



## Sukkot Celebration 5775

***A week-long celebration of harvest, sustainability and living Jewishly***

### **Wednesday, October 8 ~ Erev Sukkot**

5:30pm Sukkot in the Woods ~ a service in song for young families,  
followed by a festive oneg.

6:15pm service in the Main Sanctuary ~ join together as we welcome in Sukkot!

### **Thursday, October 9 ~ Sukkot**

10am service in the Chapel in the Woods

### **Sunday, October 12 ~ Sukkot Family Festival**

9am-1pm at Kol Ami  
opportunities and fun abound for all ages as we celebrate,  
eat, create, learn and care for those around us.

### **Wednesday, October 15 ~ Erev Simchat Torah and Consecration**

5:30pm Simchat Torah in the Woods ~ a service in song for young families,  
followed by a festive oneg.

6:15pm service in the Main Sanctuary  
as Sukkot comes to a close, we flow into a celebration of the Torah;  
join us as we wrap our community in Torah and bless our newest students!

### **Thursday, October 16 ~ Simchat Torah**

10am Yizkor Service in the Chapel in the Woods

**October  
8 ~ 16**

**Gift of Life Bone Marrow Drive on Yom Kippur:**

**Saturday, October 4th in the Petschek Gallery 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (see page 7).**

## SERVICES

## Friday, October 3

6:00pm KOL NIDRE FIRST SERVICE  
9:00pm KOL NIDRE SECOND SERVICE

## Saturday, October 4

9:00am YOM KIPPUR FIRST SERVICE  
9:00am YOM KIPPUR GRADES 1-6 FIRST SERVICE  
12:15pm YOM KIPPUR SECOND SERVICE  
12:15pm YOM KIPPUR GRADES 1-6 SECOND SERVICE  
2:45pm YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON SERVICE  
3:15pm YOM KIPPUR FAMILY SERVICE  
5:00pm MEMORIAL & NEILAH SERVICE

## Wednesday, October 8

EREV SUKKOT  
5:30 pm SUKKOT IN THE WOODS in Atrium  
6:15 pm SUKKOT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary

## Thursday, October 9

10:00am SUKKOT SERVICE in the Chapel in the Woods

## Friday, October 10

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

## Saturday, October 11

SPIRITUAL LIFT  
9:00am Coffee and community  
10:30am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: B'nai Mitzvah of Adam Frankenthaler and Sara Frankenthaler  
5:30pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE: B'nai Mitzvah of Ben Hostetter and Sasha Hirschheimer

## Wednesday, October 15

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH  
5:30pm SIMCHAT TORAH in the Woods  
6:15pm SIMCHAT TORAH EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary

## Thursday, October 16

10:00am YIZKOR SERVICE in the Chapel in the Woods

## Friday, October 17

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

## Saturday, October 18

SPIRITUAL LIFT  
9:00am Coffee and community  
9:30am Study  
5:30pm Shabbat Evening Service: Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Strier

## Friday, October 24

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

## Saturday, October 25

SPIRITUAL LIFT  
9:00am Coffee and community  
9:30am Study  
5:30pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Scherr

## Friday, October 31

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

*We Point with Pride*

Rabbi Shira Milgrom will be honored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence/Westchester, Inc. at the Marty Mann Awards Dinner on Thursday, October 30, 2014.

Reception 6:30 PM, Dinner 7:30 PM  
at Willow Ridge Country Club, Harrison, New York.

For information about dinner reservations or a journal ad, please contact the NCADD - National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence  
949-8500 - [www.ncaddwestchester.org](http://www.ncaddwestchester.org)

*Weekly Torah Portions for October***Week ending October 4, 2014 (Yom Kippur)****Parashat Nitzavim Deuteronomy 29:9-14; 30:11-20**

In *Parashat Nitzavim*, Moses continues his oration to the people of Israel before they enter into the Promised Land. He tells them that God is making a covenant with them and, through them, with all future generations.

**Week ending October 11, 2014 (The Shabbat during Sukkot)****Parashat Ki Tisa Exodus 33:12-34:26**

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

**Week ending October 18, 2014****Parashat B'reishit Genesis 1:1-6:8**

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

**Week ending October 25, 2014****Parashat Noach Genesis 6:9-11:32**

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

# Personal Reflections on Moons, Cycles and Blessings



flit will see greater light in the coming months.

Moon and sun and sky and season. The Jewish year, in its lunar month calendar, falls behind the 365 day year of our solar calendar. In order keep the calendars from spinning apart (think how the Muslim month of Ramadan moves throughout the year), the Jewish calendar adds a leap month 7 times every nineteen years. That means that every 19 years, the solar and lunar calendars line up.

This year, Yom Kippur falls on October 4th. My first born, Talia, was born on October 4th—and it was Yom Kippur morning. (I wasn't yet even thinking of becoming a rabbi in those days.) And yes—this year she will be 38 (19 x 2) on October 4th/Yom Kippur. Feel free to wish her happy birthday if you see her!

As the moon of this first Hebrew month nears its fullness, we—all of us—will be celebrating the festival of Sukkot—the season of our rejoicing and thanksgiving. We'll build Sukkot, fill them with decorations, sit around tables inside and eat and sing, host a Sukkot Harvest Festival (that's Sunday October 12th in the morning - at Kol Ami) and give thanks for our abundant blessings.

David (my husband) and I will also be celebrating on Shabbat— together with our children and grandchildren—the naming of our newest grandchild, the first daughter of our youngest child, Liore—and her husband David,—during Shabbat services. We invite you to join us at services in the Schulman Chapel in the Woods :

***Shabbat, October 11th***

***10:30 - Oneg***

***11:00 - Services***

I hope the new year will be filled with blessing, for all of us and a world in need.

## Israel: A Conversation at the Kol Ami Family Table

Join Us: October 26th, Sunday at 12:00 noon for a Brown Bag Lunch in the Conference Room with Rabbi Tom Weiner

On Rosh Hashanah I brought up the moving and informative experience I had sharing dinner with three generations of a wonderful Kol Ami family at which they discussed the current challenges confronting Israel and its people. Here is opportunity to follow up with the beginning of our own Kol Ami discussion.

Come join me for an informal conversation and lunch as we work to hear and listen to the wide variety of your fel-

low congregants' thoughts and emotions on this very complicated topic; and one so dear to our hearts.

The atmosphere we will create at this Family Table will be one of good listening, civility, respect, passion and compassion. Looking forward to sharing this meaningful meal with you.

Please RSVP with Rebecca in the Rabbis' Study at 914-949-4717 x114.



# The Jazz Singer

Like many cantors and rabbis, I too have developed my own set of rituals and routines that help to prepare me for the Yamim Noraim. One of my favourite rituals is my annual viewing of "The Jazz Singer" on the morning of Kol Nidre. I am sure that many of you have seen this movie in one of its three reproductions, the first (and original) starring Al Jolson (also my personal favourite), followed by Danny Kaye and Neil Diamond in subsequent re-makes.

For those of you who have never seen the movie before, the story follows a young boy named Jakie Rabinowitz who lives with his family in a little "shtetl" somewhere in New York City in the 1920's. The son of a cantor, Jakie is taught from a young age how to chant the liturgy of the Jewish people. It is expected that he will follow in his father's footsteps and the several generations of cantors that preceded him.

Blessed with a sweet voice, Jakie's true passion was singing, but not on a bima. Instead, Jakie loved the stage and theatre and enjoyed singing jazz and other secular music of his time. After an unfortunate disagreement with his father, Jakie leaves home in his late teens and attempts to make a name for himself in the secular world. His dream is to one day star in a Broadway show. Along the way, Jakie falls in love with one of his non-Jewish co-stars and it is only a matter of time before he gets his big break on the Broadway stage.

On the morning of Jakie's Broadway debut (which happened to be Erev Yom Kippur), Jakie's dad falls gravely ill and he is not able to chant the Kol Nidre prayers. Nachum, the gabbai of the synagogue, accompanies Jakie's mother to the dress rehearsal in an attempt to convince Jakie to return to the synagogue for one evening to cover for his ailing father. Risking his reputation and career as an actor and Broadway performer, Jakie decides to return to synagogue this one time, much to the satisfaction of his father, his family and the congregation.

Upon hearing the first few measures of the Kol Nidre prayer, Jakie's father passes peacefully into his final resting place, knowing that his son has returned to his roots and his community in a significant way.



"The Jazz Singer" speaks to us on a multitude of levels. It is a reminder of our history and our roots, regardless of whether or not these were pleasant experiences. What was it that made Jakie Rabinowitz return to the synagogue for that one evening? A connection to God? A connection to his community? An obligation to his family? Regardless of the reason, on that Kol Nidre eve, there was something that tugged on Jakie Rabinowitz's heart. There was something that was beyond explanation or a calculated risk that made him return to his people and his past, even if only for a brief moment in time.

There is a beautiful song composed by Shlomo Carlebach that we will sing together on Yom Kippur entitled "Return Again". Yom Kippur is our opportunity to figure out what it is that tugs on each of our hearts and helps us to feel a connection to our families, our history and our people. Together we stand and pray as a community to reach for those moments that define us as individuals and help to shape and strengthen the relationships we will create with those around us.

May we, like Jakie Rabinowitz, find our voice and our connection to what cannot be explained.

*Gamar Chatimah Tova,*

## Love to Sing?

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

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

Children in Kindergarten through 6th Grade meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 pm  
beginning November 5th when Religious School is in session

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

meets on Thursdays from 7:45-9:30 pm beginning October 23rd

New to either group? Please contact Cantor David Rosen at 914-949-4717 x 114  
or at [cantordavid@nykolami.org](mailto:cantordavid@nykolami.org) to be added to the rosters and receive our emails

## From Our President

*L'shanah tovah!* I hope that all of you have a healthy, fulfilling, sweet and enriching new year. As usual, getting ready for the High Holy Days is a herculean effort and I want to thank Jane Friedberg and the entire staff on, once again, doing such a great job. Please take a moment to thank them when you see them, as they do so much to make it possible for us to worship as a community.

As we move into a new programming year, I wanted to share some thoughts on the year that has just ended and the year to come. While on the Chinese calendar, this is the Year of the Horse, at Kol Ami, it's definitely been the Year of Change! I hope that you all have had a chance to at least say hello to our new Cantor, Cantor David Rosen. David's sense of compassion and humanity (not to mention his terrific voice) has already made him a treasured member of our community. Cantor Rosen's installation will be held later this year and we will be sending out more information soon. Lenora Eve, who many of you may remember from her past participation with Kol Ami, is our new accompanist and is already providing us with such beautiful music.

The changes don't stop on the bimah, but continue into the office. As you probably know by now, Jane Friedberg, our Executive Director of over 22 years, has announced her retirement. She will be staying with us until her successor is in place. We will be honoring Jane at an event in January, so stay tuned for further details. The Executive Director Search Committee, led by Past President, Ronnie Cohn, hopes to complete their work in the coming weeks. We are also pleased to welcome Rebecca Reuben, who is the new Clergy Administrative Assistant.

While change can be disconcerting, it also opens up opportunities. No one will be able to replace Jane or Janet Hershey, but their leaving presents us with the unique opportunity to completely reimagine how the office works. Along with adding Rebecca in the clergy office, we are poised to make the most out of these changes and look for different ways to work together.

Yom Kippur is at the end of this week and it presents us with two great chances to perform acts of tzedakah. First, as always, we are having our food drive to assist local food pantries. Last year, we collected 2,777 pounds of food, the most that we've

ever collected! Let's see if we can do even better this year. Also, last year we were the only synagogue in lower Westchester who participated in the Gift of Life cheek swab campaign to register people to be bone marrow donors. We signed up over 150 people and we're hoping to add even more this year. You need to be between the ages of 18 and 60. If you signed up last year (or at any other such event), then you don't need to do it again. As we focus on repairing ourselves and the world at this time of year, these two events give us an opportunity to provide a tangible benefit to our community.



Photo by Marek Melamed

So, what else lies ahead? As I mentioned in my remarks on Rosh Hashanah, the Board is going to be spending the coming year examining how our congregants interact with Kol Ami and each other. We have a great opportunity to reimagine our temple to meet our needs and the needs of our future generations. Communication is key to this effort and you will see some changes in how we get the word out to everyone. I hope that you've already "Liked" Kol Ami's Facebook page, as we're using this social communication tool more and more. We hope to add other social communication tools as we expand our communication efforts. We would love to hear from you if you have any expertise in this area or if you just have some good ideas that you'd like to share.

There are so many wonderful programs coming this year and I hope that you take advantage of at least one. Please pick up the new Adult Education brochure on Yom Kippur and find just one program that speaks to you. My guess is that you can find even more than just one! Or come one Shabbat morning to the Lift Service to see the beautiful newly refurbished Chapel in the Woods (and don't forget that you can still sponsor a chair; just call the office and they'll help you out). Or come early one Erev Shabbat and join our youngest generation at Shabbat in the Woods. Or...well, you get the idea. There are so many "entrances" to Kol Ami. We look forward to greeting you as you walk through them.

May you have an easy and meaningful fast.

*L'shalom,*

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**In accordance with changes in New York State laws, Congregation Kol Ami has adopted Whistleblower, Conflict of Interest and Self-Dealing policies. Copies of these policies are available for review in the office.**

**Join us Yom Kippur afternoon  
Saturday, October 4th  
3:00 - 4:30 pm**

**Forgiveness: Making Peace With the Past  
A Workshop with Dr. Mimi Leibman  
and Rabbi Shira Milgrom**

The ability to forgive is a sign of profound emotional and spiritual strength and not a sign of weakness. Forgiveness is not forgetting but, instead, it is a process of moving on that can be learned and implemented. In this session, we will review and practice the stages of forgiveness that help us make peace with the past.

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.

For more information please call the temple at  
914-949-4714 x114

**In the Schulman Chapel in the Woods**

Congregation Kol Ami 252 Soundview Avenue White Plains NY 10606 [www.nykolami.org](http://www.nykolami.org)



## From the Religious School

The school year is off to a great start! With Rosh Hashanah behind us we still have Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah to look forward to in this busy holiday season!

On Sunday, October 12th we celebrate together at our annual Family Sukkot Festival. Join us for food, crafts, song and dance on this fun morning. Everyone is welcome. On Wednesday, October 15th we will celebrate Simchat Torah together. On this special evening, we will also consecrate and bless the new students in our Religious School. I look forward to joining you all as we wrap our community in the Torah and begin again to learn the many lessons our Torah has to offer us.

As we all begin a new Jewish year together, I invite you all to join us as we work together to learn and to explore Jewish life. Our children rely on us to create the path for their discovery. The success of our school will be realized through the joyous involvement of all our families in a vibrant Jewish life, both in and out of our synagogue. Come share and learn with your children. Join us any time... our students have *Tefila* (prayers) together every Wednesday afternoon from 5:30-6:00 in the

main Sanctuary. Sundays are filled with music, dance, laughter and learning. There will be many opportunities for parents to participate in special programs with their children. Read the weekly *Gold Standard* to keep on top of all the things going on here.



We will again share bagels and coffee each Sunday morning in our Kol Ami café. Consider sponsoring our Sunday morning bagels in honor of a birthday or other special occasion, or just because! Forms are available in the school office.

It is wonderful to see everyone again and to meet all our new students. If you have questions or concerns, my door is always open.

Wishing everyone in our Kol Ami community a year filled with sweetness, peace and joy.

*L'Shana Tova  
Felice*

## Gift of Life Bone Marrow Drive

Our congregation is once again partnering with the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation and the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism to bring you an exciting and unique opportunity to help save lives. Please join us for a donor recruitment drive on Yom Kippur in our Petschek Gallery from 9:00 am–4:00 pm. Consent Forms will be available at Rosh Hashanah services for you to take

home to fill out to expedite the process.

Potential donors will be entered into Gift of Life's registry, which feeds into the worldwide registry. From the time you join the registry until your 61st birthday, you could be a donor for someone suffering from a life-threatening blood disease and help save their life. Registration is simple. It requires a

quick cheek swab and completion of a consent form (available at Rosh Hashanah services). Potential donors must be between the ages of 18 and 60 and in general good health.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jane Friedberg, jsfkola-mi@aol.com or visit [www.giftoflife.org](http://www.giftoflife.org) or [www.rac.org/giftoflife](http://www.rac.org/giftoflife).

**ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN BORN IN 2004!**

**If you have a child who was born in 2004 please  
join us at the Bna'i Mitzvah meeting on  
Tuesday, October 21st at 7:30 pm.**

## From the Director of the Early Childhood Program

We're off and running in the ECP. Our classrooms are bustling, the children are laughing and our incredible and dedicated staff of 30 strong is smiling. This month we're cooking, painting, playing, dancing, praying and just having an all around great time.

We are excited to invite all families with young children to our **Fall Shabbat Dinner** for families with young children on Friday, evening November 7 beginning at 5:30. The Great Charlini will be joining us to entertain our children – come and enjoy and catch up with old friends and make some new friends too! [Please see page 9 for more information.](#) Advanced reservations are available by calling the ECP office at 949-4717 x107 and the last day to sign up is Monday, November 3rd. I hope you will take the opportunity to join us and remember everyone in the Kol Ami community with young children are always welcome!

**Cocktail parties for our 2's, 3's, 4's and Pre-k parents** are slated for this month. Our 2's Party will be hosted by Sarra and Andrew Roth and Lauren and Andrew Zomick, Our 3's Party will be hosted by Julie Mosow and Sasha Dichter and Laurie and Dave Feinstein and our 4's and Pre-k's Party will be hosted by Nicole and Ben Michelson and Susan and Troy Smith. A special thank you goes out to these families who have opened their homes.


Our **Family Photo Days** are coming this month too! On Sunday, October 12th and 19th, Mariela Dujovne Melamed, an extremely talented exhibited photographer and member of our congregation will be with us. Everyone in the entire Kol Ami Community is welcome and encouraged to participate in this fabulous family activity. The photo sessions are held outside on our back fields with the beautiful fall foliage as our background. [See our flyer on page 10](#) and sign up by calling the ECP office at 949-4717x107.



On Tuesday, November 4th at 7:30 pm the ECP invites the entire community to an evening sponsored by White Plains Hospital. Geralyn Plomitullo, Registered Dietitian, will be speaking about “**Nutrition...Beyond the Label.**” The evening is free and we hope to see you there! The entire community is welcome.

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

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*Congregation Kol Ami Welcomes You To*

# *Shabbat in the Woods*



*A Service in Story and Song for Young Families*

**Sukkot October 8**  
**Simchat Torah October 15**  
 5:30 – 6:00 PM  
*In the Atrium*  
*followed by our Festive Oneg Shabbat*

*Parents can join in our 6:15 Kol Ami Service*  
*while your preschooler can stay with us and enjoy crafts, games, and a light supper!*

*Also please join us for our Book Share the first Friday of every month.*

*Everyone is welcome*





**Congregation Kol Ami  
Invites Families with Young Children  
To Join Us**

**At Our**

**Fall Shabbat Dinner**

**On Friday Evening, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

**At 5:30pm**

**Meet New Friends and**

**Catch Up With Old Friends**

**And Help Us Welcome Shabbat**

**As One Community**

**Shabbat Services Begin at 5:30pm**

**Dinner Begins at 6:00pm**

**Immediately Following Dinner**

**Your children can enjoy a Magic Show**

**With**

**The Great Charlini**

**Let us know if you'll be coming!**

**Please RSVP no later than November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_**

**Dinner \$48.00 per family**

**Or 15.00 per adult and 10.00 per child over 2**



Photo taken by  
Mariela  
Melamed  
October 2013

## **Family Photo Days**

**Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**OR**

**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30-4:30**

**\$125.00 Sitting Fee**

**(25.00 is applied to your photo order if prints are  
purchased by December 10<sup>th</sup>)**

**Meet our Photographer**

**Mariela Dujovne Melamed**

**An extremely talented exhibited photographer and  
Member of Congregation Kol Ami**

**You can view Mariela's work on her website at**

**[marielamelamedphotography.com](http://marielamelamedphotography.com)**

**You must have internet access to view your photos,**

**To create the packages that**

**Suit you best, and to order your prints!**

**Don't miss this opportunity to participate in this  
Fabulous family activity!**

**Call the ECP Office at 949-4717x107 to reserve  
a spot or email Nan at  
[Nanblank@nykolami.org](mailto:Nanblank@nykolami.org)**

**THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS WELCOME!**

## Congregation Kol Ami Early Childhood Program

# Cuddles & Conversation



Drop in and be part of our group...

Designed for parents/grandparents and babies 2 to 14 months.

We will meet weekly to play, chat and discuss topics related to parenting.  
Twice a month our sessions will be led Susan Davis, CSW.

### **Thursday Morning;**

(Coinciding with the ECP calendar)

**October - June**

(beginning October 2, 2014)

**9:30-11:00 AM**

**In the Gallery**

Please bring a play mat/blanket and small toys for your child.

Come and see what we're all about...Everyone is Welcome!

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

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## Ritual Riches – Meditation before Yom Kippur for One who Cannot Fast

On this Day of Atonement, this Sabbath of Sabbaths,  
 Jews around the world join in  
 Refusing food and drink for one day  
 So that we may focus on correcting our misdeeds,  
 On acknowledging our mortality,  
 While reaching for a life closer to Torah  
 through mitzvot and loving kindness.  
 Creator and source of all life,  
 It is not my intent to be apart from my people and our tradition.  
 My current state makes it unsuitable for me to keep the  
 traditional fast.  
 Dear God, I turn to you now in sincerity and openness:  
 Help me in the coming year to guard my health with wise choices.  
 Help me to protect my body from harm.  
 I thank you for the breath that is in me.  
 May I be blessed with the opportunity to help those who suffer.  
 Grant me the ability to do THIS mitzvah with love and devotion.  
 And may my eating, then, be as a fast.  
 May it be dedicated to T'shuvah  
 To the renewal and restoration of my relationship to You,  
 to others, and to myself.

Amen

This prayer was prepared by the Worship Committee last year for inclusion in the High Holy Day Song Sheet where it appears again during our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. The Torah tells us that for those who are required to eat on Yom Kippur for medical reasons, such eating is a mitzvah, just as fasting is a mitzvah for those whose health allows them to fast.

We hope that if you are one to whom this meditation applies, it is as meaningful and important to you as to those congregants who shared their appreciation with us last year. One of our members described the guilt and awkwardness she felt in not being able to take part in what for her had always been a critical part of Yom Kippur and the sense of relief and validation she experienced in reading the meditation and understanding her changed practice and observance were authentic as well. Another congregant, who had fasted out of a sense of obligation and to demonstrate to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren what one is “supposed to do for the holiday”, lost some of her sense of purpose when she was unable to fast any longer. However, the meditation above provided her with the opportunity to tap into a new source of obligation and to continue in her worship and observance in a meaningful way, acknowledging that she is indeed part of our community, “praying along with everyone else and still doing what she is supposed to be doing”.

May those of us who cannot fast and worry that our observance of Yom Kippur is thus diminished, frame the experience of the day with a new sense of obligation, strength, and purpose, enriched by connection to our community and to God.

*This article was written by Sheryl Brady.*

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



## WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM: It Is Not Far From Us – Choose Life

As this article is being written, the *parasha* is *Nitzavim-Vayeilech*, almost at the end of the book of Deuteronomy, and it contains some of the most beautiful lines in the Torah. “Surely, this instruction which I enjoin upon you this day is not too baffling for you, nor is it beyond reach...No, the thing is very close to you, in your mouth and in our heart, to observe it.” (Deuteronomy 30:11-14). “...Choose life – if you and your offspring would live –” (Deuteronomy 30:19).

Please join with the Kol Ami Sisterhood this Yom Kippur in choosing life and promote life for ourselves and for others less fortunate. We will be sponsoring our annual High Holy Days Food Drive which will support the Food Bank for Westchester. Last year, we collected over 7,000 pounds of food, a new record for our synagogue. We would love to surpass that amount, so we ask that you be as generous as you can. Bags were distributed at Rosh Hashanah services. If you did not receive one, they are still available at Kol Ami – or bring your own bag(s) filled with non-perishable food items (no glass, please) when you join us for services on Yom Kippur Day.

Last year, for the first time, the Women of Reform Judaism facilitated Kol Ami’s participation in the **Gift of Life Bone Marrow Drive**. We will be partnering again with this organization to provide the gift of life. Our donor recruitment drive will be held on Yom Kippur Day in the Petschek Gallery from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Potential donors (between ages 18 and 60) will be entered into the Gift of Life’s registry, and from the time you join until your 61st birthday, you could help save a life! All that is required is a quick cheek swab and completion of a consent form. If you participated in last year’s drive, you are already registered and do not need to sign up again.

Neither of these initiatives is too baffling for us—nor beyond our reach. A filled bag of groceries and a cheek swab is all it takes—we can do it, and in doing these mitzvot, we will choose life for ourselves—and help others to live.

Sheryl Brady

Judy Sarch

Rachel Eckhaus



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

# Kol Ami Women's Oasis at Home

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

Stepping off from here...



## Chapters of the Heart

Jewish Women Sharing the  
Torah of Our Lives  
*edited by Sue Levi Elwell and  
Nancy Fuchs Kreimer*

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

**Section I: All the Days of Our Lives** (Psalm 27:4)  
with Rabbi Shira Migrom  
LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

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

**Section II: From the Narrow Places** (Psalm 118:5)  
with Dr. Ellen Umansky, *the Carl and Dorothy  
Bennett Professor of Judaic Studies and Director  
of the Dorothy Bennett Center for Judaic Studies  
at Fairfield University, CT*  
SCHULMAN CHAPEL IN THE WOODS

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

**Section III: Opening the Gates** (Psalm 118:19)  
with Rabbi Shira Milgrom  
LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

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

**Section IV: Be Still and Know** (Psalm 46:10)  
with Rabbi Pamela Wax, *WJCS Spiritual Care  
Coordinator*  
SCHULMAN CHAPEL IN THE WOODS

## Register for the Oasis at Home Series Today

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

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

Refreshments will be served at each session.

TO REGISTER: Please print this flyer and return  
with a check payable to KOL AMI. Mail to  
Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Avenue,  
White Plains, NY 10606.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## SYNAPLEX AT KOL AMI!

2014-2015

**Friday evening schedule:****5:00 pm**

Explorations in Jewish music with Cantor David Rosen and special guests

**5:30 pm**

Shabbat -in- the -Woods for families with young children (newborn - kindergarten); followed by supervised childcare, light supper &amp; 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

**SPECIAL SYNAPLEX SAVINGS! SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS!****SYNAPLEX MAIN EVENTS - FRIDAY EVENINGS****Nov 14: Andrew Solomon, best-selling author of "Far From the Tree"**

Andrew Solomon is a writer and lecturer on psychology, politics, and the arts, exploring the spectacular world of difference. His best-selling book, *Far from the Tree*, is a journey of generosity, acceptance and tolerance...and that love can transcend all prejudice.

**Dec 12: Dr. Lawrence Hoffman, Hebrew Union College, "This is Your Life, American Jews: Builders, Baby-Boomers and Beyond"**

Synagogues change and so do we. But to appreciate the challenges of where we go from here, we need also to look back at how we got here from there. Regularly profound, sometimes funny, but never dull, this is your life, American Jews.

**Jan 23: 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.

**Feb 27: Girl Trouble**

Screening of *Girl Trouble*, an intimate award-winning PBS documentary about girls in the flagging juvenile justice system. Q&A and discussion following the screening with "Orange is the New Black" star, Alysia Reiner.

**Mar 20: Transparent on Identities: Transgender and Jewish**

Zackary Drucker is a world-renowned artist who breaks down the way we think about gender, sexuality and seeing. Zackary's work has been exhibited at the Whitney Biennial, the Los Angeles Biennial and other museums and galleries around the world.

**May 1: Two Villages that Changed the World**

Yemin Orde (Israel) and Agahozo Shalom Youth Village (Rwanda) are two inspiring initiatives for at-risk youth that have gone beyond the hopes and dreams of their own beginnings. Join us for an evening with Dr. Chaim Peri, an educational visionary and leader.

For further information, contact Ilene Miller  
at 914-949-4717 x111/imillerkolami@gmail.com  
or visit [www.nykolami.org](http://www.nykolami.org)

**REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 1ST FOR ALL 6  
SYNAPLEX DINNERS AND PAY FOR ONLY 5!  
\$125 (A \$150 VALUE) FOR EACH ADULT & \$75 (A \$90  
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**"Quiet Conversation Dinner" Adults Only**

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**"Community & Family Dinner"**

#Adults \_\_\_\_\_ X \$125 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#Children/teens \_\_\_\_\_ X \$75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Adult Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Name/s &amp; Ages \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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



# Kol Ami Cares

## *Opportunities for Volunteering*

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **KOL AMI SINGERS**

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

**King Street Nursing Home, 787 King Street, Rye Brook**

**PLEASE NOTE DAY CHANGE - Monday, October 6, 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: Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 7, Jan 11, Feb 11, Mar 1, Apr 26, May 3

Mondays at noon: Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 13, June 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM: Stronger Together



# Fall Shopping Spree

Sunday, October 26, 2014

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

*Jewelry, Pampered Chef, Accessories, Crafts, Skincare,  
Candles, Raffles, Food, Wine Tasting, Tupperware, Zumba ,  
and Much, Much More!*



*Start your holiday shopping early and support our Sisterhood!*

## Notes from the Gardening Committee

### A story from Midrash

An old man was observed planting a tree. When asked if he expected to live long enough to consume the fruits of his labor he replied: “ My ancestors planted for me and now I plant for my children...”

We hope that during the High Holy Days you had a chance to look out the windows of our beautiful sanctuary and notice the new gardens in front of the evergreen hedge. Funded by a generous gift from a congregant, these new beds help complete a goal of the sanctuary design to bring the beauty of the outside into our sacred space.

In considering the design and plants for the space, we became aware that much of the area outside our main building had become overgrown with weeds and poorly cared for trees and shrubs. So, we formed a committee of gardening volunteers to address the area under the evergreens and in the older beds around the sanctuary, areas near the front of the building, the courtyard, parking areas, and

of course the area around the chapel. Despite busy lives, a small, dedicated group of volunteers has been pulling weeds, shaping shrubs, and fertilizing for several months in an effort to make the outside as cared for as the inside of our buildings. Progress is slow but steady with still a tremendous amount to do, but we are creating some beautiful outdoor spaces.

If anyone would like to join us, please contact [maggymweber@aol.com](mailto:maggymweber@aol.com). The more hands the lighter the work, especially for a long term gardening project. If you would like to support our efforts but are not a gardener, monetary donations can be made to the synagogue with a note that earmarks the funds for landscaping. Also, consider donating any extra plants from your own gardens that have overgrown their space or usefulness. We would be happy to find a home for them around the Temple property.

Enjoy!  
The Gardeners

## Come and Learn About Project Zug – Havruta (paired) Learning with Jews in Israel!

Sunday, October 19, from 9:30 – 11:00 am

How many opportunities do you have to connect and learn with Jews in Israel? Imagine if you could Skype with a learning partner, exploring texts, culture and other topics taught by top-tier scholars and educators? Join us for a program offered by Benjamin Ross, co-founder of Project Zug, a program that connects Jews in different countries through online havruta (one-to-one) learning. Project Zug seeks to reduce geographical distances and strengthen the bonds between our many vibrant Jewish cultures by pairing Jews in Israel and Jews around the world to learn together. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about havruta and about the possibility of shared study with a partner in Israel. We will explore various topics, including:

- *Mindfulness and Judaism* • *A Food Tour of the Talmud*
- *Can't Believe It: What God, Prophecy, and Free Will Meant in the Past - and What They Can Mean To Us*

All levels of knowledge and experience are welcome; Hebrew is not required. Coffee and a light breakfast will be served. To register, please call Rebecca Reuben, at 914-949-4717 x114. To learn more about Project Zug, visit [www.projectzug.org](http://www.projectzug.org).

## Adult Education

Please read more about offerings for the whole year in our Adult Ed brochure that will be distributed with your new phone book at Yom Kippur services. Or visit our website, nykolami.org, and click on Adult Education to view an even more detailed brochure.

### Spiritual Journeying Groups

#### Mussar Classes

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

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

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

Contact Rabbi Wax at [pwax@wjcs.com](mailto:pwax@wjcs.com) or 914-761-0600 x149 to register.

Oct 6, Nov 10,  
Dec 8

Schulman Chapel in the Woods

### Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Group will begin its 4th year!

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 the participants an opportunity to examine a current issue of the day in depth. Each session will begin with an overview of the issue. Participants will examine issues, through various perspectives, using readings, video or a guest speaker.

Mondays, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in Room 20  
Oct 6 & 20, Nov 3 & 17, Dec 1 & 15  
Jan 12 & 26, Feb 9 & 23, Mar 9 & 23,  
Apr 6 & 20, May 4 & 18

### Weekly Torah Study: Parashat Hashavua

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

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

### 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

#### 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  
Beginning Oct 5  
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.

First Thursday: 12:00 noon  
Beginning Oct 2

#### Grandparenting Workshops

*with Susan Davis, LCSW*

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

First Monday of the month  
9:15 - 10:45 am  
Beginning Oct. 6

### Women in Transition

Are you attempting an adjustment to a major life change? Please join us in an interactive discussion group. Topics to be discussed include but are not limited to: retirement, widowhood, aging, changing relationships with adult children, and other life transitions.

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

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

*Led by Kol Ami Members*

Space is limited and original group members have priority. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sheila Sturmer at [sturmersheila@gmail.com](mailto:sturmersheila@gmail.com) or 914-391-1227

### Adult Bar & Bat Mitzvah

Second year of a 2 year course  
*with Rabbi Shira Milgrom*

This course includes a study of Jewish beliefs and practices, a conceptual introduction to holidays and life cycles, rituals, new friendships and the art of asking good questions.

Tuesdays, 8:00-9:30 pm

Oct 14 & 28, Nov 11 & 25, Dec 2 & 16,  
Jan 20, 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

Open To All: Experienced and Novice  
Wednesdays 11:30 am in the Kol Ami Atrium  
Resumes October 1. Email Wendy Roos  
[Wendyroos1@aol.com](mailto:Wendyroos1@aol.com)  
to be added to the email distribution

### Bridge

Open to All

Wednesdays, 11:30 am in the Kol Ami Atrium  
Resumes October 1

### Westchester Adult Jewish Education at Kol Ami:

A discussion of Jewish Ethics.

Classes begin Oct 23

*with Dr. Carol Diamant*

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

### NEW CLASS THIS YEAR!

#### Wise Aging

*Led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW,*

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

To register, contact Ruth at  
[rrosenblum@wjcs.com](mailto:rrosenblum@wjcs.com).

Suggested donation for  
non-synagogue members is \$136.

8 Thursdays

11:00—12:15 pm

Beginning Oct 23

Schulman Chapel in the Woods

## Kol Ami Reads Book Club

### *Light Between the Oceans*

by M. L. Stedman  
October 1, 2014

### *Annual Poetry Session: Dead White Male Poets*

November 5, 2014

### *Daniel Deronda*

by George Eliot  
December 3, 2014

### *The Gift of Rain*

by Tan Twan Eng  
January 7, 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  
October 23, 2014  
from 11:00 am  
to 1:00 pm.

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

## Adult Education *continued*

### Lunch and Learn in New York City

with Rabbi Tom Weiner

Issues ancient and modern with texts,  
ancient and modern.

Fall, Winter and Spring session.

Dates and locations to be determined.

### Free University

Start a study group, discussion group  
or seminar at Kol Ami. Cover any topic that  
falls under the broad umbrella of Reform  
Judaism. Contact Paul Davis at paullawrence-  
davis@yahoo.com with your ideas for leading  
a study group or if you would like to join the  
currently planned study group on the prophets.

### 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

Nov 5, Dec 3, Feb 4, Mar 4,  
Apr 1, & May 6

### Hebrew Classes for Adults\*

Pending sufficient enrollment

#### Hebrew Classes for Adults

with Emily Fields

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am

Beginners Hebrew: 9:00 am

Advanced Beginners: 10:00 am

Intermediate Hebrew: 11:15 am

Starting Sept. 14 Cost: \$175

Please contact Emily at

efgraph@optonline.net

if you are interested or

require additional information

#### Intermediate/Advanced

with Alice Seidman

Conversational Hebrew, grammar,  
vocabulary, reading, and translating  
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An informal learning environment.

Sundays, 9:30 am

Contact Alice Seidman

at 953-8455

for further information

free of charge

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 9:15am Kol Ami Reads Book Club 4:00pm 4th-6th Religious School 6:30pm 7th-12th Grade Religious School	<b>2</b> 9:15am Jewish Meditation	<b>3</b> 6:00pm YOM KIPPUR EVENING FIRST SERVICE - Tickets Required 9:00pm YOM KIPPUR EVENING SECOND SERVICE - Tickets Required	<b>4</b> 9:00am YOM KIPPUR FIRST SERVICE - Tickets Required 12:15pm YOM KIPPUR SECOND SERVICE - Tickets Required 2:45pm YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON SERVICE 3:15pm YOM KIPPUR FAMILY SERVICES 5:00pm MEMORIAL & NEILAH SERVICE 7:00pm BREAK THE FAST
<b>5</b> NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	<b>6</b> 12:30pm Mussar Class	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EREV SUKKOT 5:30pm SUKKOT IN THE WOODS 6:15pm EREV SUKKOT SERVICE	<b>9</b> ECP AND OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am SUKKOT SERVICE - Chapel in the Woods	<b>10</b> ECP CLOSED 10:00am Torah Study 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Atrium 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Main Sanctuary	<b>11</b> SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00am Coffee & Community 9:30am Study 10:30am SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: B'nai Mitzvah of Adam Frankenthaler and Sara Frankenthaler 5:30pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE: B'nai Mitzvah of Ben Hostetter and Sasha Hirschheimer
<b>12</b> 9:00am SUKKOT FAMILY FESTIVAL 9:00am K-6th Religious School 9:00am ECP PHOTO DAY	<b>13</b> COLUMBUS DAY ECP AND OFFICE CLOSED	<b>14</b> 7:30pm WRJ Sukkot Dinner 8:00pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class	<b>15</b> 4:00pm 4th-6th Religious School 5:30pm SIMCHAT TORAH IN THE WOODS 6:15pm SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE AND CONSECRATION in the Main Sanctuary 6:30pm 7th-12th Grade Religious School	<b>16</b> ECP CLOSED OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am SIMCHAT TORAH YIZKOR SERVICE 8:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>17</b> ECP CLOSED 10:00am Torah Study 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Atrium 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Main Sanctuary	<b>18</b> SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00am Coffee & Community 9:30am Study 5:30pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE: Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Strier
<b>19</b> 9:00am K-6th Grade Religious School 9:00am 5th Grade Daffodil Planting 9:00am ECP PHOTO DAY	<b>20</b> 11:00am Current Events	<b>21</b> 12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages 7:30pm 5th Grade Parent B'Nai Mitzvah Meeting 7:30pm Woman's Oasis	<b>22</b> 9:45am WAJE 4:00pm 4th-6th Religious School 6:30pm 7th-12th Grade Religious School	<b>23</b> 9:15am Jewish Meditation 11:15am Wise Aging 7:45pm Adult Choir	<b>24</b> 10:00am Torah Study 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Atrium 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Main Sanctuary 7:00pm NEW MEMBER DINNER	<b>25</b> SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00am Coffee & Community 9:30am Study 5:30pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Scherr
<b>26</b> 9:00am K-6th Grade Religious School 10:00am Sisterhood Boutique	<b>27</b> 3:00pm 9th Grade to HUC Soup Kitchen	<b>28</b> 12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages 8:00pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class	<b>29</b> 9:45am WAJE 4:00pm 4th-6th Religious School 6:30pm 7th-12th Grade Religious School	<b>30</b> 9:15am Jewish Meditation 11:15am Wise Aging	<b>31</b> 10:00am Torah Study 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Atrium 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Main Sanctuary	<b>Nov. 1</b> SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00am Coffee & Community 9:30am Study 10:30am K/1st GRADE SHABBAT BRUNCH 5:30pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Knecht



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