examined a wide variety of alternative models and found a couple that had great promise. However, an unexpected conclusion also became evident – without deepening the relational connection for all of our members, it would be extremely difficult to make any of the alternative models work for us.

It's easy to say that we're a "warm and welcoming" congregation. In fact, it's so easy that almost every congregation in the country opens their mission statement with this platitude. However, when you look behind the words and really look to see if we, as a community, are truly relational for every congregant, the picture changes. What does it mean to be relational? Dr. Ron Wolfson, the author of Relational Judaism, describes nine different levels of relationships, as diverse as the relationship one has with one's self to one's relationship with G-d. One of the fundamental relationships is among members of a sacred community, such as Kol Ami. If we want to engage our members and deepen those relationships, simply providing more programming won't do it. We need to develop the connections between and among us that lead to a truer sense of belonging to a connected and caring community. I have already challenged the Board and the Clergy to make building these relationships the focus of everything that we do at Kol Ami.

I remain supremely confident in the future of this congregation. We, like most religious institutions, have financial challenges that the Board is diligently working to address. But, the fundamental elements of whom we are as a congregation remain firm and strong. I look forward to working with the new Board and the officers, our professional staff and all of our clergy as we continue to deepen our connections with one another.

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Meet Our New Cantor – David Rosen

We are very pleased to introduce Congregation Kol Ami's new Cantor, Cantor David Rosen. Our Cantor is much more than our musical leader. He is present in our lives in so many ways, from helping to educate our children, to providing pastoral care, to furthering the relationships among our congregants. The Cantorial Search Committee, led by one of our Immediate Past Presidents, Mark Seiden, consisted of Susan Arovas, Laura Barzilai, Lisa Borowitz, Rachel Eckhaus, Jeanne Nerenberg, Hank Rouda, David Seicol, and Andy Sommers, and was supported by Rabbi Milgrom and Rabbi Weiner.

The Search Committee carefully considered the attributes that a successful candidate should possess, including their musicality, their ability to teach us and to learn from us, their presence on the bimah and their ability to interact on a more personal level. Each of the final three candidates had several opportunities to share with the Search Committee through a musical audition, two different interviews, personal meetings with the clergy and myself and an opportunity to spend time with our ECP students. After all of these interactions, the Search Committee unanimously selected Cantor David Rosen to be our next Cantor.

After graduating from York University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and an Advanced Certificate in Hebrew and Judaic Studies, Cantor Rosen attended the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, where he received a Masters of Sacred Music and was ordained as a cantor in 2003. Upon his graduation, Cantor Rosen served as Cantor and Music Director of Temple Emanu-El in Livingston, New Jersey.

Since returning to his hometown of Toronto in 2006, Cantor Rosen has served as the Cantor and Director of Youth Education for the Beth Radom Congregation. During this

time, he has brought several new initiatives and programs to the synagogue including the founding of the congregation's renowned religious school program, which operates from two campuses and continues to grow. In addition, Cantor Rosen created and fostered a thriving youth choir and volunteer adult choir, which perform at services and commemorations throughout the year. He has also implemented an effective bikkur cholim program and chesed committee and oversees the congregation's B'nai Mitzvah program.

Cantor Rosen currently serves as the President of the Toronto Council of Hazzanim and is a member of the Cantor's Assembly as well as an Executive Board member of the American Conference of Cantors where he has served on the Ethics Committee and Cantorial Certification adjudication committee. He has offered lectures and presentations on Jewish music, has been a guest conductor for various synagogue choirs, and has been a liturgical consultant for Jewish Day Schools in Toronto. In 2008, Cantor Rosen travelled to Germany where he participated as a featured soloist in a series of concerts commemorating the 70th anniversary of Kristallnacht. As a living Kidney Donor, he has served as a motivational speaker for the Kidney Foundation of Canada and Trillium Gift of Life Foundation. Cantor Rosen is a member of the Toronto Interfaith Clergy Curling Association and through that organization has spearheaded and participated in many interfaith concerts. In 2013, Cantor Rosen co-founded the Toronto Jewish Choral Festival, a concert featuring the voices of 13 choirs and over 250 singers.

In his spare time, Cantor Rosen enjoys running marathons, cooking, and spending quality time with his wife, Rabbi Ilyse Glickman, their son, Joel, and their shih-tzu, Molly. We will be holding a series of events in the late summer and early fall for everyone to be able to meet Cantor Rosen and Rabbi Glickman and more details on these events will be coming.

Bequests Made Easy: Kol Ami's Legacy Fund

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

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

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

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

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What Was It? Religious Fanaticism? Necessary for Our Survival?

The question may be contemporary; or it may be an analysis of the actions of the Maccabees more than two thousand years ago. For everyone who attended the Trial of the Maccabees on the night of May 9th, 2014, it was both. Prior to the Trial, lawyers gathered to study about the credibility of witnesses (for CLE credit!!), by all reports a fascinating session. Members of the distinguished panel of teachers included Judge Stephen Robinson, attorneys Michael Zweig and Scott Musoff, together with George and Linda Shapiro – actor and psychologist, respectively. The rest of the community studied selections from the Book of Maccabees – different lenses into a complicated time of our history.

Scott Musoff (Skadden, Arps, Meagher and Flom LLP) was the prosecuting attorney – holding Mattathias and Judah responsible for the murder of a fellow Jew and the forcible circumcision of a boy (both incidents are grounded in the historical

record), while Michael Zweig argued that were it not for the actions of the Maccabees, we would have been overwhelmed by the forces of assimilation on one side, and persecution on the other, and we would not have survived as a people. The presiding judge was Stephen Robinson, former U.S. District Court Judge, Southern District of New York. The witnesses – costumed, convincing, and eloquent, were Paul Schwarz, Jonathan Flaks, Dan Horowitz, Ben Zoffness, Alison Bernstein and Rob Feinstein. It is not possible to capture in this paragraph the drama and suspense and riveting unfolding of a story we thought we knew, and to the brilliant closing statements of both lawyers (*below and next page*). Enjoy – and don't miss the next trial – two years from now.



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Closing Statement – Scott Musoff

We all need heroes. We all want heroes. Indeed, I too enjoy watching our children in these very halls, sing:

I want to be a Maccabee, so big and strong and bold.
I want to be a Maccabee, but I'm only four years old.

But when we're older, we realize even our heroes have flaws. Even our heroes can do wrong. And even our heroes must be held responsible for their actions.

And that goes for Mattathias and his two sons. This tribunal is not about the revolt against the Greeks, this tribunal is not about avenging the great atrocities against Hannah and her sons, and this tribunal is not about saving the Jewish people. This tribunal is about a civil war. A war of Jew against Jew. About the atrocities that Mattathias and his sons committed against Jews who did not practice in the way the Maccabees believed a Jew should practice. Specifically, the Maccabees murdered Schmuel and forced the circumcision of Rebekah's son Daniel against his and his mother's will.

And why? You heard Mattathias' testimony that the Maccabees believed that a Jew "should not vary one inch from God's law" -- not one inch. It didn't matter to Mattathias or his sons, what Schmuel or Daniel or any other Jews actually believed; it didn't matter what was in their minds; instead, the Maccabees traveled through the countryside killing Jews like Schmuel who adopted some of the ways of the Greeks and circumcising by force all uncircumcised males they found, including Daniel.

Think about it. What do we call people who refuse to vary one inch from the written scripture -- whether the Torah, the Koran or the new testament -- we call them religious fundamentalists. And what are the dangers when religious fundamentalists turn violent in the name of God? There is no difference between yelling "mi cha mocha baelim adonai" -- who is holier than you -- before murdering Schmuel for his beliefs; and someone yelling allahu achbar -- God is great -- before crashing two planes into buildings. Or the kidnapping of hundreds of nigerian girls because someone in the name of God

doesn't believe they should be exposed to western education (which is based on Greek culture). Or the launching of hundreds of years of crusades. These atrocities were all in the name of God. But they are all wrong. And people who murder and maim -- even in the name of God, especially in the name of God -- must be held responsible for their actions. We simply do not and should not allow any one -- even the Maccabees -- to murder and maim people based on having different beliefs. In the words of Isiah's testimony, "this must stop. Jews killing Jews, all in the name of Torah."

Let's go over the facts. There is no dispute that mattathias murdered Schmuel. His rage over a pig sacrifice overcame him and he lashed out and murdered Schmuel in cold blood. He did not just attack the Greek officer, but he murdered the innocent Schmuel. And we know this wasn't necessary to save the Jewish people because even his son Simon tried to stop him. Simon testified, "I tried to stop him when he rose, but for an old man he was still quick and strong." Simon tried to stop his father from committing murder but couldn't. Simon couldn't get there in time and Mattathias slaughtered poor Schmuel, just because Schmuel slaughtered a pig. Now Mattathias must be held responsible.

And what about Daniel. There is no dispute about the facts. Rebekah and her husband made a decision not to circumcise their son. That was their decision. Yet, Mattathias, Judah and Simon took Daniel into the woods and circumcised Daniel by force. And Daniel was no baby, mind you. They took a sword to Daniel against his wishes and those of this mother. We cringe when hear of forced female circumcision in the name of religion; we cringe when others maim innocent people in the name of religion; and we should cringe when Jew does it to Jew as the Maccabees did unto Daniel. And they should pay the price.

I respectfully submit that the defense of necessity -- necessary to save the Jewish people -- must be rejected. Where do the Maccabees draw the line? Who is a Jew? What does it mean to be a Jew? Wearing a kippah on your head to services? Should we murder all those who choose not to do so. You, you and you? Should we murder and maim those that allow women to pray equally with men,

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how about those that allow women to become rabbis? There are always, even today, those that will say: those Jews who stray "one inch" from God's laws are not Jews. But we don't, and shouldn't, allow them to murder and maim those who do stray.

And who knows what would become of the Jewish people if it were more pluralistic, more open. Perhaps one day we would have an olympics for Jewish athletes modeled on the Greek olympics. And we could call them the Maccabeah games -- how ironic. The Maccabeah games named for a people who wanted nothing to do with Greek culture? Would it be so bad to accept such a Greek influence on Jews? Also, imagine a Jewish people without just one temple in Jerusalem, without animal sacrifices and without high priests. It's possible. Using violence to maintain the status quo is not the answer. Hearts and minds are won with ideas not violence.

Don't get me wrong, I am a realist. I understand force is sometimes necessary to defend oneself and even to defend a people. But the Maccabees are not on trial for the war on the Greeks or the killing of the Greek officer. They are on trial for the murder of Schmuel and the forced circumcision of Daniel. Jews have always been persecut-

ed. Indeed, there is old joke, what nine words describes every Jewish holiday. "they tried to kill us. We won. Let's eat." but we persevere as a people. As a great rabbi once said, it is better to be among the persecuted, than the persecutors. And from time to time, Jews have done what they needed to do to survive. For example, the marranos or conversos -- the Spanish Jews who had to swear to christianity during the inquisition but practice judiasm in hiding -- are viewed as heroes. We don't think they should have been murdered and maimed by other Jews simply because they did what they needed to do to survive.

I want to thank you again for your attention. And now I ask you to focus on the evidence, not the rhetoric about heroic actions. The facts are the facts. And we must hold Mattathias and his sons responsible for their actions because we know the dangers that flow from unchecked violent fundamentalists who justify violence in God's name. Heroes have faults. But recognizing those faults, makes us and our heroes stronger not weaker. Therefore, I ask you to hold the Maccabees responsible for their actions -- the murder of Schmuel, poor Schmuel, and the forced circumcision of Daniel -- and I ask you to return a verdict of guilty on all counts.

Closing Statement – Michael Zweig

I speak to you today as an advocate for Mattathias and for Judah. I speak also from my heart. I know that for some of you, my countrymen and women, this is not an easy case. The question before you, at this time, and on this day, is whether the actions of Mattathias and of Judah were justified as necessary acts of war against the Greeks and against those who have given them aid and comfort -- these so-called Hellenists. These are extraordinary times, and extraordinary times call for extraordinary actions. I see three reasons -- at least three reasons -- why Mattathias and Judah deserve to be celebrated by you as heroes, as they may surely be in future generations.

First, we are at war. Make no mistake, we are at war for our survival as a people. Yes, I know that when the Greeks first came to us, it was in the guise of peace -- promoting culture, philosophy, the arts. "Let us all be one people," they said. Nice words, happy talk -- but we soon removed the stars from our eyes. We have seen now their true agenda -- to eradicate every last vestige of Judaism. They did this in insidious ways, deceiving our people and corrupting our priests, clothing them in gold and silver, effectively bribing them to abandon the practices that define us as the Jewish people. But when all did not flock to their side, they took the next step -- defiling and destroying our Temple. When no one rose in revolt ... the next step: forbidding Jewish worship, prohibiting circumcision, torturing observant Jews and killing our fathers and mothers and their sons, innocents like Hannah and her seven sons, who dared to defy them.

And who was there to stand for them? To avenge their deaths? From the first, it was Mattathias who dared to rise, to say "no more." His actions spoke loudly: we, the real Jewish people, will not go gently into that good night. Extraordinary times call for extraordinary men.

And so, second, I say to you, yes in these times of war, Mattathias' actions in killing both Samuel of Modiin, and that of Mattathias and Judah in causing the circumcision of Daniel and others like him were necessary acts of war. Now, war is not pretty; it is not nice. Samuel died because he had willingly and knowingly placed himself in the line of fire. He gave aid and comfort to our enemy, and in times of war, the friend of our enemy is our enemy -- especially when that

enemy makes a public spectacle and example of forbidding our beliefs and our worship. Mattathias saw that the time to act was now, for tomorrow may be too late. For us to survive, our enemies must know that our people, we the Jews, speak with one and one voice, and will act with one fist -- that we are one people. Extraordinary times call for extraordinary men.

Some of you may struggle with the fact that, inspired by Mattathias, boys born of Jewish parents like Daniel have been circumcised by the Maccabees. Yes, this is true -- how else to recapture the youth stolen from us and our people? To strike at us, the Greeks declared circumcision unlawful, knowing that it was this one observance that most clearly marked us as a people -- one that represented our sacred covenant with God. Wars are won both with swords and spears, and with symbols. And what more powerful symbol is there than this -- to declare to the Greeks and to all the world that the Jewish people have a future, and that it rests with our children, who will, if needed, one day continue our revolt, and finish it? Yes, 2,000 years from now, because of what the Maccabees did for us, our nation's fate may be secure, so that Daniel's descendants may then enjoy the luxury of choice -- to have a bris or not. To make different choices as they please. But right now, in these perilous times, there is no choice. These choices do not define us -- they are necessary, now, to preserve us.

And that, my friends, is the third reason why I put to you that the actions of Mattathias, rather than deserving your condemnation, deserve your praise. Mattathias and Judah had no choices, if the Jewish people were to survive. Who else is there to defend us, to restore the Holy Temple? To fight the Greeks -- in all of the battlefields they have chosen? Isaiah and his followers? The prosecutor? Ha, I think not. These extraordinary times call for extraordinary actions -- and it was Mattathias and Judah who have answered the call.

There are times that Torah by the sword is necessary -- lest we, as Jewish people, cease to exist. This is not a case of the Maccabees wiping out those who do not believe as they do. It is about defeating those who pass laws forbidding your existence and seek to destroy you. Thus, it is now your choice, to stand with Mattathias and his sons, as they stood with Hannah, so that we, as People, may live.

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8:15 COUNTRY LINE DANCING WITH REAL COWBOY INSTRUCTORS



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From the Religious School

It is hard to believe it's time to say goodbye for the summer! Another school year has flown by... all year we've been busy with new programs, activities and lots of learning.

We've successfully completed hands-on learning for our holiday celebrations, numerous field trips and special art projects and an amazing quantity of enriching programs. Our children have danced, sang, and celebrated together. We continue our work together to help all our families build Jewish lives... and we learn how to build a life of meaning for ourselves and our children. Hopefully we will continue to receive financial support from a private donor and our Yad B'Yad program for teens with developmental challenges will continue for our 8th year. We continue to work to provide the opportunity for all Jewish children to have access to a quality Jewish educational experience. Please speak with us if you or someone you know needs support in order to accommodate their child in our school.

The pilot year of our new Kashkesh Hebrew learning model has been a success! We are excited to continue and to expand

on this new way of providing Jewish learning to our younger students and their families.

Online registration is open. If you have a new child entering our school or a child going into 8th – 12th grades, you must complete the online registration. All currently registered Kindergarten through 6th graders will automatically be registered! Please go to our website at www.nykolami.org and click on the link to register your child for Religious School for next year. We will continue to accept registrations through the summer, so spread the word about the wonderful things happening here!

We will work through the summer to improve and enrich our curriculum, prepare teachers and clean and organize our school for a new year. We wish everyone a summer filled with joy, adventure and rest!

Felice & Alix

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2014 IS NOW OPEN

We want your kids!

If you are registering a **NEW STUDENT** in our Religious School,
please complete our online registration form!

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to complete the form!

If you have a **child entering grades 8-12**, you must complete the
online registration form — www.nykolami.org.

If you have a child who has been enrolled in our school and is entering 1st-7th grade
next year, there is no need to complete a new online form, unless your info has
changed. We will automatically roll over registration for you.

If you have any questions, please call the school office! • 914-949-4717 x112 or 124

From the Director of the Early Childhood Program

All of us here at the Early Childhood Program find it incredible to believe that on June 13th we will say farewell to another wonderful year. It was a year filled with fabulous experiences, fantastic opportunities for learning and terrific memories. It was a year we can all be very proud of. In fact, it's hard to say who had more fun; the children, our staff or our families!

This year would not have been possible without our incredible ECP Staff and I want to take this opportunity to thank Laura Abramsky, Paula Altneu, Jackie Barrett, Erica Berger, Cheryl Bernstein, Lisa Beyer, Lauri Carey, Rachel Edelson, Susan Epstein, Allison Fiore, Jill Fodiman, Toby Friedman, Elisa Goldman, Debbie Klein, Lisa Lawrence, Jen Levy, Dorian Nerenberg, Julie Rabinowitz, Jodi Ruzumna, Barbara Schwartz, Gerrie Schwartz, Sharon Sohl, Jill Staffin, Jen Strassler, Jennifer Weinberg, Barbara Weiner, Debby Yablow, Debbie Youngstein, Cindy Zieman and our ECP Chair, Cindy Musoff, for her tremendous dedication and support of the Early Childhood Program. Our congregation is truly blessed to have these fabulous women at the helm.

I also want to thank our parents and Temple volunteer community who worked tirelessly on our Family Photo Days, Parent Cocktail Parties, Turkey Trot, Chanukah Parties, our Family Concert afternoon, our Shabbat Dinners, our Book Fair, Purim Carnival, our Model Seders and Passover Play, Speakers Series, Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration, our Couples Evening hosted by Jenny and Michael Goldban and Diane and Glenn Bellovin with

Guest Mentalist Oz Pearlman, our Family Fun Day, our Yearbook and our Garden project—a feast for the eyes and the soul. With your support and dedication our year was filled with excitement and fun; together, we continue to *Build a Community of Friends One Family at a Time* and for this I am truly thankful.



Our enrollment for next year is just about full and we are delighted! Next year's Pre-K program: A Step Ahead!, under the fabulous direction of Jill Staffin and Julie Rabinowitz, will welcome a class of 12 children! We are already planning our curriculum and programming for our 2's, 3's, 4's and 5's and it all promises to be very exciting.

Finally, I want to thank our Congregation, the Board of Trustees, Jane Friedberg and the entire office staff and Rabbi Shira Milgrom, Rabbi Tom Weiner and Cantor Mo Glazman for their unending support of our nursery school and all that we do!

It continues to be my greatest pleasure to come to work each day and to be part of such a vibrant community. Thank you for the opportunity to help build a "Community of Friends". I wish you all a healthy, and relaxing summer filled with warm memories and contented smiles.

*B'Shalom,
Nan*



Kol Ami Early Childhood Program

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Congregation Kol Ami's ECP

Welcomes you to our Annual Family Fun Day!

Everyone in the community is welcome!



MENU

- ☒ BBQ
- ☒ Arts & Crafts
- ☒ Games & Surprises
- ☒ Sports
- ☒ Train Rides
- ☒ Carousel
- ☒ The Ice Cream Man
- ☒ Lots of Family Fun!!



Rain or Shine

\$48 per family make your reservation by Friday, June 6th

(or \$15 per adult and \$10 per child)

\$55 per family at the door on June 8th

Please respond to the ECP Office by June 6th.

Family Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____ Total: _____

Please send cash or make checks out to Congregation Kol Ami and return the bottom part of this page and return to the ECP office.



Any Plans for Wednesday Evening July 16th?

Hope you'll come in from the heat and enjoy a
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We'll be showing

Frozen

It's simple!

You bring a blanket for your family
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and Ice Cream.

5:15 for Dinner

5:45 Movie

7:30 Ice Cream/Ices and Home

Join us for a wonderful evening of family fun!

Let us know you'll be coming by
reserving your place by calling
Nan in the Early Childhood office
at 949-4717 x 107

Congregation Kol Ami
invites you to join us for our second
LGBT Pride Shabbat
Friday, June 20th, 2014
6:15 pm
with Guest Speakers
Bina Raskin, Director of Mosaic
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For a limited time, as part of this special *Chapel in the Woods Chair Initiative*, you can sponsor the purchase of a chair for \$200 each. All donors to the *Chapel in the Woods Chair Initiative* will be recognized on a plaque that will be placed in the Chapel in the Woods.

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The Hazon CSA of the Synagogues of White Plains is getting ready to start the 2014 season. The delivery of vegetables from our amazing farm, Chubby Bunny, will run from June 11th through November 5th, 2014, usually on Wednesday from 4PM to 8PM, with pick-up at Temple Israel Center of White Plains.

Shares are available. Anyone with interest should either go to the web site: [www.whiteplainscsc.com](http://www.whiteplainscsc.com), or contact Daryl Moss, 421-9212, or Bonnie Hagen, 997-8164.

Don't miss this opportunity to feed your family the highest quality local, seasonal, and organic produce throughout the growing season. If you would like to split a share and do not have a partner, please let us know. We may be able to help.



## WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM: Count and Be Counted

The *parasha*, as I start to write this article, is *B'midbar*, the beginning *parasha* of the Book of Numbers. It begins with God saying to Moses, "Take a census of the whole Israelite company by the clans of its ancestral houses, listing the names, every male, head by head. You and Aaron shall record them by their groups, from the age of twenty years up, all those in Israel who are able to bear arms." (*Numbers* 1:2-3).

This month, the Sisterhood takes a census of its female members, head by head, and we celebrate our numbers with our paid **Membership Cocktail Party**. And, if you are not yet counted among our sisters, it is not too late! Please join our ranks and attend our celebration on Saturday, June 14th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Kol Ami. It is free for all our members. Our special guest is Cantor Mo! Please RSVP by June 9th to [nykolami.org/sisterhood](http://nykolami.org/sisterhood)

We continue our accounting with our **end-of-year meeting and pot luck dinner on Tuesday, June 17th** at 6 p.m. at the home of Mickey Jacobs as we review our Sisterhood successes and how we have counted in the life of Kol Ami this past year. From a donation in honor of the 90th Anniversary Celebration, to our gift to the Temple of "screens in the

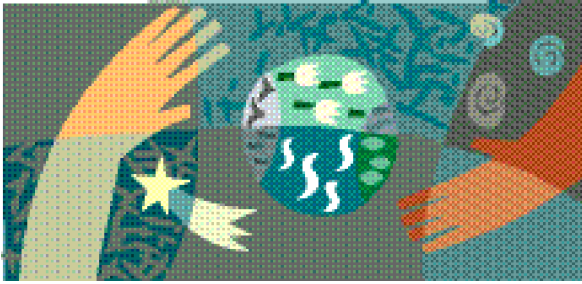
lobby" that electronically display events, calendars, and announcements, we have counted. Our publication of a **90th Anniversary Cookbook** with 324 recipes from the Kol Ami community counted. Our first ever **Food Truck Festival**, and our annual **Ladies Night Out at NoMa Social** counted! A **Passover Tasting, Wine and Wisdom Havdalah, Purim Baskets, Latkes and Lattes Havdalah** all counted too! And our **High Holiday Food Drive** and **Gift of Life** bone marrow donor registry campaign certainly counted, not just for Kol Ami, but for the wider community. Of course our WRJ traditions – the **Barbara Gruber Scholarship Fund** for graduating Religious School seniors, the **Friday Night Onegs**, **gifts for B'nai Mitzvah**, and **greetings for the Confirmation Class** – they count too! And at this final event of the year, we will start looking ahead to how we will make ourselves count for Kol Ami in the year to come.

So please become and be counted among the Sisters of Kol Ami, the Women of Reform Judaism. Let us count you, count on you, and help us count for our continued contributions to the life of Kol Ami.

Sheryl Brady

Judy Sarch

Rachel Eckhaus



# Kol Ami Cares

## Opportunities for Volunteering

Many opportunities exist at Kol Ami for providing support and mitzvot to those in need. Find one that interests you and get involved as often as you can.

**Home Visits**—Several older congregants have requested home visits from our members. Some are homebound or do not have family nearby.

**Making Meals**—Occasionally, temple members require a meal or two for a short period of time for a variety of reasons. Meals do not need to be homemade.

**Sharing Rides**—Many temple members no longer drive and need a ride to temple services and events.

*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 [betsyrmc@aol.com](mailto:betsyrmc@aol.com)

### KOL AMI SINGERS

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

**King Street Nursing Home**

**Wednesday, June 18, 2014 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](mailto:greenlg@mac.com) (Mondays)  
Nancy Marcus [larrymarcus@aol.com](mailto:larrymarcus@aol.com) (Sundays)

Sundays at 11:00 am: 6/1

Mondays at noon: 6/16

## 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, [betsyrmc@aol.com](mailto:betsyrmc@aol.com)



# **WRJ SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP COCKTAIL PARTY**

**Please Join Us For Our Annual Celebration  
And Farewell To Cantor Mo Glazman**

**Saturday Evening, June 14th  
6:00pm - 7:30pm  
at Congregation Kol Ami**



**R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, June 10th**  
**(R.S.V.P. online at [www.NYKolAmi.org/Sisterhood](http://www.NYKolAmi.org/Sisterhood) or contact Judy Sarch 565-2128)**  
We may be calling it a cocktail party but nobody ever leaves a Sisterhood event hungry.  
So please R.S.V.P. in a timely manner because we've got cooking to do.

**ADMISSION IS FREE FOR SISTERHOOD MEMBERS**

**If you are not already a WRJ Sisterhood member you can pay your \$40 membership when you R.S.V.P.**  
**Your membership enables Sisterhood to sponsor a wide variety of activities at Kol Ami throughout the year**



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## Adult Education

### 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 or

914-761-0600 x149 to register.

Last class June 9

Schulman Chapel in the Woods

#### Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW,

the WJCS Partners-in-Caring

clinician for Kol Ami

Last class June 12, 9:30 - 10:45 am

Jewish contemplative practices for clearing the mind, softening the heart and opening to the One. All Welcome. No meditation experience necessary.

Schulman Chapel in the Woods

#### Women in Transition

led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW

Are you attempting an adjustment to a major life change? Please join us in an Interactive Discussion Group. Topics to be discussed include but not limited to: retirement, widowhood, aging, changing relationships with adult children, and other life transitions (as desired). The goal of the group is to offer mutual aid in personal adjustment to life transitions, including discussion of: positive & negative aspects of individual life transitions, individual grief reactions to life change, and options that can aid personal adjustment.

Last class June 24

in the Conference Room.

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

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

### Parenting Workshops

with Susan Davis, LCSW

#### Adolescent Parenting Workshops

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

Last class - June 5

#### Grandparenting Workshops

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

Last class - June 2

9:15 - 10:45 am

#### Weekly Torah Study:

Friday mornings 10:00 – 11:30 am

Room 20

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

### Other Items of Interest

#### Women's Roundtable Breakfasts

with Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Wed., 7:45-9:00 am

Last class June 11

#### Mah Jongg and Bridge

Open To All: Experienced and Novice

Final day - July 30

11:30 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

Please see the Adult Education brochure for more details

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for a listing of all their programs

## Kol Ami Reads

### Women in White

by Wilkie Collins

June 4, 2014

### The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian

by Sherman Alexie

July 2, 2014

### Friend of My Youth

by Alice Munroe

August 6, 2014

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

For further information, contact Doris Dingott, 289-0869, [DLDingott@gmail.com](mailto:DLDingott@gmail.com) or Elaine Cohen, 725-0248, [elwilco@verizon.net](mailto:elwilco@verizon.net)

## MITZVAH KNITZ

We will be meeting on

Thursday

June 19, 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](mailto:elwilco@verizon.net)

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| SUNDAY                                                                      | MONDAY                                                                   | TUESDAY                                                           | WEDNESDAY                                                                                | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                            | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                      | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>1</b><br>1:00am Cooking for the Homeless<br>7:00pm Confirmation Dinner   | <b>2</b><br>7:30 pm Prophets Seminar                                     | <b>3</b><br>7:00 pm EREV SHAVUOT AND CONFIRMATION SERVICE         | <b>4</b><br>SHAVUOT<br>ECP CLOSED<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>10:00am YIZKOR AND SHAVUOT SERVICE | <b>5</b><br>ECP CLOSED<br>9:15 am Jewish Meditation<br>12:00pm Teen Parenting with Susan Davis<br>7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting<br>7:45pm Congregational Choir | <b>6</b><br>10:00am Torah Study<br>5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Atrium<br>6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary                                   | <b>7</b><br>SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel<br>9:00am Coffee & Community<br>9:30am Study<br>10:30am Shabbat Morning Service: Bat Mitzvah of Emily Pacicca in Sanctuary<br>5:30pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Bortstein in Sanctuary |
| <b>8</b><br>11:30am ECP FAMILY FUN DAY                                      | <b>9</b><br>12:30pm Mussar Class<br>7:30pm Prophets Seminar              | <b>10</b><br>10:00am ECP TRUCK DAY<br>11:30am Women in Transition | <b>11</b><br>7:45am Women's Round Table Breakfast<br>9:00am Kol Ami Reads                | <b>12</b><br>9:15am Jewish Meditation<br>10:00am ECP GARDEN DEDICATION<br>7:30pm Worship Committee Meeting                                                          | <b>13</b><br>10:00am Torah Study<br>10:00am ECP FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE<br>5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Atrium<br>6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary | <b>14</b><br>SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel<br>9:00am Coffee & Community<br>9:30am Study<br>10:00am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: B'nai Mitzvah of Eli Worth and Julia Rosner<br>6:00pm WRJ Membership Cocktail Party                                      |
| <b>15</b><br>FATHER'S DAY                                                   | <b>16</b><br>12:00pm Cooking for the Homeless<br>7:30pm Prophets Seminar | <b>17</b><br>7:30pm WRJ Potluck Dinner                            | <b>18</b><br>10:00am WAJE                                                                | <b>19</b><br>11:00 Mitzvah Knitz<br>12:00pm Teen Parenting with Susan Davis<br>8:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting                                                     | <b>20</b><br>10:00am Torah Study<br>5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Atrium<br>6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary<br>LGBT PRIDE SHABBAT            | <b>21</b><br>SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel<br>9:00am Coffee & Community<br>9:30am Study<br>11:00 am SERVICE                                                                                                                                          |
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