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Worship Opportunities

Kol Ami's Kabbalat Shabbat Services in our Main Sanctuary at 6:15pm on Friday evenings

(Crafts and Activities for Young Children are available during services)

We come to this sacred space together
to pray, to sing, to remember.
So take a deep breath, look around, allow your
body to move, your voice to soar, and your soul to open
to the possibilities of this time.

Worship Opportunities

CONGREGATION KOL AMI WELCOMES YOU TO
JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

A Shabbat Service in Story and Song for Families with Young Children from 5:30 - 6:00pm all year round.
In the Kol Ami Gallery
Followed by our Festive Oneg!

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

The first Friday of every month is also our Book Share Evening sponsored by temple families. Each family who attends will go home with a book as our gift to you.

Everyone is welcome!

Worship Opportunities

Join us for Shabbat Sheli
"My Shabbat"
a time for families with
elementary aged children

The 1st Friday of every month

This month on April 13th!

Stories, songs, Torah study,
prayer exploration, sanctuary tour,
mitzvah projects, and more!
Led each week by one of
our rabbis, cantor,
and staff.

Parents are invited to enjoy a glass of wine together, join for Shabbat Sheli, or stay with younger siblings at our Shabbat in the Woods. Come as you are!

For a full
Shabbat Evening
enjoy our
Family Oneg
at 6:00pm
or bring your
own dinner
and stay for our
6:15pm Shabbat services
in the Main Sanctuary

The 1st Shabbat of the Month is also
Shabbat in the Woods
Book Share Night!
Take home a book as our gift.

Worship Opportunities

lift your shabbat

Saturday Morning Torah Study With Rabbi Shira

Join Rabbi Shira and fellow congregants in our beautiful
Chapel in the Woods on Saturday mornings.
Step away from the chaos of the week and bring in the warmth
and reflection of Shabbat that Torah Study can offer for the week ahead.

9:00am **coffee & community**
9:30am **torah study**
11:00am **shabbat services**

Come for all, or part, of the morning, Bring your curiosity!

Weekly Torah Portions for March

Week ending April 7, 2018
(Eighth day of Passover)
Shemini I Leviticus 9:1–10:11
Moses instructs Aaron and his sons in offering sacrifices to God in this week's parasha. Nadab and Abihu, two of Aaron's sons, offer "alien fire" to God. God punishes them by killing them immediately. God forbids Moses, Aaron, and his surviving sons from mourning, but commands the rest of the people to do so.

Week ending April 14, 2018
Parashat Shemini II Leviticus 10:12-11:47
The second half of Shemini stipulates the dietary laws concerning which animals are fit and which are unfit for consumption; and concludes with a rationale for being holy and distinguishing between the impure and the pure.

Week ending April 21, 2018
Parashat Tazria-Metzora - Leviticus 12:1-15:33
This double parasha is concerned with various types of unclean conditions. Tazria begins with a discussion of physical defilement and purification following childbirth, and continues with a discussion of tzara-at, which denotes a variety of skin rashes and blemishes. Metzora contains descriptions of other forms of uncleanness, which are thought to refer to various molds or mildews that could discolor surfaces of fabric or stone, and the laws concerning the purification of clothing and houses.

Week ending April 28, 2018
Parashat Ahare-Mot/Kedoshim -
Leviticus 16:1-20:27
God speaks to Moses after the death of Aaron's two sons, who were killed for coming too close to the presence of God, in this double parasha. God also instructs Moses and Aaron on the procedures surrounding Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Parashat Kedoshim continues with a discussion of the practical and interpersonal applications of holiness. God describes to Moses many ethical and ritual laws aimed at helping the people live lives of holiness. The laws described include some of those recorded in the Ten Commandments, such as respecting one's parents, keeping the Sabbath, and not stealing.

April Calendar

Sunday, April 1st
Easter Sunday
Religious School Closed

Monday, April 2nd
ECP Closed
9:15-10:15am Grandparenting Class
6:00-7:00pm Green Team Meeting
6:00-7:00pm 12-Step Recovery Program
7:30-9:00pm The Sephardic Experience

Tuesday, April 3rd
ECP Closed
5:45pm AA in the Chapel
7:30-9:00pm Informational Meeting for 2019 Congregational Trip to India in the Gallery

Wednesday, April 4th
ECP Closed
Religious School Closed
9:00-10:30am KA Reads Book Club
12:00-2:00pm Lunch and Learn in NYC with Rabbi Tom Weiner
7:30pm Israel in the News

Thursday, April 5th
ECP Closed
9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditation in the Chapel
11:00am-12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages
12:00-1:00pm Parenting Teens Workshop
5:45pm AA in the Chapel
7:30pm Al-Anon in the Chapel

Friday, April 6th
Offices and ECP Closed
10-11:00am Passover/Yizkor Service in the Chapel
5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods
6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Main Sanctuary

Saturday, April 7th
Lift Your Shabbat Services in the Chapel
9:00am Coffee and Community
9:30am Torah Study
11:00am Shabbat Services

Sunday, April 8th
Religious School Closed

Monday, April 9th
11:00am-12:00pm Current Events
12:30pm Mussar Class
6:00pm 12-Step Recovery Program in the Chapel
7:30-9:00pm The Sephardic Experience

Tuesday, April 10th
11:30am-1:00pm Women in Transition
12:00-2:00pm Cooking for the Homeless
5:45pm AA in the Chapel
6:30-8:30pm 8th Grade Yom HaShoah Rehearsal
7:30-9:30pm Women's Oasis at Home

Wednesday, April 11th
7:45-8:45am Women's Roundtable Breakfast
10:30am-2:00pm Mah Jongg
4:00-6:00pm Religious School (4th-6th Grades)
6:00-6:30pm Wednesday Youth Dinner
6:30-8:30pm Religious School (7th-12th Grades)
7:30-8:30pm Congregational Yom HaShoah Service

Thursday, April 12th
9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditation in the Chapel
11:00am-2:00pm Annual Westchester County Yom HaShoah Holocaust Commemoration
11:00am-12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages
5:45pm AA in the Chapel
7:30pm Al-Anon in the Chapel
7:30-9:00pm Adult Choir

Friday, April 13th
5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods and Book Share
5:30pm Shabbat Sheli
6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Main Sanctuary
4th Grade Family Shabbat & Hassidic Wedding
6:15-7:15pm Crafts and Light Supper Available for Children during Shabbat Services

Saturday, April 14th
Lift Your Shabbat Services in the Chapel
9:00am Coffee and Community
9:30am Torah Study
10:30am Bat Mitzvah Service in the Main Sanctuary for Audrey Schonfeld
11:00am Shabbat Services in the Chapel
5:30pm Bar Mitzvah Servcie for Benjamin Kirsch in the Main Sanctuary

Sunday, April 15th
9:00-11:00am Religious School
9:00-11:00am Community Yom Ha'Atzmaut
10:00-11:00am B'Nai Mitzvah Intro Meeting for 2021 B'nai Mitzvah Families
11:00am Or Chadash Choir
11:30-1:00pm Kol Ami Orchestra Rehearsal
11:30-1:00pm Rosh Chodesh in the Chapel

Monday, April 16th
6:00pm 12-Step Recovery Program
7:30-9:00pm The Sephardic Experience

Tuesday, April 17th
5:45pm AA in Room 7 in the Main Building

Wednesday, April 18th
10:30am-2:00pm Mah Jongg
4:00-6:00pm Religious School (4th-6th Grades)
6:00-6:30pm Wednesday Youth Dinner
6:30-8:30pm Religious School (7th-12th Grades)
6:30-8:30pm Confirmation Rehearsal
7:30pm Israel in the News

Thursday, April 19th
Yom Ha'Atzmaut
9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditation in the Chapel
11:00am-12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages
5:45pm AA in the Chapel
7:30pm Al-Anon in the Chapel
7:30-9:00pm Adult Choir

April Calendar

Friday, April 20th
Synaplex Shabbat!
5:00pm Explorations in Jewish Music
5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods
6:00pm Hors d'Oeuvres
6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Main Sanctuary
6:15-7:15pm Crafts and Light Supper Available for Children during Shabbat Services
7:15pm Shabbat Dinner: Catered by Diane Forley (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)
7:30-9:30pm Gym Activities for Children and Teens
8:15pm Keynote Speaker: Alexandra Zapruder
9:15pm Dessert Oneg

Saturday, April 21st
Lift Your Shabbat Services in the Chapel
9:00am Coffee and Community
9:30am Torah Study
10:30am Bat Mitzvah Service in the Main Sanctuary for Logan Gordon
11:00am Shabbat Services in the Chapel

Sunday, April 22nd
Earth Day
9:00-11:00am Religious School
1st Grade Synagogue Tour
2nd Grade Torah Project
11:00am Or Chadash Choir
11:30-1:00pm Kol Ami Orchestra Rehearsal

Monday, April 23rd
11:00am-12:00pm Current Events
6:00pm 12 Step Recovery Group
7:30-9:00pm The Sephardic Experience
7:30-9:00pm MeToo Support Group in the Chapel

Tuesday, April 24th
5:45pm AA in the Chapel

Wednesday, April 25th
10:30am-2:00pm Mah Jongg
4:00-6:00pm Religious School (4th-6th Grades)
6:00-6:30pm Wednesday Youth Dinner
6:30-8:30pm Religious School (7th-12th Grades)
6:30-8:30pm Confirmation Rehearsal
7:30pm Israel in the News

Thursday, April 26th
9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditation in the Chapel
11:00-12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages
11:00am-2:00pm Wise Aging
5:45pm AA in the Chapel
7:30pm Al-Anon in the Chapel
7:30-9:00pm Adult Choir

Friday, April 27th
5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods
6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Main Sanctuary
6:15pm ECP Family Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, April 28th
Lift Your Shabbat Services in the Chapel
9:00am Coffee and Community
9:30am Torah Study
11:00am Shabbat Services
10:00am-1:00pm 3rd Grade Family Shabbat
12:30-2:00pm Adult Ed Luncheon

Sunday, April 29th
9:00-11:00am Religious School
8:30am-1:30pm 6th Grade Lower East Side Trip
9:30-11:00am 1st Grade Synagogue Tour
11:00am Kol Ami Visits Broadway: The Band's Visit and The Actor's Temple
11:00am-1:00pm Cooking for the Homeless
11:00-11:30am Or Chadash Choir
11:30am-1:00pm Kol Ami Orchestra Rehearsal

Monday, April 30th
6:00pm 12 Step Recovery Group in the Chapel
7:30-9:00pm The Sephardic Experience

SAVE THE DATE FOR MAY

Thursday, May 3rd
Kol Ami and Me Spring Benefit
Honoring Madiha Tubman's 25 Years of Service and Dedication to Kol Ami

Friday, May 4th
Synaplex Shabbat Trial
The People vs. Joseph for Manipulation of the Market and Crimes Against Humanity

Tuesday, May 8th
Family Math Night

Tuesday, May 15h
8pm Annual Meeting

Friday, May 18th
Confirmation Shabbat Dinner & Blessing

Sunday, May 20th
Confirmation, Shavuot, Yizkor Services and Brunch Reception

Sunday, May 20th
Coachman BBQ

Monday, May 28th
Schools and Offices Closed for Memorial Day

March B'nai Mitzvah

Benjamin Eli Kirsch, son of Suzanne and Matthew Kirsch, and brother to Alex Kirsch, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on April 14, 2018. Ben, a seventh grader at Edgemont Junior-Senior High School, is a soccer fanatic, and he plays for the Kol Ami hoops team. He also plays both guitar and drums, and he writes for the school magazine. Ben enjoys spending his summers at Camp Starlight. For his Mitzvah project, he organized a collection event for Kick For Nick, a foundation that collects soccer equipment and sends it to U.S troops around the globe to distribute to local children in an effort to promote peace; he collected over 460 items. Ben is looking forward to celebrating his special day with his family and friends.

Audrey Schonfeld, daughter of Mark and Julia Schonfeld and sister to Natalie, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on April 14, 2018. Audrey is in 7th grade at Scarsdale Middle School. Her interests include tennis, skiing and piano, and she loves being at the beach and playing with her dog, Buddy. After noticing how much garbage washes up on the beach while on vacation last summer, Audrey was inspired to base her Mitzvah project on cleaning up trash along waterways to help keep our oceans clean. She has done this locally along the Bronx River as well as along the Long Island Sound, and plans to continue these efforts long after her Bat Mitzvah day. Audrey is excited to share this milestone with family and friends.

Logan Gordon, son of Nancy and Darren and brother to Justin and Ryan, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on April 21, 2018. Logan is a 7th grader at Edgemont Jr/Sr High School and attends Camp Lenox. In addition to being kind, funny and outgoing, Logan is a solid student and all-around athlete. For his mitzvah project, Logan demonstrated social responsibility in a variety of ways. His volunteer activities included: monthly cooking of meals for the Open Arms men's shelter in White Plains, kitchen prep at God's Love We Deliver in New York City for those too sick to shop or cook, regular delivery of food from Kol Ami's Pantry to those in the community and participating in the JCCA Cottage School Holiday Gift Drive for mentally disabled and emotionally troubled kids. Logan looks forward to sharing this special day with his friends and family.

A Message from our Rabbi

THE RAIN – AND THE RAINBOW – IN SPAIN

I have had the privilege of traveling with Kol Ami for decades. We have traveled to Israel, to Morocco, to Poland and to Germany. And now to Spain. Each time, a big placard goes in the front of our bus, saying "Congregation Kol Ami." But this is the first time that I was asked that we not identify the bus with something so clearly Jewish. This is the first time we were identified as just "White Plains."

This entire year of Adult Learning has been focused on the Jews of Spain. Why? Because it was an amazing culture. For hundreds of years, the Spanish Jewish community generated scholars and mathematicians, scientists and diplomats, physicians and poets. The music and poetry of Sepharad continue to be part of our liturgical traditions, and the scholarship of its commentators and philosophers continues to be a central part of any serious Jewish learning. Maimonides and Nachmanides wrote their commentaries on the Torah; Moses de Leon authored the Zohar, the central text of the Kabbalah; Judah Halevi and Solomon Ibn Gabirol wrote poetry that still forms the core of any anthology of Hebrew poetry. Sephardic Jewish astronomers and scientists created the astronomical instruments that Vasco De Gama and Christopher Columbus used to navigate the seas. Jews authored works in philosophy and medicine, written in Arabic, Spanish, Latin and Hebrew. It was an amazing culture!!

It was one of the few times in the past two thousands years that Jews, Muslims and Christians shared a cultural and intellectual world. This was largely possible because of Muslim sovereignty in the Iberian peninsula – and it came to a brutal and crashing end with the Reconquista – the Christian reconquest of Spain.

But we were there to see the beauty – and to remember the glory. And these medieval cities are stunning. Barcelona, Seville, Cordoba, Toledo. Perhaps a few of these pictures can capture hints of the mesmerizing beauty of these places, as seen on page 22.

The Spain of today not only celebrates its extraordinary medieval heritage. The great Spanish masters of the past few centuries fill Spain with beauty and innovation. Stepping onto the rooftop of the mansion Gaudi built for his patron, Guell, our imaginations were blown away by the world of fantasy set against the blue sky. We had only been in Spain a few hours, and already our ideas of what art or architecture could be were blown wide open. Only to continue with El Greco, Goya, Velazquez, Picasso, and Miro.

Taste and fragrance, too. Orange trees just beginning to bud (though spring is delayed in Spain, as it seems to be here!). Tapas tours, wine pouring at long lunches – a celebration of senses. Just as the Spanish Hebrew poets of a thousand years ago described their Spain.

But we also experienced the shadow. We met with members of the Jewish community, who said it was fine to be Jewish in Spain, as long as no one knew you were Jewish. Buildings that were once headquarters for the Inquisition (now museums, or municipal buildings), with nary a sign or a plaque. Walls that were constructed in the 1400 and 1500's – and among the building stones were stones with Hebrew inscriptions, taken from Jewish cemeteries that were demolished. And ask anyone of the travelers about Parking Spot #9.

But here we were, 500 years after Ferdinand and Isabella, the Catholic Monarchs, expelled all Jews from Spain. We were witness to the attempts of Spanish citizens to recover some of their own Jewish and Converso stories. And we filled a small Cordoba Jewish museum with our voices in harmony, we sang Havdalah in our hotel lobby in Toledo. And when a day of rain ended in a rainbow over the medieval city of Toledo, we cried out in blessing – Baruch ata adonai zocher ha-brit. Blessed are You, who remembers the covenant.

We are part of a faithful covenant. We are witnesses that the brutal attempt to extinguish all memory of Jewish life failed. We are witnesses to God's faithful covenant. We remain true to our own promise to be partners with God in repairing this world – in nurturing love, and speaking up for justice.

-Rabbi Shira Milgrom

A Message from our Rabbi

"Rabbi, That Sermon was Too Political!"

To be a rabbi is to hear one of the following reactions to a sermon, especially on the holidays:

Either: "Rabbi, that was too political. That's not what religion is for. I don't come to synagogue to hear about current events, or hunger or war. I want to be comforted. I want to hear something that is spiritual or emotional. I want something that helps me forget about the outside world and look inside of myself."

Or: "Rabbi, that was too spiritual. I don't come to synagogue to hear touchy-feely sermons about emotions and relationships. I don't want to meditate or contemplate my inner self. I wish you would talk more about immigration, or gun laws, safe borders, or economic justice, or politics or issues of social justice. I want my rabbi to help me understand the Jewish point of view on the problems of our world."

You know what? I sincerely welcome and enjoy both types of comment. Firstly, it means the person was listening. Secondly, because BOTH are part of what we are expected to contemplate as Jews. It ain't easy being Jewish. We are commanded to contemplate our place in this world; we are expected to engage ourselves in the plight of suffering human beings near and far; and also to participate in the political processes that can help to alleviate that suffering. At the very same time the Jew is required to take that inner journey, to contemplate one's relationship with the Divine, to confront our inner selves in a process that can elevate our souls and help us to grow.

So lest you be surprised, let me tell you right here that during these months to come, our sermons will deal with the rough and tumble of the outside world, as well as the gentle prodding of our inner souls and spiritual growth.

Pesach: The underlying message of Passover is to understand and empathize with our ancient slavery, not simply to look back with gratitude, but mostly to use that empathy to be vigilant watchdogs and advocates for any people who are today enslaved.

Rosh Hashannah: On this holiday that celebrates the creation of the world, we may well hear sermons that attempt to guide our actions as caretakers of the planet.

Yom Kippur: On this 'Sabbath of Sabbaths' we will delve inside of ourselves and imagine ways in which we can individually move forward on our individual spiritual paths.

Sukkot: A season of joy. Our teaching on that holiday will explore and celebrate the importance of joy in our lives as well as the fragility of the Sukkah and the lessons of just how tenuous life can be.

So many possibilities for each and every Shabbat.

Shira, David and I look forward to sharing this journey with you; from the issues of our world, to the inner self, and from joy to precariousness of this gift of life.

Honored to be taking this journey with you,

Rabbi Tom Weiner

A Message from our Cantor

Vegetarian "French Onion Soup"– Comfort Food Plus

As some of you know, I am a foodie. I love to eat, and I also love to cook... Many of you have been asking me on Social Media to share some of my recipes. In thinking about what I could share with all of you this month, I decided to write up one of Ilyse and Joel's favorite recipes. French onion. French onion soup is a real comfort food and has a way of warming you up on a cold night.

As you probably know, traditional French Onion Soup is made with Beef broth. This instantly makes it impossible for Vegetarians and those who observe kashrut to enjoy. I adapted this recipe from a Bonnie Stern cookbook. The key is the homemade veggie broth. You can use the stuff from the store, but it is not the Same!! I recommend also making the homemade croutons. You can use just bread, but again the croutons just add much more flavor. For those of you that are "carb friendly" or have gluten issues or it happens to be Pesach, just skip the bread altogether. Enjoy!!

Vegetarian French Onion Soup:
Yields 6 portions

Home made Veggie Broth:
1 leek cut in half
5 carrots cut into 8 pieces
4 celery stalks
2-3 peppers roughly sliced
3-4 some garlic cloves,
2 bay leaves
3 sprigs of thyme
8 peppercorns
2 onions quartered
9 cups of water

French Onion Soup:
6-8 vidalia onions sliced thinly on the horizontal
1 cup dry white wine
1 tbsp. red wine or sherry vinegar
1.5-2 cups shredded gruyere or Swiss Cheese
Salt and pepper to taste

Parmesan croutons:
3-4 slices of bread (sourdough or similar)
1/2 cup shredded Parmesan Reggiano
(don't use the fake stuff!)
1 tbsp chopped thyme
2 cloves minced garlic

Method:

Step 1- Making the Veggie Broth
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Sprinkle some olive oil and S&P on your favorite veggies. You can rough cut them. Spread evenly on roasting pan and bake for 45mins. Take veggies and put in stock pot. Add water, 2 bay leaves, 3 sprigs of thyme, boil and simmer for at least an hour. Skim as necessary. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Discard veggies and strain broth. Put aside.

Step 2- Preparing the French Onion soup
Slice onions thinly on the horizontal. In a Dutch oven or large deep pan put in onions and coat with extra virgin olive oil. Sauté on low heat to caramelize for approx. 40min. Don't touch onions until they begin to brown....then mix and brown evenly.

Step 3
Add wine, bring to boil and simmer until wine is cooked out (about 15 min). Then add 1 tbsp of red wine or sherry vinegar, cook a few minutes. Add 8 cups of the veggie broth, bring to boil and simmer for 20 min. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Step 4 –Make the croutons (this can be done ahead of time) Cut bread into chunks. Toss with olive oil minced garlic, thyme and Parmesan and roast in oven for 10 min on 400.

Final step
Ladle soup into French onion soup bowls. Layer in some breadcrumbs and load up some shredded gruyere or Swiss. Bake for 10-12 minutes on 400 degree and serve immediately!!

Cantor David Rosen

A Message from our Co-President

The March, Madiha, and Passover

I was struggling this month on whether to focus on Kol Ami's continued *Be The Light* social justice initiatives, honoring Madiha Tubman at our May 3 Spring fundraiser... or Passover, the greatest story of liberation ever told. As I'm finalizing this Connection piece on the bus ride back from the March 24th "March for our Lives" rally in Washington DC, I realized I can do all three.

About 17 hours ago, my family and I met our fellow congregants at 4:45am in the Kol Ami parking lot to fill a bus to DC to lend our voices and feet to a student-led movement seeking real change when it comes to gun control and preventing so many unnecessary gun deaths. As we boarded the bus, despite the early hour, there was a palpable feeling that we were doing something important, something necessary, to join the hundreds of thousands of others from around the country to descend upon DC to declare that enough is enough. The Kol Ami contingent included congregants of all ages — new friends and old. And when we got to DC we joined people of all religions, races and ages to join in solidarity in supporting this student-led movement and to listen to the amazing Parkland survivors tell their personal stories and plead for the need for change. I was especially proud of the large number of young adults from Kol Ami who joined us. One thing this march made clear was that it is these young people that will make a difference. And while we were in DC, many other congregants marched in NYC or in White Plains alongside Rabbis Shira and Tom. This is Kol Ami — where we are committed to social justice, community and each other. We just don't preach it, we act upon it.

It is also of note that Madiha Tubman joined us on this special experience. For those that may not know Madiha, she is Kol Ami's controller — but in reality she is so much more than that, she's part of our Kol Ami family. Madiha, a Muslim, after escaping Liberia with her young son and nothing but the clothes on their back, found her way to Kol Ami where she is now celebrating her 25th anniversary. Madiha is an amazing person to spend time with and the march in DC was no exception. I urge all of you who haven't spent time with Madiha to please stop by the office to do so. I will never forget my wife Cindy telling me what it was like to attend Madiha's swearing-in ceremony in becoming a United States citizen a few years ago. Words like inspirational, patriotic and dedication to making this country and this world a better place each and every day came to mind. As Madiha has often said, "there is no me without Kol Ami"; and I can say, there is no Kol Ami without Madiha. Together we enrich each other's existence. I look forward to seeing you all on May 3 as we celebrate Madiha's 25th anniversary at Kol Ami and support this wonderful place.

Chag sameach. And by the time you are reading this we will have celebrated Passover. Passover is one of my favorite holidays because we celebrate our people's liberation from bondage not just by being grateful but by taking on the responsibility to bring this celebration into our homes and telling this story to our children and grandchildren. We sit around the Seder table and we tell our story ensuring that it gets passed on from generation to generation. And we must not forget that the story of liberation is far broader than just the freeing of the Jewish slaves from Egypt, but is a reminder that as Jews we must fight for liberation and justice everywhere and of every kind.

At Passover we sing Dayanu — enough. In that context, we are thanking God by saying it would have been enough even if not all of the good things happened in delivering us to the land of Israel. In our march on Washington DC, we used "enough" in a different context, to say "enough is enough" and demand that it is time for real change. Will the March to Save Our Lives change the world? No. But as it is says in the Mishnah: You are not obligated to complete the task of perfecting the world, but neither are you at liberty to desist from it.

L'shalom Scott Musoff

A Message from our Executive Director

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES

The words "Never Again" have special import to the Jewish community, particularly at this time of year as Yom Hashoah approaches.

On March 24th, 42 Kol Ami members boarded a bus in the pre-dawn hours and joined the March for Our Lives in Washington, DC., while other congregants marched together in White Plains and New York City.

March for Our Lives was inspired by, created by, and led by students across the country who are no longer willing to risk their lives waiting for someone else to take action to stop the epidemic of mass school shootings that has become all too familiar. Standing together with these amazing students, we took to the streets to demand that lives and safety become a priority; and that our legislators take the steps necessary to end the gun violence and mass shootings that have become all too prevalent in our schools today. In collective voice, the crowd defiantly chanted "Never Again". For the reason I mentioned above, I was not comfortable with that chant and preferred the rallying cry "Enough is Enough."

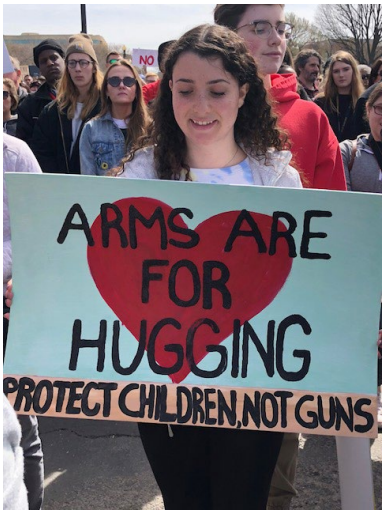
The Mission Statement of the March provides in part: "School safety is not a political issue. There cannot be two sides to doing everything in our power to ensure the lives and futures of children who are at risk of dying when they should be learning, playing, and growing. The mission of March for Our Lives is to demand that a comprehensive and effective bill be immediately brought before Congress to address these gun issues. No special interest group, no political agenda is more critical than timely passage of legislation to effectively address the gun violence issues that are rampant in our country."

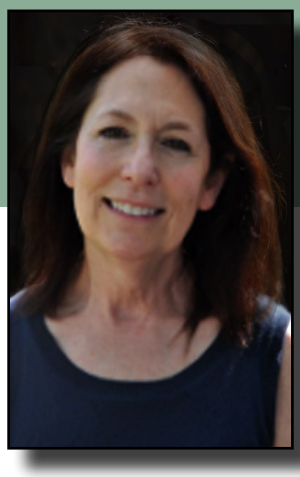
The prevention of gun violence is a galvanizing moral issue for our children. When it comes to ending gun violence, our children understand that their voice and their vote are two extremely powerful mechanisms for change. Their activism is contagious, which makes me optimistic that change is coming – a change that is inspired by and led by the kids who are our hope for the future.

It is often said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Two of my favorite photos of the rally are shown below. The first is a photo of our group in front of the U.S. Capitol and captures our community engaged in Tikkun Olam. The second photo speaks simplistically to the importance of sensible gun legislation.

Change is coming. Join us. Be a part of the change! For more information about our social justice initiatives, please call me or email Lori Abrams and Ronnie Cohn at socialjustice@nykolami.org

-Jess Lorden





A Message from our ECP Director

April ECP Dates:

4/9 School Re-Opens
4/25 4's Bring Your Favorite Guy to School Day
4/27 Shabbat Dinner for Families with Young Children **(flyer page 34)**

Spring has officially arrived at the nursery school. It's on everyone's face and in everyone's step; the children have literally blossomed over the winter months and it shows in every part of our Early Childhood Program, from their artwork, to the games they are playing, to the activities they are engaging in and in the friendships they are forming. Spring is here and the warmth and sunshine of the April sun is a welcome reminder that if spring is here summer can't be far behind!

After our spring break we'll be outside exploring and enjoying our innovative Outdoor Classroom and all of the opportunities that it has to offer. We have also started getting our garden beds ready for planting.

After our huge Passover celebration we didn't miss a step and began preparing for another wonderful tradition in the ECP, our Annual Trip to Israel on Yom Ha'atzmaut! Our staff and families alike always look forward to our Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration with great anticipation and this year will be no different. On April 19th after a "rigorous security check" and a most enjoyable "plane ride" the children will have the opportunity to put messages into the wall at the Kotel, stomp on grapes in our vineyard, make orange juice, plant trees, milk a cow, take a picture with a camel, learn how things float in the Dead Sea, fish in Eilat, participate on an Archaeological dig, make a stained glass window, relax at our very own Dead Sea spa complete with mud baths, taste the delicious foods of Israel, learn about the animals who live in the desert, and make their own pita! Of course the morning will not be possible without the able hands of our ECP Staff, Rabbi's Shira, Tom, Cantor David, Jess, Emily, Cindy Musoff our ECP Chair and Felice and Pam, our Religious School Director and Assistant Director, and our many parent volunteers. So, a special thank you to all who will make this morning so special for our 3's, 4's and Pre-k's.

This year we will again be hosting our ever popular Bring your Favorite Guy (dad or grandpa, your uncle, your older brother or adult male family friend) to school days for our 3's and 4's. The 4's will be hosting their special visitor on Wednesday, April 25th with a classroom craft, special treat, and games with Coach Steve. The 3's will have their chance on Wednesday, May 2nd hosting their special visitors with a classroom craft, special treat, and games with Coach Steve.

On Aril 26th our 4's will again participate in our annual Israeli Dance Festival. This year we will be hosting the Festival at Kol Ami. This wonderful annual event involves 5 other Jewish Early Childhood Programs from the Westchester and New York City area. It's a wonderfully rich morning of dance and celebration led by our wonderful teacher Shmulik Gov-Ari.

Looking forward with great anticipation to all of our exciting programming ahead.

-Nan Blank

Building a Community of Friends, One Family at a Time

A Message from our Religious School Director

With Spring comes planning, cleaning and the feeling of newness. Except for the snow storm on the second day of spring, I love the springtime! As we all begin to look out for those first hints of green, the extra daylight gives everyone the expansive sense of time. In the Religious School this time of year also begins the feeling of racing toward the finish line. In only a couple of months, the school year will be over… and there's still so much we want to do! I hope that as all the distractions of springtime begin to pull you and your children away, you remember all of the important things we have going on here at Kol Ami.

After the April break, after months of learning and preparation, our 8th grade students will lead our community in remembering the Holocaust at our Yom HaShoah service on Wednesday evening, April 11th at 7:30pm. Everyone is invited to join us for what will be a moving and meaningful service.

I'll keep everyone posted on all our ongoing programs and activities. Our weekly newsletter, The Gold Standard, is emailed to our school community each week. As we continue to do the work of building a joyous community of learning for our children, your ongoing input, inspiration and support are what make it real. Religious School registration for next year will begin soon. Please look for registration info in May. Let your friends know! If you know of someone in our community who may be interested in learning more about our school, please let me know. I'm happy to reach out!

Also, Our annual Kol Ami Retreat will take place on a NEW DATE. Join us the weekend of June 8-10th as we celebrate this amazing weekend and our 25th year. Don't miss this amazing weekend of connection and community!

Felice Miller-Baritz

Nominations for 2018-2019
Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 15th

Officers to be Elected
(For a one-year term expiring in 2019)
Co-Presidents: Susan Kohn Arovas and Scott Musoff
Secretary: Rachel Eckhaus **Treasurer:** Jonathan Litt

Vice President
(To complete the three-year term expiring in 2019)
Judi Brown

Vice President
(For a three-year term expiring in 2021)
David Okun

Continuing Officers
(Term expiring in 2020)
Lisa Hochman

New Trustees to be Elected
(For a three-year term expiring in 2021)
Melanie Gluck David Seif Gerri Sommers

Trustees to be Elected for an additional Term
(For a three-year term expiring in 2021)
Jonathan Litt David Okun Scott Musoff

Continuing Trustees
(Term expiring in 2019)

Susan Kohn Arovas	Judi Brown
David Cole	Danielle Gecht
Bonnie Hagen	Liz Mayeri
Betsy McCormack	Pam Millian
Jeff Rothschild	Steve Salzinger

(Term expiring in 2020)

Jack Berger	Kevin Cohen
Rachel Eckhaus	Michael Elkin
Linda Forman	Lisa Hochman
Liz Ilberg	Jennifer Lemberg
Andrew Levenson	Michael Zweig

Retiring from the Board

Howard Geller	Evelyne Klein
Howard Klein	Jennifer Labovitz

Nominating Committee
Hank Rouda, Chair
David Cole, Genna Farley, Erik Klein, Jodi Klein,
Andrew Levenson, Margie Lewis, Liz Mayeri, Cami Sherwood

Congregation Kol Ami
Article VII
Nominations

Section 1. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed each year by the President with the consent of the Board of Trustees at its November meeting. The Committee shall consist of nine members: at least five members shall not be present Trustees.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of prospective
Trustees and Officers to be voted on by the Congregation at its next annual meeting. The slate shall be presented to the Secretary for the publication in the April issue of the Connection. No member of the Nominating Com-mittee or any member of his or her family unit may be nominated to be a Trustee or Officer.

Section 3. At least 75 days prior to the annual meeting, the Nomi-nating
Committee shall hold at least one
meeting open to the Congregation.
Notice of the time and place of the
open meeting will be published in The
Connection or will be mailed to each
Member by first class mail not less than 10 days before the open meeting date.

Section 4. Additional nominations may be made in writing, signed by at least 25 Members, and delivered to the chair of the Nominating Com-mittee or any officer of the Congregation at least 20 days before the annual meeting of the Congregation. In the event of additional nom-inations, a list of all nominees will be sent by first class mail to each Member at least 10 days before the annual meeting.

...continued from the March 2018 Connection Magazine

When Madiha arrived in NY, she had $200 in her pocket, and a small suitcase with a few items of clothing for both her and her son. One day Madiha took her son to a park and ran into an old friend who knew someone who was on the board of a local nursery school. She had called a few schools before this, and explained her situation, hoping to find a preschool for her son in NY that she could afford. But all Madiha got were rejections. Needless to say…. "Life does work in mysterious ways if you align yourself to believe it. Instead of asking how to go about doing it, I asked WHY I couldn't just do it…. I will find a way forward", says Madiha remembering this time in her life's journey, "There is always a way".

And while working, going to school, and living every day in this country, Madiha and her son Abdul, were still fighinting to stay. "10 years of fighting would not have been possible if I did not have the support of my Jewish colleagues and friends. They stood with me and by me, through thick and through thin, and in February 2013 my son and I were sworn in as Citizens of this great Nation." say Madiha.

It would bring Madiha, and Kol Ami, much joy and pleasure if you could make time to join us on May 3, 2018 to celebrate with family, staff, and members of the congregation as we commemorate Madiha's tenure with this beautiful space, and the journey that brought a Kenyan immigrant into a Jewish family and 25 amazing years. Enjoy cocktails, food, a presentation by White Plains Mayor Tom Roach, and entertainment by two well known comedians from CBS, Jon Fitch & Andy Pitz. Together let's share all our stories of "Kol Ami and Me".

Kol Ami and Me
Kol Ami 2018 Spring Benefit

Honoring Madiha Tubman's 25 Years

If you would like to participate online with a credit card go to: http://www.nykolami.org/benefit2018

Sponsorship Options

☐ **Community Builder**
-$5,000
-6 tickets
-Premium seating
-1 premium page in E-tribute

☐ **Champion**
-$3,600
-4 tickets
-Priority seating
-1 full page in E-tribute

☐ **Supporter**
-$1,000
-2 tickets
-Priority seating
-½ page in E-tribute

☐ **Individual Ticket**
-$125 per person
To attend the 2018 Spring Benefit

☐ **Sponsor A Friend**
-$125 per person
To sponsor another congregant to attend

☐ **Regretfully Can't Attend**
-I am unable to attend, but would like to make a contribution

Please turn over for additional information and return with the enclosed envelope no later than April 18th

E-Tribute Pricing (Ads due by April 6th)

(to be shown on screens throughout the event)

☐ Full page - $720
☐ ½ page - $360
☐ ¼ page - $180
☐ Business card - $72
☐ Friend – name only - $54

Madiha is loved by many children in our congregation and we wanted to give them an opportunity to congratulate her in the E-Tribute.

☐ 1 sentence greeting - $36
☐ Name - $18 (per name)

Please list your name and/or organization as you would like it to appear for event recognition:

Name _____
Company _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Please indicate the amount due for the following:

☐ Sponsorship $_____ ☐ Tickets to Event $_____
☐ Sponsor a Friend $_____ ☐ Donation $_____
☐ E-Tribute $_____

(Indicate content below for "Friend: Name Only", or "Child's 1-Sentence Greeting", or "Child's Name". For Full, 1/2, 1/4, or Business Card ads please send a 300dpi jpg file to: KolAmiBenefit2018@nykolami.org)

Around Kol Ami....
#nykolami

Everyone was in the spirit
of Purim at our
2018 Carnival and Purim Spiel!

Around Kol Ami....
#nykolami

The Sisterhood enjoys
Ladies Night Out
at Sam's of Gedney Way

Guys Night Out
enjoyed dinner,
drinks, and an
Islanders Game
with Cantor
David Rosen

6th Grade
B'Nai Mitzvah Workshop
participants helped sort
medical supplies for AFYA

Families spent an afternoon
in NYC seeing the show
Once on This Island

Around Kol Ami....
#nykolami

Kol Ami congregants and friends went to *March for Our Lives* marches in D.C., NYC, and White Plains in huge numbers! #bethelight

Our congregational trip to Spain with Rabbi Shira Milgrom was breathtaking and memorable

Ritual Riches

TWENTIETH CENTURY ADDITIONS TO THE JEWISH CALENDAR

For 2,000 years the Jewish calendar was virtually unchanged. The apocalyptic events of the mid-twentieth century caused three special days, Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom Hazikaron (Israel Memorial Day) and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day), to be added to the Jewish calendar.

Yom Hashoah - The full name of the day commemorating the victims of the Holocaust is "Yom Hashoah Ve-Hagevurah"– literally the "Day of (Remembrance of) the Holocaust and the Heroism." It is marked on the 27th of Nisan — a week after the seventh day of Passover, and a week before Yom Hazikaron. The date, selected by the Knesset in 1951, has become a day commemorated by Jewish communities and individuals worldwide.

In the early 1950s, education about the Holocaust emphasized the suffering inflicted on millions of European Jews by the Nazis. The Israeli educational curriculum shifted the emphasis to documenting how Jews resisted their Nazi tormentors through "passive resistance"–retaining their human dignity in the most unbearable conditions–and by "active resistance" fighting the Nazis in the ghettos and joining with underground partisans who battled the Third Reich.

Since the early 1960s, the sound of a siren on Yom Hashoah stops traffic and pedestrians throughout Israel for two minutes of silent devotion. The siren blows at sundown and again at 11 a.m. All radio and television programs during this day are connected to the Jewish destiny in World War II, including personal interviews with survivors. There is no public entertainment on Yom Hashoah, as theaters, cinemas, pubs, and other public venues are closed throughout Israel.

Jews in North America observe Yom Hashoah within the synagogue as well as in the broader Jewish community. Commemorations range from synagogue services to communal vigils and educational programs. Many Yom Hashoah programs feature a talk by a Holocaust survivor, recitation of appropriate songs and readings, or viewing of a Holocaust-themed film. Some communities emphasize the depth of loss that Jews experienced in the Holocaust by reading the names of Holocaust victims — dramatizing the unfathomable notion of six million deaths.

Yom Hazikaron - The fourth of Iyar, the day preceding Israel's Independence Day, was declared by the Knesset to be a Memorial Day for those who lost their lives in the struggle that led to the establishment of the State of Israel and for all military personnel who were killed while in active duty in Israel's armed forces. Joining these two days together conveys a simple message: Israelis owe their independence and the very existence of the Jewish state to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for it. In 2018, Yom Hazikaron begins at sundown on April 17.

Yom Hazikaron is different in its character and mood from the American Memorial Day. For 24 hours (from sunset to sunset) all places of public entertainment are closed. The most noticeable feature of the day is the sound of a siren that is heard throughout the country twice, during which the entire nation observes a two-minutes "standstill" of all traffic and daily activities. The first siren marks the beginning of Memorial Day at 8 p.m., and the second is at 11 a.m., before the public recitation of prayers in the military cemeteries. All radio and television stations broadcast programs portraying the lives and heroic deeds of fallen soldiers.

Yom Ha'atzmaut is celebrated on the fifth of Iyar, which is the Hebrew date of the formal establishment of the State of Israel, when members of the "provisional government" read and signed a Declaration of Independence in Tel Aviv. The original date corresponded to May 14, 1948. In 2018, it begins at sundown on April 18.

The official "switch" from Yom Hazikaron to Yom Ha'atzmaut occurs a few minutes after sundown, with a ceremony on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem in which the flag is raised from half staff (due to Memorial Day) to the top of the pole. The President of Israel delivers a speech of congratulations, and soldiers representing the Army, Navy, and Air Force parade with their flags. This parade is followed by a torch lighting ceremony, which marks the country's achievements in all spheres of life.

Other than the official ceremonies, Israelis celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut in a variety of ways. In the cities, nighttime festivities take place on the main streets. Crowds gather to watch free public shows. Many spend the night dancing and singing. During the daytime many Israeli families go out on hikes and picnics. Yom Ha'atzmaut concludes with the ceremony of granting the "Israel Prize," recognizing individual Israelis for their unique contribution to the country's culture, science, arts, and the humanities.

For American Jews, celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut has been a way to express solidarity with the state of Israel and to strengthen their alliance with it. In many communities, it is one of few occasions in which Jewish organizations and synagogues of different denominations cooperate in forming a common celebration.

This article was written by David Gravitz.

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

Kol Ami Sisterhood
Women of Reform Judaism

Send our 2018 Confirmands a Greeting!

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, May 20th, 2018
On that day, our 10th Grade Religious School Students will participate in the Shavuot Confirmation Service, dedicating themselves anew to the values of our faith. We rejoice with them and their famlies on this special occasion.

Sending a personal, simple greeting is a tradition for this milestone, delivering good wishes of the sender and providing the warmth of being remembered to the recipient.

Each Confirmand will receive a booklet of greetings which will make for a wonderful keepsake. The link below contains the names of each Confirmand and the option to create a personal greeting or choose from several pre-made greetings if you prefer.

The deadline for sending these greetings is Friday, May 4th.
We hope you will participate in this meaningful project.
Please visit:

https://congregationkolami.formstack.com/forms/confirmation2018

Feel free to share this link with friends and families of Confirmands outside of Kol Ami too!

2018 Confirmands

Alex Arovas	Jenna Ginsburg	Jack McEvoy
Melanie Barest	Charles Gluck	Levie Sohl
Caitlin Barotz	Brett Goldstein	Oren Tirschwell
Lauren Clarke	Sam Hutter	Cate Ward
Melissa Cohen	Michael Mayeri	Gillian Zitrin

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Our Offerings of Well-Being

As I start to write this article, the parasha we have just read is Vayikra. In this first section of Leviticus, we find instructions for different kinds of sacrifices. One type of rite described is the voluntary sacrifice of well-being, Zevach Sh'lamim (Leviticus 3:1-17). This sacrifice is distinguished by the festive meal eaten by the donor and the guests, subsequent to the offering made on the altar and the priests being provided with their share.

Soon thereafter, the Kol Ami Sisterhood held its annual Passover tasting and recipe exchange. The sense of well-being among the twenty plus Kol Ami women was palpable as we all enjoyed the offerings of delicious Passover foods contributed by all who were there. Each of us looks forward to contributing new foods at our own seder tables as we recreate our favorites from the shared recipes. Socializing and lots of eating as well as sharing upcoming plans for Passover were the agenda for the evening.

And not long before that, more feelings of well-being were shared at our March Ladies Night Out held at Sam's of Gedney Way in White Plains. Approximately 40 sisters joined together to schmooze and enjoy each other's company along with delicious food and drink.

In Sisterhood, we strive to sanctify our lives and gratitude for well-being through friendship, volunteerism, community, and yes, gathering together around food. In that spirit, we wish you all a zissen Pesach.

Co-Presidents Sheryl Brady, Rachel Eckhaus, Stacey Matusow

Social Action
Tikkun Olam

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 mitzvot.

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 or anyone you know can benefit from our assistance, please contact us immediately. Thank you so much to our wonderful volunteers.

Betsy McCormack (betsyrmc@gmail.com

Ginny Ruder (ginnyruder@gmail.com)

Social Action
Tikkun Olam

KOL AMI COOKS for THE OPEN ARMS MENS SHELTER

Want To Have Fun While Doing Good?

Tuesdays, 11:30am – 1:00pm. To sign up or ask questions, please contact either Myrna at : mbarzel@aol.com, 914-403-7434 or Leslie at : lsw20@earthlink.net, 914-686-9516

Sundays 11:00am-1:00pm
To sign on or ask questions, please contact: Nancy Marcus at larrymarcus@aol.com

Cooking will take place in the Kol Ami kitchen.

You don't need to be a chef, but along with the willingness to have a good time, you will need to bring the following: a sharp knife, a cutting board, a towel and 2 pot holders.

The Cabin Group - Alcoholics Anonymous

Weekly on Tuesday and Thursday closed meetings at 5:45 pm in the Schulman Chapel in the Woods

AL-ANON

Weekly (closed) meetings on Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Schulman Chapel in the Woods

The Kol Ami Singers

Accompanied by Paul Schwarz, we sing at local nursing homes and assisted living fcilities. Join us as we bring a little sunshine to the residents and make a difference in their lives. For information, call Murray Shapiro 914-946-7789
Wednesday, April 11th at 2:30 PM
Greenwich Woods Nursing Home
1165 King Street Greenwich, Ct.

AFYA at Kol Ami

Kol Ami's committment to AFYA began in October, 2017 when Danielle Butin, Founder of AFYA gave a talk during the High Holy Days. Since that time, many congregants have visited the AFYA warehouse in Yonkers to sort and pack medical supplies to be shipped to places in need worldwide and over 30 shipments have been flown to Puerto Rico, some of them using planes supplied by Kol Ami Members. This past month, our incoming B'nai Mitzvah families sorted and packed medical supplies. In future months we hope to involve other groups within our Temple community such as Sisterhood, & the Youth Group. On May 6th the Religious School will also be participating for their Day of Chesed. We are planning evening and weekend events for those who can not participate during the day. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

Our sessions at the warehouse are always the second Wednesday of the month from 9:30 am - 12:30pm. **If you would like to join us on Wednesday, April 11th, please contact Barbara Wexler at: wexlerartworks@optonline.net**

For more information about AFYA visit their website: afyafoundation.org

Kol Ami Food Pantry Hours

Kol Ami Food Pantry is open to serve our congregants, staff and guests of both.

The Pantry is located in the entrance of our gymnasium

and is open Tuesdays 9:30am-11:00am, and also

Thursdays 6:00pm - 7:30pm & Sundays 9:30am - 10:30am by appointment

. Gift cards, private ordering and delivery is also available. For information,

gift cards, private ordering/delivery contact Jess Lorden, 914-949-4717 ext. 101.

Social Action
Tikkun Olam

Coachman Corner

Spreading Tikkun Olam in our Community

Our February birthday party was sponsored by Lesley Friedman and Hilary Cooper and their families. As they entered the party room, the Coachman kids were welcomed with a huge birthday sign featuring the names of all the kids celebrating a birthday that month. The Coachman kids, along with their new Kol Ami friends, had a lot of fun working together to color and decorate the sign. It was prominently on display throughout the party and served as a wonderful reminder to pay extra attention to those with February birthdays. With their sign complete, the kids moved onto decorating homemade cupcakes and making Valentine's cards for friends and family. Jodi and Rachel Klein added to the sweetness further, by helping the kids make Valentine-themed Rice Krispy treats.

Our Coachman birthday celebrations continued with a March party sponsored by Jamie, Hal, Eliana and Stuart Lieber and Girl Scout Troop 1991. As they have traditionally done for the past few years, these Girl Scouts (including our very own Eliana Lieber and Sophie Mercer), hosted an extra special party. The girls selected and wrapped the gifts, made cards for the birthday children, decorated the room with festive table settings, helped serve pizza and cake to their guests and handed out goody bags to all in the end. Entertainment was provided by Audrey from Backyard Sports with the help of several kids from the Mamaroneck Lions Club.

We are in need of sponsors for our upcoming May and June birthday parties. Please contact Alison Adler (alisonadler@nykolami.org) or Lisa Hochman (lisahochman@mac.com) if you're interested in learning more.

Synaplex Shabbat!

at Kol Ami
SYNAPLEX!
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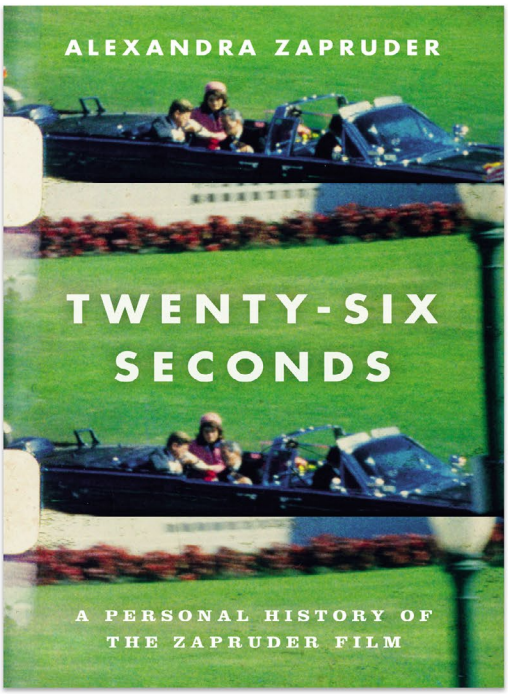
An exciting way to experience Shabbat!



For millions of us, whenever we think of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy we immediately recall the images: the open presidential car, the stricken young president and his wife (in pink, with a pink pillbox hat on her head) beside him. The film has been shown so many times, seen by so many millions of people, 486 frames of silent (but color) home-movie footage shot in bright sunshine at Dealey Plaza in Dallas on that day, by a Dallas resident..... named Abraham Zapruder.

It is surely the most famous home movie ever filmed.

Alexandra Zapruder, granddaughter of the videographer and a founder of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, has written a moving and enlightening account that is part memoir; part detailed history of the film and part overview of the film as an inspiration for countless, often bizarre conspiracy theories, as well as a particularly inventive episode of "Seinfeld." So much history, embodied in a mere 26 seconds of footage!

"We don't brag about the film. It is a gruesome, horrible record of President Kennedy's assassination, which was a tragic event for the country and the Kennedy family. It is nothing to be proud of. . . . We are tied to the film by chance and coincidence. It is an accident of fate. It happened to be taken by our grandfather and it happened to be called by our name."

If there is one predominant theme of "Twenty-Six Seconds," it is that an individual cannot easily escape "the inheritance of names, and how it shapes identity and life experiences."

FLOURISH BAKING COMPANY

Right in the heart of Scarsdale, Diane Forley bakes sweet and savory from her commercial kitchen at Flourish Baking Company. Known for her plant-based baked goods and catering.

5:00pm Explorations in Jewish Music with Cantor David and Ross Schwaber, with selections from Operas, Italian songs and musical theater.

5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods for Young Children and Families

6:00pm Unwind with Hors d'Oeuvres

6:15pm Shabbat Services

7:15pm Shabbat Dinner (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

7:30-9:30pm Activities for children and teens

8:15pm Keynote Speaker: Alexandra Zapruder

9:15pm Dessert Oneg

Clip and return this dinner reservation form NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, April 11th
Congregation Kol Ami 252 Soundview Avenue, WP, NY 10606
or go online at: www.NYKolAmi.org/Synaplex. Also register for April 20th Synaplex!

Adult Names: _____

_____

Children's Names and Ages: _____

_____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Shabbat Family Dinner

#Adults ___ x$25 =$ _____

#Children/Teens ___ x$15 =$ _____

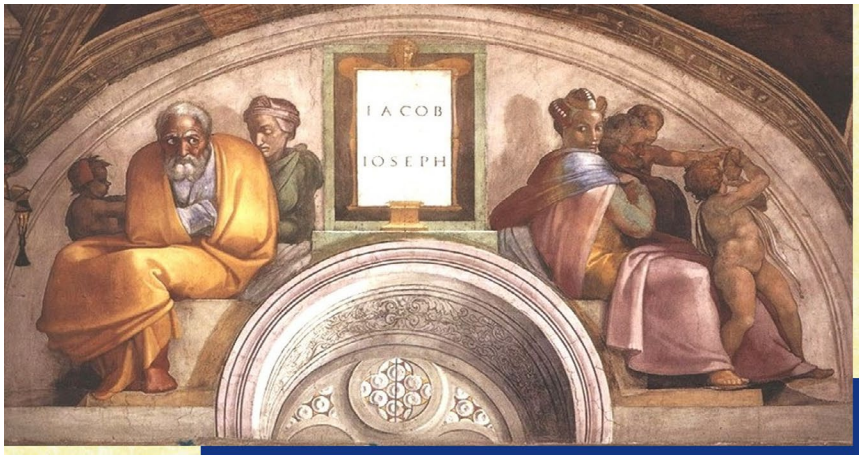
#Children 5 and Under ___ =N/C

Total Enclosed: $ _____

Please make checks out to: Congregation Kol Ami

Please add $5 additional per person after April 11th
We are sorry, but we can not accomodate walk-ins

Synaplex Shabbat!



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An exciting way to experience Shabbat!

The People v Joseph

Friday, May 4th

5:00pm Explorations in Jewish Music
with Cantor David and the Kol Ami Orchestra

5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods for
Young Children and Their Families

6:00pm Unwind with Hors d'Oeuvres

6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Main Sanctuary

7:00pm Shabbat Dinner
(RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

7:15pm CLE Lecture
(NY CLE Credit for Attorneys 2 hrs)

7:30-9:30pm Activities for children and teens

8:00pm The Trial of The People v. Joseph

9:15pm Dessert Oneg

Dinner catered by
New China of Larchmont
NEW CHINA

The Trial of Joseph "Prince of Egypt" for Market Manipulation and Crimes Against Humanity

Cantor David Rosen and Cantor Mo Glazman Singing songs from "Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at 7:45pm

Don't miss joining us for the last Synaplex Shabbat of the 2017-18 Season! And CLE Credits for Attorneys!

Attorney for the People:
Scott Musoff, Litigation Partner
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meager, & Flom

Attorney for Joseph: Michael P. Zweig,
Litigation Partner, Loeb & Loeb

Clip and return this dinner reservation form NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, April 25th
Congregation Kol Ami 252 Soundview Avenue, WP, NY 10606
or go online at: www.NYKolAmi.org/Synaplex. Also register for April 20th Synaplex!

Adult Names: _____

_____

Children's Names and Ages: _____

_____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Shabbat Family Dinner

#Adults ___ x$25 =$ _____

#Children/Teens ___ x$15 =$ _____

#Children 5 and Under ___ =N/C

Total Enclosed: $ _____

Please make checks out to: Congregation Kol Ami

☐ I will be attending the CLE Lecture
for (2) NY CLE Credits for Attorneys

Please add $5 additional per person after April 25th
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The ABCs of the Retreat

A rt with Avi/Adirondack Chairs

B oats/BBQ/Bunks/Blessings

C ampfire/Community/Counselors

D ancing/Discussion/Dining

E ducation/Entertainment

F riendships/Family/Frisbee/Fun

G ames/Guiters/Generations

H avdalah/Hiking/Happiness

I ntrospection/Ideas/Icebreakers

J udaism/Joy/Jogging

K araoke/Kids/Kol Ami

L akeside/Learning/Life

M assages/Music

N ature/Nurturing

O utdoors/Open Hearts

P ool/Prayers/Peacefulness

Q uiet/Quality Time

R elax/Reconnect/Restore

S habbat/S'mores

T orah/Tennis

U nplug/Unwind

V ino/Values

W isdom/Walking

X traordinary

Y outh/Yoga

Z ionism/Zen

Questions? Contact Genna Farley, Retreat Chair at Genna.Farley@gmail.com or call the Kol Ami office at 949-4717.

Gather and Study

Mussar Classes

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. Facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax, Spiritual Care Coordinator, WJCS. Please contact Rabbi Wax at pwax@wjcs.com or 914-761-0600 x. 149 to register.

Mondays 12:30-2:00pm, next meeting on April 9th
Fee for Kol Ami Members: $72 Fee for Non-Members $100

Women in Transition

Are you experiencing/anticipating some of life's changes. Please join us in an interactive discussion group. Topics to be discussed include but are not limited to: retirement, aging, down sizing, relationships with adult children, health/well being and other life transitions. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Sheila Sturmer at sturmersheila@gmail.com or 914-391-1227

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month 11:30am-1:00pm, next meeting on April 10th

Women's Roundtable Breakfast

Join Kol Ami's remarkable, multigenerational women for learning and friendship with Rabbi Shira Milgrom.

Next meeting on April 11th

Wisdom of the Sages

Lively discussions of the world and our lives based on some of the most provocative and fascinating texts of Jewish learning, with Rabbi Tom Weiner.

Meets on Thursdays 11:00am-12:00pm
April 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Jewish Mindful Meditation

Newcomers are always welcome! Join us in learning mindful meditation, a practice of training the mind and the heart so that we can live with greater clarity, acceptance, and connection. No meditation experience necessary. Led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW, certified meditation teacher, and the WJCS Partners-in-Caring clinician for Kol Ami.

Meets Thursdays from 9:30-10:45am
April 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW, is our Partners-in-Caring liaison from Westchester Jewish Community Services, one of the largest social services agencies in Westchester. WJCS, a non-sectarian agency, provides a wide variety of psychosocial programs and services to children, adults, families, and special populations in our Westchester community.

Programs include:

Geriatric Care: management and other senior programs
Jewish Spiritual Healing Center: services for individual and families facing serious illness
The Autism Center: residences for developmentally disabled adults
Center Lane: a center for the LGBT community.... and much, much more

As our congregation's liaison to WJCS, Ruth (an experienced clinincal social worker and psychotherapist) can assist synagogue members in assessing and meeting challenging life situations by providing counseling, accessing needed resources and making appropriate referrals. Ruth can be reached at rrosenblum@wjcs.com or at 914-761-0600 ext. 148)

Adult Education

Gather and Study

Israel in the News with David Gravitz

Each session will feature in-depth discussion of news items regarding Israel, both within Israel and regarding Israel's relations with other countries and with diaspora Jewry. History and geography will be featured where appropriate and occassionally guest speakers, both from within and outside Kol Ami, will be invited.

Meets every other Wednesday from 7:30-8:45pm,
next meeting on April 4th

Current Events with Beth & Gene Kava

Each session will provide participants an opportunity for in-depth examination of a current issue of the day. Participants will examine issues, through various perspectives, using readings, video, or a guest speaker.

Meets every other Monday from 11:00am - 12:30pm,
next meeting on April 9th

Kol Ami Book Club

Meets the first Wednesday of every month throughout the year. Come whether you've read the book or not; the discussion is always lively. For more information contact Doris Dingott 914-289-0869 or DLDingott@gmail.com

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 9:15am in Room 20
next meeting on April 4th

The Sephardic Experience

We will look at this remarkable history through the eyes of many of the people who lived it, including using the book "The Jews of Spain, a History of the Sephardic Experience" by Jane Gerber

Meets Mondays 7:30pm on
next meeting on April 2nd

Parenting Teens Workshops

Discussion of a range of parenting issues related to adolesence, including physical and emotional development, trust and control issues, and staying connected in the midst of the turmoil and separation. With Susan Davis, LCSW.

Meets the 1st Thursday of the Month at Noon,
next meeting on April 5th

Grandparenting Workshops

Exploring inter-generational experience and Jewish wisdom as we share the challenges and opportunities of grandparenting. with Susan Davis, LCSW.

Meets the 1st Monday of the Month at 9:15am,
next meeting on April 2nd

Fun and Games!

Mah Jongg

Wednesdays at 10:30am in
the Kol Ami Atrium
Please email Betsy McCormack
at Betsyrmc@gmail.com
for more information

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

Our Spring Family Dinner

On Friday Evening, April 27th

Help Us Welcome Shabbat As One Community

The Great Charlini

Shabbat in the Woods Service at 5:30pm

Family Friendly Dinner at 6:00pm

Enjoy Magic with the Great Charlini 6:30pm

Please let us know if you'll be coming

- -

Family Name ____________________Phone _________

Number of Adults____Number of Children _______

Dinner $18.00 per family or

Please make your check payable to Kol Ami and drop it off or send it to the ECP Office

Please RSVP by April 20th

Memorial Day BBQ

Sunday, May 20th at 5pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come for good food, friends, fun, and help us host our friends from The Coachman Family Center. Rain or Shine!

If you are able to help with set-up,serving, games for children, or clean-up, please contact: Alison Adler at: alisonadler@nykolami.org or Lisa Hochman at: lisahochman@mac.com

To help offset the cost of the event, please bring a dessert to share with everyone and/or consider making a $18 contribution to our Fund for the Needy online at:www.nykolami.org/donation or by bringing a check to the Main Office at Kol Ami

Please Let Us Know You are Coming by May 7th!

Adult Name(s): _____

Children's Name(2) _____
and Ages: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

☐ Yes, I will bring a dessert

Come One, Come Two, Come Three, Come All!

Kol Ami ECP's Annual

Family Math Night

With Amy Goldstein

Our Math Magic Teacher

For Families with Young Children 3 years -K

Tuesday evening, May 8th 6:00 – 7:30

Join us for Pizza and Salad at 6:00

Followed by a Program Introduction at 6:15

Games from 6:30-7:30

RSVP by Friday, May 4th

For Planning Purposes

RESERVATIONS ONLY

No Walk-ins Please!

To: nanblank@nykolami.org

Join us for an exciting evening of math exploration through a variety of hands-on activities. Families will rotate through math stations where volunteers will introduce math activities fun for both parent and child.

Go home with a goody bag of math games to play at home, as well as practical ideas to weave mathematical thinking into everyday life with your child. Whether you loved or hated math as a student, you will love watching your child gain confidence and proficiency with numbers in a fun, engaging way.

You Are Invited!

Make A Mitzvah Activity Mat

to support those with Alzheimer's

Join us to learn, have fun and do a Mitzvah !

Sunday, April 22nd 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Willow Towers Assisted Living
355 Pelham Road, New Rochelle, NY 10805

Come together with Westchester Sisterhoods, UJA's ENGAGE Volunteers and others in our community and be guided in creating lap mats that caregivers will use to help calm and promote motor and sensory awareness in Alzheimer's residents at United Hebrew of New Rochelle.

It's easy! No skills required other than your own creativity and 2 hours of your time! All materials will be provided, and an instructor will be there to help !

Registration required: Please contact Linda Forman
914.632.2804 x 1224 or lforman@uhgc.org

UJA-Federation of New York ENGAGE JEWISH SERVICE CORPS Westchester

TIME FOR GOOD UJA Federation

This project is funded by Engage Jewish Service Corps, a UJA Federation of NY initiative, in collaboration with Westchester Reform Temple of Scarsdale, in partnership with Congregation Kol Ami and United Hebrew of New Rochelle. ENGAGE is dedicated to providing meaningful opportunities for adults in the community to come together.

Congregation Kol Ami

Study in the City

Wishing you had more time to attend Kol Ami Events?

Wanting to Connect with Our Clergy and other Congregants?

Work in, or around, midtown manhattan?

Join Rabbi Tom Weiner
on Wednesday, April 4th
at 12:30pm
Hosted by Michael Zweig
at Loeb & Loeb LLP
345 Park Avenue

Join Cantor David Rosen
on Wednesday, May 9th
at 12:30pm
Hosted by Scott Musoff
Skadden, Arps, Slate,
Meagher, & Flom LLP
4 Timees Square

We hope you can join us for lunch and discussion of topics such as:
Why do we pray the way we do?
Does it work?
And what's the green prayer book for?!

$18pp/per session
(come for one or both sessions)

So we can know you are coming, please rsvp to
Ginny Herron-Lanoil, Assistant to the Clergy
ginnyherron-lanoil@nykolami.org 914-949-4717
Please bring payment with you to the sessions.

Congregation Kol Ami
White Plains, NY

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Celebrating Israel's 70th

Sunday, June 3rd
11:00AM-4PM

Congregation Kol Ami
252 Soundview Ave
White Plains, NY 10606
www.nykolami.org

Food Trucks
Music and Dance
Judaica for Sale
Carnival Amusements
Krav Maga
Arts & Crafts
Raffles and more

$10 per person
$25 for a family
Cash or Check
Event Weather Permitting

Join us in an Outdoor Community Celebration For Israel's 70th Anniversary!

Proceeds to Benefit
The Yemin Orde Youth Village in Israel

Raffle Prize of Airfare for (2) to Israel

(Some travel restrictions apply. May also be used for travel to Africa, Asia, Australia, or India)

For More Information Please Contact
Sara Elkin at Israel70KolAmi@nykolami.org

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Early Childhood Program

building a community of friends one family at a time

Kol Ami Early Childhood Program
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Registration for 2018-2019 Now Open!

First Friends: A Toddler Program
2, 3, 4 and 5-Day 2's

3, 4, and 5-Day 3's

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914-949-4717 ext 107

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January 20-30th, 2019

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Join Congregation Kol Ami and Rabbi Tom Weiner for a trip to visit ancient Jewish sites that few people will ever get to see. Discover the diversity of Mumbai and its Jewish past and vibrant present. See the Taj Mahal at sunset and sunrise!

Includes hotels, most meals, flights within India, and most tips.
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January 16-19th for Delhi and Varansi
January 30-February 3rd, for Rajasthan, Jaipur, Udaipur, and Jodhpur

Join us on April 3rd, 2018 from 7:30-9:00pm
for an Informational Meeting at Kol Ami

* inquire about cost of single hotel room occupancy

Congregation Kol Ami

Players needed for the:

Kol Ami Orchestra

to perform at:

Synaplex on May 4th (5:00 pm)

Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center on May 6th (2:00 pm)

Rehearsals at Kol Ami on Sundays @ 11:15 - 1:00:

3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29

Open to ALL ages!

To schedule an audition contact Idan at: idansanthaus@nykolami.org

* Must read music
* For all instruments other than Guitar, Drums, Piano and Bass

LEGACY FUND

DID YOU KNOW...

" The Jewish people still exists because in every generation there have been Jews who believed that our existence as a people and what we bring to the world matters. By all odds, we should have disappeared long ago, as many other peoples did. But we are here because we know that Judaism brings something essential to our lives – something that animates and drives and comforts us. No matter the struggles or successes, Judaism asserts that at the end of the day what we do with our time on earth matters."
Lights In The Forest, Rabbi Paul Citrin, editor

Congregation Kol Ami preserves this belief that each of us matters. Help perpetuate this concept into the future by becoming part of a collective legacy to insure the continued existence of Kol Ami for our next generations.

If you would like the future generations of your family to experience their Judaism in the Kol Ami ways of embracing traditional and innovative practices and celebrations, please consider exploring the ways you can make a planned gift to The Kol Ami Legacy Fund by contacting Evelyne Klein at 914-762-7659, aspencup@aol.com, or Judy Brown at 646-206-4547, gojustjudi@gmail.com.

Life Cycles

Congratulations

- To Harriet Kraver on the birth of her granddaughter, Jaclyn Farrah Kraver
- To George and Leslie Akst, and Sarah and Adam Akst, on the birth of Emma Caroline

Condolences

- To Judith Katcher and family on the death of her husband, Stephen Katcher
- To Mitchell Bodner and family on the death of his grandfather, Isaac Bodner
- To Idan Santhaus and family on the death of his grandmother, Hanna Santhaus

In Memorium

- In Memory of Stephen Katcher

Generous Contributions

Rabbi Shira Milgrom's Discretionary Fund

- In memory of Jerold Fischer from William Fischer
- In appreciation from Sherry Reisch
- With gratitude for officiating at our wedding from Gail Lipman and Dr. David Goldberg

Refugee Resettlement Fund

- In appreciation from Linda Ellis
- In appreciation from Anne E. Wright
- In appreciation from Frances Pantaleo and Robert Freedman

Fund for the Needy

- In appreciation from Linda Ellis
- In loving memory of Eric Gaynor from Barbara Block

Kol Ami Fund

- In loving memory of Edward Winnick, father of Stacey Pushkin, from Stacey and Robert Pushkin
- In loving memory of Esther Pushkin, mother of Robert Pushkin, from Robert and Stacey Pushkin
- In loving memory of Ziporah Coe from Judi Brown
- In appreciation from Linda Ellis
- In appreciation from Dr. David and Hillary Seif
- In loving memory of Riena Kaplow from Karen and Michael Rosner
- In appreciation from Samuel Glazman
- In loving memory of her sister, Blanche Drobnis, from Pearl Cohen

ECP Fund

- In appreciation from Dr. David and Hillary Seif

Rick Kraver College Youth Fund

- In honor of the birth of her granddaughter, Jaclyn Farrah Kraver, from Harriet Kraver

Social Action Fund

- In loving memory of Riena Kaplow from Doris Dingott

Losing a loved one is probably one of life's most difficult challenges. You may wish to remember your loved one with the placement of a physical reminder in our main sanctuary.

Congregation Kol Ami has a tradition of offering Yahrzeit name plaques as a "living" memorial that perpetuates someone's memory forever.

Beautiful glass engraved plaques may be purchased for $750 each.

If you would like to purchase (a) Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque(s), please provide the name of each person below as you would like it to appear on the plaque. Enclose a check payable to Congregation Kol Ami for all Yahrzeit Memorial plaques purchased.

NAMES

_____

_____

I am enclosing my check for $_____ made payable to Congregation Kol Ami for the purchase of _____ Memorial Plaque(s).

Contributions

CONGREGATION KOL AMI

Congregation Kol Ami is grateful for the many donations that you give both in honor of joyous occasions and in memory of beloved family and friends. To make the logistics easier and the gifting choices clearer, a donor form is printed on the back of each monthly newsletter. Donor forms are also available in the Main Office and on our website (www.nykolami.org). We thank you for the generosity that goes into each of these donations!

Your name(s) as you would like it to appear in our newsletter:

_____

Donors' Address:_____

_____

Occasion: ☐ In Memory of: ☐ In honor of: Name as you would like it to appear in our newsletter:_____

Send donation acknowledgement to:_____

_____

(Please remember, acknowledgements are sent for contributions of $18 or more. A listing will be posted as you would like it to appear in the newsletter for any donated amount.)

Amount Enclosed:_____

Please indicate your choice below and mail this form and a check to Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606. If you are interested in planned giving opportunities, please call the temple office at 914-949-4717.

Funds

☐ Kol Ami Fund (our general fund)	☐ Kol Ami Cares Fund (supports activities of the Caring Community Program)	☐ Refugee Resettlement Fund ☐ Social Action Fund
☐ Audrey Greenberg Scholarship Fund (provides ECP tuition assistance for families in need)	☐ Men's Council Fund ☐ WRJ Sisterhood Fund	☐ Youth Activities Fund (suppports youth-related programs, scholarships and trips)
☐ Barbara Gruber Scholarship Fund (provides scholarships for high school graduates).	☐ Rabbi Shira Milgrom's Discretionary Fund	☐ Youth Leadership Fund (supports scholarships to young people to develop leadership)
☐ Cantor David Rosen's Discretionary Fund	☐ Rabbi Tom Weiner's Discretionary Fund	**Plaques and Remembrances**
☐ Rick Kraver College Youth Fund (supports special programs for our college students)	☐ Religious School Fund (supports special projects as determined by the Religious School Committee)	☐ Yahrzeit Plaques $750
☐ Early Childhood Program Fund (supports teacher education and student scholarships)	☐ Retreat Fund	☐ Tree of Life Leaf $180 (Available in Gold, Silver and Copper)
☐ Flowers and Landscaping Fund	☐ Scholarship Fund for the Confirmands (10th graders)	**Giving Opportunities**
☐ Fund for the Needy (provides assistance to those in need)	☐ Petschek Music Fund	☐ Sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush or ☐ Sponsor a Friday Night Shabbat Oneg
☐ Adult Education Fund	☐ Synaplex Circle Fund	☐ Sponsor a Religious School Sunday Morning Bagel Breakfast

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Employment Services for the Westchester Jewish Community

Westchester Jewish Community Services Career>Connect program helps those dealing with employment instability.

Funded by a grant from UJA-Federation of NY, Career>Connect provides job-seekers with dynamic informational workshops and groups on relevant topics, a Career Boot Camp Intensive (application and screening required), and individual career counseling services where appropriate.

If needed, referrals are made for financial, legal and small business counseling, as well as for emotional and spiritual support.

Individual assistance is offered by appointment.

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