



L'Shana Tova



The clergy and staff wish each of you a happy, healthy new year!

High Holy Day Schedule

Rosh Hashanah Eve
Wednesday Evening, September 24
First Service — 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Second Service — 9:00pm to 11:00pm

First Day Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, September 25
First Service — 9:00am to 11:15am
Grades 1-6 First Service — 9:00am to 11:15am
Second Service — 12:15pm to 2:30pm
Grades 1-6 Second Service — 12:15pm to 2:30pm
Family Service — 3:15pm to 4:00pm
Family Reception — 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Community Tashlich — 5:45pm

Second Day Rosh Hashanah
Friday, September 26
Service — 10:00am to 12:00pm
Reception — 12:00 Noon

Yom Kippur Eve (Kol Nidre)
Friday, October 3
First Service — 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Second Service — 9:00pm to 11:00pm

Please Note: For the Kol Nidre Services, the sanctuary doors will be closed promptly at 6:00pm and at 9:00pm and will not re-open until the cello solo is completed.

Yom Kippur Day
Saturday, October 4
First Service — 9:00am to 11:15am
Grades 1-6 First Service — 9:00am to 11:15am
Second Service — 12:15pm to 2:30pm
Grades 1-6 Second Service — 12:15pm to 2:30pm
Afternoon Service (Chapel) — 2:45pm to 4:30pm
Family Service — 3:15pm to 4:00pm
Memorial (Yizkor) & Neilah Service — 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Community Break Fast — 7:00pm
*for more information and to RSVP
please see Page 7.*

SERVICES

Friday, September 5

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

Saturday, September 6

9:00 am **SPIRITUAL LIFT** in Chapel

9:30 am Coffee and community

11:00 am Study

11:00 am **SERVICE**10:30 am **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:** B'nai
Mitzvah of Annie Cooper and Matthew
Rothman5:30pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE:** Bat
Mitzvah of Emma Townsend

Thursday, September 11

5:30 pm Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Erber

Friday, September 12

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

Saturday, September 13

9:00 am **SPIRITUAL LIFT** in Chapel

9:30 am Coffee and community

11:00 am Study

11:00 am **SERVICE**

Friday, September 19

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

Saturday, September 20

9:00 am **SPIRITUAL LIFT** in Chapel

9:30 am Coffee and community

11:00 am Study

11:00 am **SERVICE**5:30pm **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE:**
Bat Mitzvah of Rayna Litt9:00 pm **SELICHOT SERVICE**

Wednesday, September 24

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Thursday, September 25

ROSH HASHANA DAY I*Please see Cover for Service Details*

Friday, September 26

ROSH HASHANA DAY II*Please see Cover for Service Details*

Saturday, September 27

9:00 am **SPIRITUAL LIFT** in Chapel

9:30 am Coffee and community

11:00 am Study

11:00 am **SERVICE**, Special Speaker
www.giftoflife.org | 800-9MARROW

Gift of Life Bone Marrow Drive on Yom Kippur:

Saturday, October 4th
in the Petschek Gallery

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Please see page 3 for more information.

Weekly Torah Portions for September

Week ending September 6, 2014

Parashat Ki Tetzei Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

Parashat Ki Tetzei contains the greatest number of mitzvot of any single Torah portion, 72 in all, dealing with a variety of issues. The portion concludes with a warning to remember how the Amalekites attacked the weary Israelites in the desert, and to protect the vulnerable among us.

Week ending September 13, 2014

Parashat Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

This *parashah* includes the range of blessings the children of Israel will receive if they follow God's commandments, and enumerates a longer list of curses they will face if they do not keep the *mitzvot*.

Week ending September 20, 2014

Parashat Nitzavim -Vayeilech Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30

In this double *parasha*, Nitzavim continues Moses' address to the people of Israel before they enter the Promised Land. He reminds them that God is making a covenant with them and, through them, that covenant is being made to all future generations. As God is prohibiting Moses from entering the "promised land," Moses passes the baton of leadership to Joshua in the second *parasha* – Vayeilech. The people are also reassured that they will be successful in re-conquering the Land of Israel, and that God "will not fail you or forsake you."

Week ending September 27, 2014

Parashat Ha'azinu Deuteronomy 32:1-52

Ha'azinu is known as a *shir*, a song or poem that serves to reiterate the agreements made between the Children of Israel and God. It reminds the people of the things God provided them in the wilderness, of the things that happened to them when they disobeyed, and most importantly that God desires to protect them even though they do transgress. The message of this *parasha* warns and instructs, while at the same time it gives hope as they are about to enter into the Promised Land under the new leadership of Joshua.

An Oasis Inside the Madness

The world at the end of July (as I'm writing) is a chaotic swirl of uncertainty and chaos. Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, global anti-Semitism, hatred, survival—uncertainty. We remain connected as best we can, not separating ourselves from the world at large, reaching out to family and friends in areas of conflict. At the same time, though, we know we are powerless to affect change in these far-away places. The power we have is to affect change here at home. We can change ourselves (the essential theme of the High Holidays)—and we can create a community of loving, of joy, of support right here. Kol Ami is that place: we are a place where the spirit is nourished, where hope is replenished, where joys are magnified. We are also a place where we are comforted in our sorrows and buoyed when we are troubled. This is who we are—and who we can be for you—day in and day out.

Echoing through this troubled July, I am also reminding of the beautiful way the summer began. With the summer's unofficial opening, Memorial Day Weekend, Kol Ami celebrated its annual retreat away at Circle Lodge. I'd like to share with you the reflections of a new retreat participant: Jen was also the newest member of the Retreat Committee, and this letter is addressed to fellow committee members:

I'm sorry I did not write this sooner. Last week was a crazy week—all good things, just very busy. Anyway, these are the things I would have said at the closing circle if I wasn't so overwhelmed by the moment and if I were better suited to think on my feet. If you'll indulge me...

It's one thing to want to be part of a community. It's another thing to have that community embrace you so readily, so openly, and so genuinely. From the first committee meeting I knew I wandered into something special. Your wit, your humor, your

good nature, your raw talents, and frankly, your Jewish spirit made it impossible not to fall in love with you immediately, which I did. I feel indebted to every one of you for your warmth and kindness. Thank you all so much for taking me under your wing and for putting up with my constant "newbie" questions. Thank you for showing me unconditional understanding rather than frustration and for always approaching me with open arms. I feel truly blessed to have spent the time with you that I did, and with any luck, I'll get to spend time with each of you again.



To say my family had an incredible time at the retreat would be a gross understatement. I know we will treasure the time we spent together and the memories we made there, forever. It really was as special and meaningful as all of you said it would be, if not more.

*All the best,
Jen Labovitz*

Whether you mark the 2015 retreat on your calendar (great idea) or make Kol Ami on Soundview more a part of your life, you will be helping to create for yourself and your loved ones a secure place within this uncertain world. I do believe we—the whole world, that is—are connected one to another, in a web of concentric circles. All the joy and support we create and share here at home will find a way of rippling out to a world in need of more love.

With wishes for a 5775—a new year—of renewed hope,

Shir

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.gift of life.org or www.rac.org/giftoflife.

Creating New Relationships for a New Year

One of the most wonderful things about Judaism is that it encourages us to share life's most sacred events with an entire community. From Bar/Bat Mitzvah to aufrufs to baby namings, our tradition is one that supports celebrations in a communal fashion. On a deeper level, Judaism gives us a platform to share some of life's most complicated emotions in a public forum without embarrassment or judgment.

A great example of this is found in the "vidui" or "confessional" part of our Yom Kippur liturgy, which we will be reciting in only a few short weeks. As we know, in this series of prayers there are multiple opportunities for us to admit to our faults together without being singled out or blamed for one iniquity or another. Instead, we collectively confess to a series of faults regardless of whether or not we actually performed that act, consequently showing our support for those around us.

Remembering a loved one is no different. From the rituals surrounding burial and shiva to shloshim and the 11 months that follow, as Jews we remember, reflect, celebrate and mourn together, as a community.

On one hand, it seems rather odd that we are willing to be such an "open book" in front of a complete stranger at a time when we are most vulnerable. And yet, it is during these delicate moments where relationships are created and each of us is able to feel a web of support from those who surround us.

American Philosopher David Sangler writes, "Some people think they are in community, but they are only in proximity. True community requires commitment and openness. It is a willingness to extend yourself to encounter and know the other."

One of the best ways for us to create new relationships is to acknowledge the various emotions and stories that we share. The next time you are in a group of people - many of whom may be strangers—try to appreciate the different personalities who have gathered together under one roof for a similar purpose. This com-

bination is one that will never exist again in the exact same way.

Let us cherish the bonds we share. Let us comfort each other as we recall and remember our loved ones. Let us feel supported by people in front of us, beside us and behind us as we hear the voices of those who have departed and feel the warmth of their souls penetrate our sacred space. And let us remember to share in the joy of a moment and to celebrate those precious things in our life for which we are thankful.

Judaism cannot survive if we stand in proximity to each other. We must work together towards a common goal and must acknowledge and celebrate what is common between us. This is community in the truest sense of the word.

As my family and I transition into this wonderful community, we have begun to create new relationships with many of you. Your warm embrace has made it easy for us to feel at home. It is my hope that as we continue to share and celebrate our stories with each other, we will grow in our relationship with one another and our connection to God.

May all of us work at creating the relationships we need to help bring purpose and meaning to our lives. May we all find the comfort and support we need during our difficult times, and may we celebrate and rejoice with each other during life's greatest moments.

On behalf of my wife Ilyse and our son Joel, we would like to thank everyone who has welcomed us to this community and we wish you and your family a Happy and Healthy New Year.

L'shana Tova and G'mar Chatimah Tovah,



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 to be added to the rosters and receive our emails

From Our President

As I start the second year as President of this vibrant congregation, I've been taking the opportunity to step back and take a look at all that we've done and been through in the past year. This year has definitely presented us with a series of challenges and transitions. Yet, throughout all of these changes, there has, and continues to be, a constant—the warmth and spirit of our community.

A year ago at this time, I wrote to you about our upcoming 90th Anniversary and how we were going to celebrate this milestone. Many of you were able to participate in the Gala weekend in April, as we celebrated both Kol Ami and our lead educators, Nan Blank and Felice Miller Baritz, both of whom were honored for their 10 years of educating our children and our families. Throughout the year, we took the time to remember those who helped shape our community, and we continue to recognize those who are helping to shape it for the decades to come.

I hope that you have had an opportunity to meet our new cantor, Cantor David Rosen, his wife, Rabbi Ilyse Glickman, and their son, Joel. They have already become an integral part of our Kol Ami family. Cantor Rosen brings a wealth of experience, musical knowledge and a musical soul. We look forward to continuing to worship with him, and I know that he is very much looking forward to working with our children in both the Religious School in the ECP.

We have been so fortunate to have Jane Friedberg, our Executive Director, be such a part of the life of our temple. Jane's retirement, after 21 years, creates both a challenge and an opportunity. Thankfully, Jane will remain an involved mem-

ber of our congregation, so we are fortunate to be able to continue to gain from her knowledge and experience. The Search Committee, led by one of our immediate Past Presidents, Ronnie Cohn, has started the process of finding someone to help us move forward. Jane will remain in her role until our new Executive Director has started. We will be honoring Jane later this year as we thank her for everything that she has done for, and has meant to us.

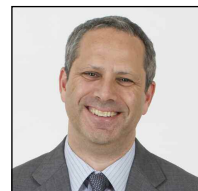


Photo by Mariela Melamed

Speaking of changes, you'll notice one more change when you arrive for services over the High Holy Days. We will be checking all tickets at the door this year, so please remember to bring a ticket for every member of your family. While we have always made an effort to do so, this year we will be increasing this effort to ensure the integrity of our ticket system, as well as the security of our congregants and their guests. So, when someone asks you for your ticket, please have it available for them and take the opportunity to say hello.

I look forward to another year as the President of this wonderful congregation, and all of the joys and challenges that it will bring. I want to thank the Board and the Executive Committee for all of their support over this past year and for the support that I know that they will provide as we move through the next year. Please make sure to speak to me or any Officer or member of the Board if you have any concerns or suggestions.

Jean and I wish all of you a *L'Shanah Tovah* and we look forward to greeting you over the coming weeks.

Blank

Bequests Made Easy: Kol Ami's Legacy Fund

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

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

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

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

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

לשנה טובה

**Prepare for the
High Holidays with
music, prayer,
talk, desserts and
reflection**



Selichot Service

**Saturday, September 20, 2014
Beginning at 9:00 pm**

We will meet in the Petschek Gallery for Havdalah, and
continue until close to midnight

Screening of the film "Nicky's Family"

Nicky's Family tells the nearly forgotten story of Nicholas
Winton, an Englishman who organized the rescue of 669 Czech
and Slovak children just before the outbreak of World War II.

9:30 - 11:00 pm

The evening closes with the prayerful and inspiring music of the
High Holidays.

Kol Ami Community Break the Fast



Saturday, October 4th, 2014
~7:00 pm

Kol Ami is offering the congregation the opportunity to break the Yom Kippur fast following the Neilah (concluding) service. Please join other congregants along with family, friends and guests for a light dairy supper in the Petschek Gallery.

Questions? Please contact Lisa Borowitz at lborrowitz@ramius.com

 PLEASE CLIP AND RETURN TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE NO LATER THAN SEPT 24TH

Number of Attendees: Adults: _____ Children _____

Please print names of attendees and include ages of children:

Price: \$26/Adult, \$18/Children (ages 6 - 13), Children 5 and under free

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount enclosed: \$_____ Please make checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami

☐ **YES, I am available to help with set up.**

Due to the popularity and limited space for this event reservations will not be accepted after September 24th.

From the Religious School

This time of year has a particular feeling . . . the winding down of summer and the gearing up for school. I still get that feeling of excitement (mixed with a little anxiety) as the beginning of school approaches. As many of our families enjoy end-of-summer family vacations, we're busy here at Kol Ami preparing for the beginning of a new year. 5775 is upon us! Here it has been a summer of cleaning, organizing and planning. We are getting ready for another busy year. Our successful Kashkesh Hebrew pilot is being rolled into a new Hebrew learning model for our Kindergarten through 2nd grade students under the leadership of Timna Burstn. Our new Cantor, David Rosen, has been busy working with us on refining our Hebrew/Tefila curriculum for our 3rd through 6th graders and planning new ways to help engage our students in the learning of Hebrew through prayer and music. Josh Rosenthal, our new Director of Youth Engagement, will be teaching in our school as well as working with our teens.

As I write this, the back to school packets are being prepared. If you did not receive your packet, please call! Up to date payment arrangements must be on file in order to receive your

Religious School packet... so please be in touch with Madiha Tubman (x102) if you have not yet taken care of this.



The first day of Religious School is Sunday, September 14th. We hope you will join us for our **Kol Ami Welcome Back Picnic** immediately after school. Susan Kohn Arovas and Jen Labovitz are our Religious School Committee Co-Chairs and we all hope you will look for ways to become involved in your child's education at Kol Ami. Please consider volunteering to help in a class or on a special project. We have plans for a year full of excitement and learning. The best way to give our children a connection to Judaism is to share experiences with them. We invite you to participate with your child.

I look forward to sharing another year of learning and exploring together!

Felice

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!

Click here: <https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1441372-uySwOzsRqY>
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

What a pleasure it is for me to welcome our entire ECP community back from what I hope was a wonderful and relaxing summer. Our Temple staff, under the direction of Jane Friedberg and Paul Mauro, has worked tirelessly with me and my assistant, Rachel Edelson, over the summer months to get our school ready for our September opening and everything is sparkling.

We will begin our school year on Friday, September 5th with our Annual Ice Cream Social and classroom visiting and spend the early part of the following week getting to know all of the children during our home visits. ***Our Parent-Teacher Evening is slated for Tuesday, September 30th at 7:30.***

ECP Family Photo Days are here! This year Mariela Melamed (marielamelamedphotography.com), an extremely talented photographer, congregant, and past Temple Board member will join us again as our resident photographer on two Sundays in October—the 12th and the 9th. Pre-registration is required by calling the ECP office at 949-4717 x107 or by emailing Nan Blank at nanblank@nykolami.org. EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.


Our Fall Shabbat Dinner for Families with Young Children is slated for Friday evening, November 7 at 5:30. Come and enjoy a family Shabbat service followed by a kosher dinner. The Great Charlini will be joining us too! Please register ahead of time for our dinner by either being in touch with me in the ECP office or by emailing me.



Remember, all Kol Ami families and friends of families with young children not presently enrolled in our Early Childhood Program are welcome to join us at every program the ECP sponsors. Please refer to the Temple's website and *The Connection* for updates on all of our activities.

My family joins me in wishing everyone in our Kol Ami family *l'Shana Tova*; may you enjoy a year of sweetness and good health and may you be inscribed in the book of life.

Nan



Congregation Kol Ami Welcomes You To

Shabbat in the Woods

A Service in Story and Song for Young Families

Join us Every Friday Evening All Year Round
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








Photo taken by
Mariela
Melamed
October 2013

Family Photo Days

Sunday, October 12th

OR

Sunday, October 19th

9:30-4:30

\$125.00 Sitting Fee

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

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

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**

THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS WELCOME!

From the Executive Director's Desk *By Jane S. Friedberg*

As the High Holy Days rapidly approach, I am looking forward to welcoming everyone as we celebrate the New Year in our beautiful sanctuary. As always, our office staff is busy filling ticket orders, answering questions and welcoming our new members. Led by Paul Mauro, our Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, our custodial staff is hard at work cleaning classrooms and hallways to get ready for the opening of Religious School and of our Early Childhood Program. Once again, our temple calendar is full of wonderful opportunities to worship, study and celebrate as a community.

My children and grandchildren join me in wishing you Shana Tova Tikatavu. May this New Year be one of health and happiness for all of you.

TICKETS—Please show your tickets for each service to an usher. Tickets are color-coded and not transferable. We ask your cooperation in attending the service that corresponds with your tickets.

USHERS—Please keep in mind that the ushers are Kol Ami members who give their time to ensure that our services proceed smoothly. Do treat them with courtesy and respect. I am available during every service. If a problem arises, please ask for my assistance.

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED MEMBERS—In considering your needs, we encourage you to attend the early services. Since there is no preceding service, you may arrive earlier and face less congestion and easier access to handicapped parking spaces. All entry to the sanctuary will be through the front door. No one will be admitted through the Religious School entrance.

GUEST TICKETS—Guest tickets are available for immediate family members (parent, sibling, child) visiting from out of town. See Reciprocity sidebar for guest arrangements.

CHILD CARE—Professional child care will be available at Early Evening Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Early Services and at both Morning Services. Reservations must be made in advance by calling the office.

MEMORIAL AND NEILAH SERVICES—Because the Family Service takes place in the main sanctuary immediately prior to the Memorial and Neilah Services, we need at least one half hour to reset the sanctuary for these concluding services. If you are planning to attend the Memorial and Neilah Services, please do not plan to arrive before 4:30 pm. The ushers have been instructed not to open the doors until then.

CELL PHONES—All cell phones should be left at home or in your car. If you are required to carry a phone or pager, please set it on vibrate mode.

Sponsored by the Women of Reform Judaism

High Holy Days Food Drive

Bags will be handed out Rosh Hashanah.

Return them filled on Yom Kippur.

Non-perishable food items only.

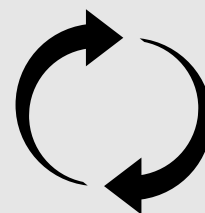
Please — no glass containers.

Remember the hungry at this time of year.

Kol Ami Phone and Date Book

You may notice an extra ticket when you receive your High Holy Day tickets. This WHITE ticket with RED lettering entitles your family to one Kol Ami Phone and Date Book. Please present this ticket, and in return, you will be given, absolutely free, this year's Phone Book. If you would like to purchase an extra book, they are available at \$5 per copy.

PLEASE NOTE: No books will be distributed without the WHITE ticket with RED lettering.



Guests who belong to other Reform congregations and want to attend our High Holy Day services must request that forms be sent to us from their temple office. If Kol Ami members would like to attend other Reform congregations' services, please request courtesy forms at our office. We cannot accommodate visitors without these forms. Forms from other temples may be faxed to us, *2 weeks in advance*, at (914) 946-8143.

This reciprocity is made under the auspices of URJ.

Information About High Holy Day Services 2014/5775

1. All High Holy Day services will be held at the temple. Two services will be held on the evening and the morning of each holiday. We are asking, therefore, that you select one of four combinations of services. They are described in detail on your Request for Tickets form.
2. Please return your ticket request promptly. Orders will be processed by mail only. Your choice of services will be honored within the limits of the seating capacity. Requests will be filled in order of receipt.
3. A Morning Service will be held on the second day of Rosh Hashanah at 10:00 am.
4. Payment of at least half of current dues, FIM Fund, all religious school fees, and full payment of outstanding prior balances (or an up-to-date arrangement on file) are required to obtain High Holy Day tickets.
5. We encourage and welcome children to worship with their families. Children must have a ticket to be admitted to any service except the Family Service. This will ensure that there is adequate seating for all. Please see the enclosed schedule and description of services to pick the most appropriate service for your children to attend. Please remember that children should not be allowed to wander unaccompanied through the building. **Please be sensitive to the needs of your fellow congregants and leave the service with crying or restless young children.**
6. Professional child care will be available at the Temple at a fee of \$18 per service per child or \$60 per family for all services for which babysitting is available (\$25 per child/\$70 per family at the door). This service will be provided during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Early Evening Services and at both Morning Services. Please call the temple office to make arrangements. In order that we may provide sufficient sitters and the best experience for your children, we ask that reservations be made before September 16th.
7. Services for students grades 1-6 will be led by our rabbis and youth director concurrent with both morning services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. *(A note about Yom Kippur Grades 1-6 Services—According to Jewish tradition only those children who have become Bar/Bat Mitzvah and older are required to fast. We have learned from past experience that it is very difficult for children younger than Bar/Bat Mitzvah age to fast during our Yom Kippur Children's Service. Therefore, during the activity part of our services this year we will offer the children a light snack.)*
8. FAMILY SERVICE (3:15 to 4:00 PM) offers parents and children an opportunity to participate in High Holy Day worship together. We keep the service short enough so that it does not become too long for the children's attention spans. At the same time, we include enough of the traditional liturgy and observance to provide a meaningful Jewish spiritual experience for adults and their children.
9. Guest tickets for services are available for members of your immediate family not residing in your home at a cost of \$175 for each guest. Tickets for out-of-town guests are available on a limited basis at \$175 each. Kol Ami does honor the URJ reciprocal guest policy. Due to space limitations, no other ticket requests can be honored. Checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami must accompany your request for guest tickets.
10. Regular tickets or guest tickets will be required for Memorial Services. Those without tickets will be welcomed on a space-available basis. This policy will ensure adequate seating for our Kol Ami members while allowing members of the community an opportunity to attend Memorial Services.
11. *Please note:* Those members or guests who are hearing impaired and require an INFRARED LISTENING DEVICE may pick them up at the door prior to the service. You must leave a form of ID with us.
12. Those who attend the first service on Yom Kippur and who wish to remain throughout the day may use Room 20 by the office for meditation and/or prayer during the second service. Those who wish may continue their worship after the second service at the Afternoon Service in the Schulman Chapel from 2:45-4:30 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Memorial and Neilah Services will begin at 5:00 PM. Entry to the sanctuary will not be permitted until 4:30 PM to allow the staff time to prepare the sanctuary for these concluding services.

We look forward to celebrating a sweet New Year with all of you.

Ritual Riches – The Month of Elul and Tradition of S'lichot

The month of Elul is the 12th month in the Jewish calendar. It is 29 days and usually spans the time between late summer and early fall in both the US and Israel. Rosh Hashanah begins on the evening of the 29th day. The word comes from the time when the Israelites were exiled in Babylonia and originated from the word for harvest. The root of the word is similar to the root of the verb in Aramaic to search. It therefore makes sense that our tradition utilizes the month to begin the process to spiritually and emotionally prepare for the High Holy Days. One of the traditions during the month of Elul is to blow the Shofar every morning, except on Shabbat. The sound acts as a motivator to begin the soul searching process. Many Jews take the time during the month to visit the graves of family and friends to honor and remember them. An interesting custom is signing correspondence (letters, cards, emails) with the signature phrase *K'tiva V'hatima Tova*, which means "a good writing and sealing of judgment". Within our community, the five synagogues of White Plains spend at least one evening studying together to prepare for the High Holy Days. Most important, during Elul we begin the process of asking for and granting forgiveness.

Traditionally, S'lichot prayers of penitence are recited every

morning beginning late Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah and continue every morning until Yom Kippur. At Congregation Kol Ami, we gather for wine and cheese, coffee and dessert on the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah (September 20, 2014) for an inspiring and insightful program and discussion with Rabbis Milgrom and Weiner and Cantor Rosen followed by a service. At the service the clergy are in their white robes, the Torah is in the white cover, and the prayers and music of the High Holy Days are initiated. As we leave the chapel wishing each other *L'Shanah Tova*, we are ready to take advantage of all that the month of Elul has prepared us for and to engage in all that Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur offer.

We look forward to seeing you on September 20th.

*L'Shanah Tova,
The Worship Committee*

This article was written by Lisa Borowitz. 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: Count and Be Counted

The Women of Reform Judaism at Kol Ami (also known as Kol Ami Sisterhood) is proud to serve our Congregation and community as well as to create an opportunity for women to learn, to share, and to celebrate Temple life, their families, and themselves. If you come to worship during the High Holidays, participate in Friday night services, celebrate life cycle events, or attend our educational programs, then you have shared in Kol Ami experiences that are supported by Sisterhood.

In the past few years we have significantly increased our social and philanthropic activities, creating myriad opportunities for members to become involved, to make new friends, to have fun, and to help make the world a better place! We strive to offer something for everyone, and we are always open to new ideas.

We are especially proud that this past year, our Holiday Food Drive surpassed all expectations with over 7,000 pounds of food collected for the Food Bank for Westchester. On Yom Kippur, our "Gift of Life" collection campaign for the bone marrow donor registry resulted in 110 donors joining. Our Purim baskets project, while fostering a sense of community, also resulted in increased revenue to help us support a variety of causes.

We published a 90th Anniversary Cookbook with 324 recipes from the Kol Ami community, including classics from previous

iterations of our recipe exchanges. And our social events such as the Havdalah series, Ladies Night Out, our new Passover Tasting, and Membership Dinner, attracted a large number of Kol Ami's women and brought us new members. We plan to host these events this coming year along with several new and exciting initiatives. We were also able to provide financial support for the Early Childhood Program holiday celebrations, Religious School Purim Carnival, scholarships for high school students, adult education programs, Shabbat and High Holiday Onegs, the cellist for Kol Nidre, Sukkah decorations and so much more.

We are blessed to be able to do as much as we do because of wonderful volunteers as well as the dues-paying members of WRJ Kol Ami Sisterhood. Whether you are a long-time member of the Sisterhood or new to our organization, we hope you will take the opportunity to formally (re)join Sisterhood in this new year. You will enjoy discounted or free admission to events we sponsor while helping to deliver all the services provided by WRJ Kol Ami Sisterhood for our Congregation. And of course we hope that you will become an active participant as well! Our meetings and events are listed on the Kol Ami website at www.NYKolAmi.org/Sisterhood.

On behalf of WRJ Kol Ami Sisterhood, we thank all of you for your past and continued support.

Sheryl Brady

Judy Sarch

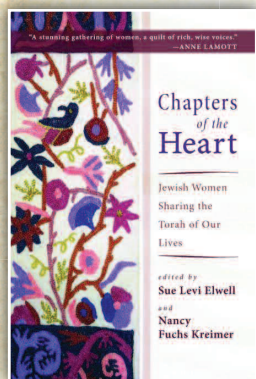
Rachel Eckhaus

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*

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the Oasis at Home Series Today**

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



COLLEGE STUDENT INFORMATION FORM 2014-2015

Please return this form by
mail, fax or email to:

Congregation Kol Ami
College Youth Committee
252 Soundview Avenue
White Plains, NY 10606

Fax #:

914-946-8143

Email:

l-cole1@live.com

Parent's name: _____

Student's name: _____

Students Birthdate: _____

Name of College or Graduate School: _____

Date of expected graduation: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

College email address: _____

Studying abroad? If yes, name of school and dates away: _____

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2014-2015

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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

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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**

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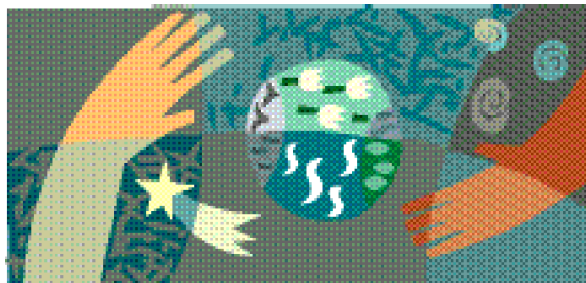
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Kol Ami Cares

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

KOL AMI SINGERS

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

The Kensington, White Plains

Wednesday, September 10, 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 (Mondays)
Nancy Marcus larrymarcus@aol.com (Sundays)

Sundays at 11:00 am: Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 7, Jan 11, Feb 11, Mar 1, Apr 26, May 3

Mondays at noon: Sept 8, 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

Betsy McCormack, betsyrmc@aol.com

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.

Starting in September!!

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.

Sept 15, 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, beginning Sept 4, (except for holidays), 9:30-10:45, in the Chapel in the Woods. While the Chapel is under renovation, we will meet in the synagogue Conference Room. 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
Sept 22, Oct 20, Nov 3 & 17, Dec 15
Jan 12 & 267, 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

Starting in October!!

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

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.

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

8 Thursdays

11:00—12:15 pm

Beginning Oct 23

Schulman Chapel in the Woods

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 not limited to: retirement, widow-
hood, aging, changing relationships with adult
children, and other life transitions (as desired).

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

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Beginning Oct 7

*Led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW,
and 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 or 914-723-7760

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 holi-
days 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

Resumes Sept 3

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

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

Kol Ami Reads Book Club

How It All Began

by Penelope Lively
September 3, 2014

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

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
September 18, 2014
from 11:00 am
to 1:00 pm.

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

Adult Education *continued*

Lunch and Learn in New York City

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ancient and modern.
Fall, Winter and Spring session.
Dates and locations to be determined.

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Start a study group, discussion group
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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
Sept 3, Nov 5, Dec 3, Feb 4, Mar 4,
Apr 1, & May 6

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Pending sufficient enrollment

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Beginners Hebrew: 9:00 am
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efgraph@optonline.net
if you are interested or
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Contact Alice Seidman
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for further information
free of charge

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2 7:30pm WRJ Meeting	3 7:45am Round Table Breakfast 9:15am Kol Ami Reads	4 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting	5 10:00am Torah Study 11:00am ECP ICE CREAM SOCIAL 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Atrium 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary	6 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00am Coffee & Community 9:30am Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service: B'nai Mitzvah of Annie Cooper and Matthew Rothman 5:30pm Shabbat Evening Service: Bat Mitzvah of Emma Townsend
7	8	9 7:00pm Professional Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm KABRO Meeting	10 ECP FIRST DAY 7:30pm 7th Grade Mesorah Orientation	11 5:30pm Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Erber	12 10:00am Torah Study 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Atrium 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary 6:15pm WELCOME CANTOR ROSEN	13 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00am Coffee & Community 9:30am Study 11:00 am SERVICE
14 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	15 12:30pm Mussar Class	16 7:00pm Professional Choir Rehearsal	17 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL First Night 7th-12th Grade Classes	18 8:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting	19 10:00am Torah Study 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Atrium 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary	20 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00am Coffee & Community 9:30am Study 5:30pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE: Bat Mitzvah of Rayna Litt 9:00pm S'lichot
21 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:15am K/1ST GRADE WELCOME COFFEE 10:15am 2ND/3RD GRADE WELCOME COFFEE 11:00am Cooking For the Homeless	22 11:00am Current Events 7:00pm Professional Choir Rehearsal	23	24 EREV ROSH HASHANA NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 6:00pm ROSH HASHANAH EVENING FIRST SERVICE - Tickets Required 9:00pm ROSH HASHANAH EVENING SECOND SERVICE - Tickets Required	25 ROSH HASHANA (see front cover for service times) OFFICE CLOSED	26 ROSH HASHANA II (see front cover for service times) OFFICE CLOSED	27 SPIRITUAL LIFT in Chapel 9:00am Coffee & Community 9:30am Study 11:00 am SERVICE: Special Speaker – Sonja Pilz, Rabbinical Student from Berlin
28 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:00am RS Committee Meeting 10:00am 4th/5th/6th Grade Retreat Info Session	29	30 7:00pm Professional Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm ECP PARENT TEACHER MEETING	Oct. 1	2	3 5:30 pm SHABBAT IN THE WOODS in Atrium 6:15 pm SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE in Sanctuary	4 YOM KIPPUR (see front cover for service times)

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