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at our 25th Annual Retreat*

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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



Shabbat in the Woods



The Spirit



of



Shabbat

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

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 June

Week ending June 2, 2018

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

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

Week ending June 9, 2018

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

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

Week ending June 16, 2018

Parashat Korach Numbers 16:1-18:32

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

Week ending June 23, 2018

Parashat Chukat Numbers 19:1-22:1

This week's parasha begins with the death of Miriam - Moses' & Aaron's sister - at Kadesh. When the people complain that they have no water to drink, God instructs Moses to take his rod & order a rock to bring forth water. In his anger against the cantankerous people, instead of ordering the rock to produce water, Moses strikes the rock with his rod. As a result of this action, God tells Moses that he will not be allowed to lead the people into the Land of Israel. This responsibility will ultimately be given to Joshua. Moses' brother Aaron dies at Mount Hor and Aaron's son, Eleazer becomes his successor.

Week ending June 30, 2018

Parashat Balak Numbers 22:2-25:9

In this week's parasha, Balak, the king of Moab, persuades the prophet Balaam to curse the Israelites so that he can defeat them and drive them out of the region. However, when Balaam speaks, he blesses the Children of Israel instead, and prophesies that Israel's enemies will be defeated, saying "Ma Tov, ohalecha Ya-akov, mishk'notecha Yisrael – How lovely are your tents O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel." The parasha ends with God punishing the Israelites with a plague when an Israelite man consorts with a Moabite woman. The plague ends when Pinchas kills them.



Weekly Torah Portions for July and August

Week ending July 7, 2018

Parashat Pinchas Numbers 25:10-30:1

The parasha begins with God rewarding Pinchas for his actions with a covenant of peace for all time, and continues with the taking of a second census. Moses allocates the land to each tribe according to its size. The daughters of Zelophehad appeal to Moses to inherit their father's land since their father died leaving no sons. God confirms their claim and instructs Moses to change the laws of inheritance. The parasha concludes with a description of the sacrificial ritual for all festival occasions.

Week ending July 14, 2018

Parashat Matot-Masei Numbers 30:2-36:13

In the first part of this double parasha the laws for making vows are described; and Moses agrees to allow the tribes of Gad and Reuben to stay in the land east of the Jordan rather than enter the land of Israel, as long as they lend their support in settling the promised land. Masei recounts the forty years of journeys (mas'ey) that the Israelites have made since leaving Egypt. The Book of Numbers concludes with Moses providing instructions for conquering the land of Israel, defining its borders, and dividing it among the tribes.

Week ending July 21, 2018

Parashat Devarim Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

Devarim is the first parasha in the Book of Deuteronomy, which begins a series of speeches by Moses to the Israelites as they are preparing to enter the Land of Israel. In this parasha, Moses, who will not be allowed to enter the land of Israel & will die in Moab, reminds this generation that they are about to take possession of the land that was promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He recounts the route of travel and the challenges, chastisements, and triumphs that occurred along the way.

Week ending July 28, 2018

Parashat Va'Etchanan Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

In this parasha, Moses' appeal to God to allow him to enter the Land of Israel is again denied. Moses continues his oration to the people, reminding them

of the covenant at Sinai and the Ten Commandments, and exhorting them to follow the laws given by God. Specific areas of the land are set aside to serve as cities of refuge for those who commit unintentional homicide.

Week ending August 4, 2018

Parashat Ekev Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

Moses continues to tell the Israelites that, if they maintain their covenant with God by observing all the commandments, God will make them fruitful and victorious over their enemies; and reminds them of the times that the Israelites disobeyed God's commandments and the consequences that befell them. Moses continues by saying that the land will flow with milk and honey if the people obey God's commandments and teach them to their children.

Week ending August 11, 2018

Parashat R'eih Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

In this week's parashah, the people are instructed on how they are to enter and live in the land of Israel, and on the behavior expected of them once they have settled there. Rules about sacrifices, tithes, and care for the Levites are discussed, along with regulations for slaughtering and eating meat.

Week ending August 18, 2018

Parashat Shoftim Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

The Israelites remain on the plateau of Moab, across the Jordan River while Moses communicates God's prescriptions and proscriptions for governance. The parashah opens with the command to appoint judges and the regulations for choosing a leader, including a warning that this leader should follow the laws of Torah faithfully.

Week ending August 25, 2018

Parashat Ki Tetze Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

Parashat Ki'Teitzei contains the greatest number of mitzvot of any single Torah portion, 72 in all, dealing with diverse subjects. The portion concludes with a warning to remember how the Amalekites attacked the weary Israelites in the desert.

June Calendar

Friday, June 1st

5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods and Book Share
5:30pm Shabbat Sheli for Elementary Aged Children
6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Main Sanctuary
Honoring Lenora Eve
6:15-7:15pm Crafts & Light Supper for Children during
Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, June 2nd

Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel
9:00am Coffee & Community
9:30am Torah Study
10:30 Matthew Barotz Bar Mitzvah in the Main Sanctuary
11:00am Shabbat Services in the Chapel
5:30pm Lily Falk Bat Mitzvah in the Chapel

Sunday, June 3rd

11:00am-4pm Israel at 70th Family Fun Day Celebration

Monday, June 4th

11:00am-12:00pm Current Events
6:00-7:00pm 12 Step Recovery in the Chapel

Tuesday, June 5th

5:45pm AA in the Chapel
7:15pm Al-Anon in the Chapel

Wednesday, June 6th

9:00-10:30am KA Reads Book Club
10:00-2:00pm Mah Jongg
7:30pm Israel in the News

Thursday, June 7th

9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditation in the Chapel
12:00-2:00pm Parenting Teens Group
5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel
7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel

Friday, June 8th

Kol Ami Retreat Begins
5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods
6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Main Sanctuary
6:15-7:15pm Crafts & Light Supper for Children during
Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, June 9th

Kol Ami Retreat
Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel
9:00am Coffee & Community
9:30am Torah Study
11:00am Shabbat Services in the Chapel
5:30pm Sydney Leibowitz Bar Mitzvah in
the Main Sanctuary

Sunday, June 10th

Kol Ami Retreat

Monday, June 11th

6:00-7:00pm 12 Step Recovery Group
12:30-2:00pm Mussar Class
6:00pm Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, June 12th

11:30-1:00pm Women in Transition
12:00-2:00pm Cooking for the Homeless
5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel

Wednesday, June 13th

10:00-2:00pm Mah Jongg
7:30pm Israel in the News

Thursday, June 14th

9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditation in the Chapel
9:30-12:00pm ECP Friendship Ceremony
5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel
7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel

Friday, June 15th

LGBTQ Pride Shabbat
5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods
6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Main Sanctuary
6:15-7:15pm Crafts & Light Supper for Children
during Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, June 16th

Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel
9:00am Coffee & Community
9:30am Torah Study
11:00am Shabbat Services and Anita Fassler
Bar Mitzvah in the Chapel
5:30pm Nadya Bakst Bar Mitzvah in
the Main Sanctuary
8:00-9:30pm Chapel Chair Donors

Recognition Havdallah Event

Sunday, June 17th

Father's Day

Monday, June 18th

11:00-12:00pm Current Events
6:00-7:00pm 12 Step Recovery
7:30-9:00pm MeToo Support Group in the Chapel

Tuesday, June 19th

5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel

Wednesday, June 20th

10:00-2:00pm Mah Jongg

Thursday, June 21st

9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditation in the Chapel
5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel
7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel
8:00pm Open Board Meeting

Friday, June 22nd

5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods
6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Main Sanctuary
with Naming for DeRobertis and Siry Families
6:15-7:15pm Crafts & Light Supper for Children
during Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, June 23rd

Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel
9:00am Coffee & Community
9:30am Torah Study
11:00am Shabbat Services in the Chapel

Monday, June 25th

ECP Camp Begins
6:00-7:00pm 12 Step Recovery Group

Tuesday, June 26th

5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel

Wednesday, June 27th

10:00-2:00pm Mah Jongg
7:30pm Israel in the News

June Calendar

Thursday, June 28th

9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditation in the Chapel
11:00-2:00pm Wise Aging
5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel
7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel

Friday, June 29th

5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods
6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Main Sanctuary

Saturday, June 30

Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel
9:00am Coffee & Community
9:30am Torah Study
11:00am Shabbat Services and Baby Naming for Vera Klein in the Chapel

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER

ECP Camp: June 25th-August 3rd

Mondays:

6pm: 12 Step Recovery Group in the Chapel

Tuesdays:

5:45pm AA in the Chapel

Wednesdays:

10:00-2:00pm Mah Jongg

Thursdays:

9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditation in the Chapel
5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel
7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel

Wednesday, July 4th

Offices and Building Closed for July 4th

Wednesday, July 11th and August 1st

9:00-10:30am Kol Ami Reads Book Club

Wednesday, July 18th

5:30-7:30pm Family Movie Night

Thursday, July 26th

6:30-9:00pm Summer Concert Series "Cantor's Cabaret"

6:00pm WP Police Night Out
7:30pm Kol Ami at the Movies

Thursday, August 9th

6:30-9:00pm Summer Concert Series "Deadgrass"

Friday, August 10th

Shabbat Blessings for College Students

Monday, September 3rd

Building and Offices Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 4th

7:00-9:00pm Sisterhood Staplefest in the Gallery

Is there a doctor in the house?!

Please let us know before your summer gets busy if you are able to be an on-call doctor during one of our High Holy Day Services. We will have a medical supplies area and will come find you in the sanctuary if needed.

Erev Rosh Hashanah:

Sept 9th

Rosh Hashanah Day:

Sept 10th

Yom Kippur Kol Nidre:

Sept 18th

Yom Kippur Day:

Sept 19th

Jack Berger, David Cole,
and Jason Shuker
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2018 High Holy Day Schedule

Sunday Evening, September 9th

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 10th

Rosh Hashanah Day

Tuesday, September 18th

Erev Yom Kippur

Wednesday, September 19th

Yom Kippur Day

PLEASE NOTE THAT HIGH HOLY DAY
INFORMATION AND TICKET MAILINGS WILL BE
SENT OUT IN MID-JULY.

ALL FORMS, PAYMENTS, AND TICKET REQUESTS
NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE MAIN OFFICE
BY AUGUST 17th.



CONGREGATION
KOL AMI

The June Board meeting will be an open meeting to which all congregants are invited. The date of the meeting is June 21st at 8pm in the Chapel in the Woods.

We thank you for helping Kol Ami to learn from our past, celebrate our present, and plan for our future.

Sincerely,

Jess Lorden
Executive Director

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See what's happening on our social sites



June B'nai Mitzvah



Matthew Louis Barotz, son of Nathan and Carrie Barotz, and brother to his older sister Caitlin, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 2, 2018. Matthew is finishing his seventh grade year at Scarsdale Middle School where he enjoys his academics, participating in the student organization and playing the flute in the orchestra and jazz band. Outside of school, Matthew enjoys playing tennis, clay shooting and spending time with his faithful black lab, Lincoln. For his mitzvah project, Matthew volunteers on Sundays at the soup kitchen at the St. Bartholomew's Church in White Plains. Matthew thanks everyone who helped him prepare for his Bar Mitzvah, including Rabbi Tom, Cantor David, and Morah Pam. He is excited to share this milestone with family and friends.



Lily Falk, daughter of Stephanie and Andrew Falk and sister to Zach and Gabi Falk, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 2, 2018. She is presently a 7th Grader at Edgemont Junior High School and has been a member of the modified Field Hockey team and Varsity Ski Team. In her free time, Lily loves camp, reading, spending time with her friends and playing with her mini-golden doodle, Molly. For her Mitzvah project, Lily spent six months training Molly to be a therapy dog with The Good Dog Foundation. Since last year, Lily and her mom have taken Molly to visit with people in need of love and healing at various locations throughout Westchester including the Atria on the Hudson, Pace University and Ronald McDonald House. Lily is very excited to share her special day with family and friends!



Sydney Ryan Leibowitz, daughter of Justin and Lindsey Leibowitz, and sister to Ruby and Oliver Leibowitz, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on June 9, 2018. She is finishing 7th grade at Louis M. Klein Middle School in Harrison, NY. Sydney will be attending Tripp Lake Camp this summer – her summer home. During the school year, Sydney enjoys playing field hockey, lacrosse, and tennis. For her Mitzvah project, Sydney has been spending time with children at the Pleasantville Cottage School, a home for emotionally troubled children. Sydney is very excited to share her special day with family and friends.



A Message from our Rabbi

This beautifully-written article by Rabbi Daniel Kirzane was printed in *The Forward* in May 2018. The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), the focus of this article, were among our remarkable Synaplex Shabbat evenings this past year. I am proud and grateful that our synagogue is a platform where many of the central issues of our day are brought into direct encounter with our Jewish values. I hope that you will read the article - and that this summer provides many opportunities for you to express and stand up for the Jewish values of human dignity. Yours, Shira

Why Wendy's Is The Worst Place For A Shabbat Dinner

May 8, 2018



Abby Myers' short film "Wendy's Shabbat" has been the sleeper hit of this year's Jewish film festival circuit.

This feel-good documentary introduces us to a group of California seniors with an unconventional, but surprisingly spiritual, Kabbalat Shabbat tradition: gathering for a communal dinner at their local Wendy's.

"Wendy's Shabbat" is heartwarming, with a message about both do-it-yourself Judaism and the often-overlooked needs of American Jewish seniors. But it omits one critical piece of information: Wendy's is currently facing a nationwide boycott for its failure to protect human rights in its supply chain. The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), with support from T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights, has for years urged Wendy's to join the Fair Food Program, a unique partnership among agricultural producers, farm workers, and retail food companies that ensures humane wages and working conditions for the workers who pick fruits and vegetables on participating

farms. It harnesses the power of consumer demand to give farm workers a voice in the decisions that affect their lives, and to eliminate the longstanding abuses that have plagued agriculture for generations, from wage theft to sexual assault to forced labor.

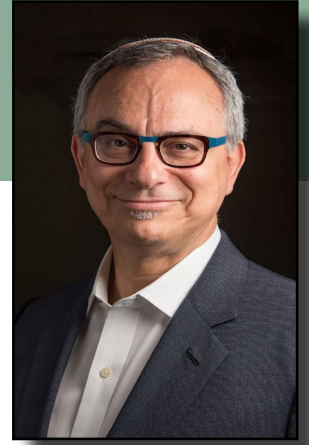
Dubbed "one of the great human rights success stories of our day" in the Washington Post, the Fair Food Program has won widespread recognition for its unique effectiveness from a broad spectrum of human rights observers, from the United Nations to the White House. But Wendy's refuses to join the 14 participating food retailers, including McDonald's and Wal-Mart, in agreeing to protect workers in its supply chain. Instead, it's begun buying many of its tomatoes from Mexico, where conditions for agricultural workers are even worse.

In 2014, I joined T'ruah rabbis from around the country in Immokalee, Florida to learn about the Fair Food Program firsthand. What I saw was a living example of the Talmud's insistence that workers have a right to advocate for themselves. The CIW has turned Florida's tomato fields from "ground zero" for modern-day slavery into a leading model of human rights protections in the agricultural industry. They won farm workers' first wage increase in decades, implemented a full-throated program to root out wage theft and exploitation, and instituted a zero-tolerance sexual harassment policy that has drawn the admiration of leaders of the #MeToo movement. As one of T'ruah's so-called "#tomatorabbis," I have been inspired by the CIW's extraordinary success in implementing worker-driven initiatives to protect their own human rights and those of low-wage workers in adjacent industries.

The Fair Food Program is just that — fair. But Wendy's, unlike every one of its major competitors in the fast-food sector, refuses to participate. So it seem incongruous to me to celebrate Shabbat in a place that neglects its most vulnerable workers. The fourth commandment, which instructs us to observe Shabbat, is meant to remind us that everyone is entitled to basic physical and spiritual needs, calling on us to "remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt and the Eternal your God freed you from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Eternal your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day" (Deut. 5:15).

T'ruah stands with the CIW and the farm workers, and we celebrate the seniors featured in Myers' film, which we understand was independently made, with no funding or support from Wendy's. But we ask that these seniors continue their sacred gatherings in a different locale. We invite them — and people of faith across the country — to join us in demanding that Wendy's live up to its moral responsibility to the workers who pick its tomatoes. Once it does, I will be first in line to buy a Frosty.

A Message from our Rabbi



Last Sunday at Shavuot/Confirmation, we heard an amazingly talented class of 10th graders lead us with magnificent music, beautiful chanting, amazing vocals all presented by the most delicious, joyful and loving group of 16 year olds.

I want to give you a glimpse of the depth of the day. Below is an excerpted version of a speech presented by one of our students. If you want an honest and powerful glimpse into the mind of a teenager right now in the midst of 2018, read Jack's words below:

*A Speech to Adults (and a personal story)
Perseverance Through Education
-Jack McEvoy*

"Hi, I'm Jack McEvoy. I just want to start off by saying that 2018 has been a crazy year so far. . . often just referred to as the Parkland shooting it devastated the nation and served to give us all a reminder about how real gun violence in today's world is, and how it can impact just about everyone.

When I found out about the shooting I was, ironically, at Hebrew School. . . . I felt like those things would never impact me. They would happen and they were awful, sure, but they would always just be things I would hear about. That's what I thought until I got a call from my friend Kerri.

I was in complete shock. I couldn't move or speak. I was trying to process that Alex, someone I knew and really cared about, was in the hospital in critical condition from a bullet wound to the chest. . . . I know it's cliché to say something like "I thought it was a bad dream and that I would wake up soon" but that's honestly how I felt, I can't describe it any other way. It was horrifying. . . I went to sleep at around 3:30 in the morning after I had cried myself out and I had no tears left. I had exhausted myself from worrying, crying, and shaking on my bed. When I woke up the first thing I wanted to know was if he made it through. If he had toughed out a bullet wound from a semi automatic rifle to his chest. A little part of me knew it was ridiculous that that could never even be possible. But it didn't stop me from believing he could have.

It wasn't until I had just gotten to school when I asked Kerri how she was doing that I found out. "Alex didn't make it through the night, he's gone."

I wanted to cry but I had no tears left. I had nothing. I went to my first period class which was English, but I was never really there. I was in my seat, sure, but my mind was everywhere but. It was at camp, playing through a slideshow of memories of Alex and I eating together, playing together, and living together. . . When I went home and looked up the name the list of the names of the kids who had died and saw the words Alex Shachter on my screen is when I finally broke down. I was still having trouble believing that someone I knew could have died in a thing like this. He didn't deserve to go. He was the kindest person I knew over the summer. I didn't want to believe that an innocent kid like him had been killed in a horrifying event like a mass school shooting done by an insane person. I just couldn't stop thinking to myself "if the shooter hadn't had a gun in the first place none of this would have happened. His gun should've been taken away, how else could this have been prevented?" No matter how hard I thought about it, I couldn't see any other way it could have been.

I don't quite know when I decided to try and learn about not only this mass shooting, but gun violence in general. But do know I started off by just watching YouTube videos and reading basic articles online. I was interested in learning how this issue could have been prevented and how it can be prevented in the future so others don't have to experience the pain of losing someone like I did. I felt more comforted by facts than by "thoughts and prayers" people would tell me they were

“sending my way.” With increasing discussion and debate revolving around the subject, I became more intrigued on learning more, and the more debates I listened to and participated in, the more I realized knowing the subject matter I was talking about was more important than having passion when talking about it. A moment when this became evidently clear to me was a week later, at our next Hebrew school class. The 10th grade sat down and we began to talk about our thoughts on what happened and our thoughts on the topic gun violence in general. Immediately people started talking about how no one in this country needed an “assault weapon” and how automatic rifles shouldn’t belong in our country. I raised my hand and instead of adding another opinion I just began asking questions. I asked if anyone knew what an assault rifle really was or what a fully automatic weapon really was. No one was able to answer. I was surprised that people were able to oppose a topic so passionately without knowing too much information about what they were opposing.

I watched debates and discussions online and even went to a gun control rally in New York City and I saw that people rarely took time to dig deeper into a situation or a problem and learn about topic before forming an opinion about it. Many times people base their opinion on impulse and how they first feel when they hear about an incident. In my opinion, this is not the best way to go about solving any problems in today’s current events.

I’m sorry if it comes across like I’m standing up here judging all of you for how you think because that’s not what I’m trying to do at all. It’s great that emotions play a role in politics, emotions and feelings are what connect us all as human beings. The problem comes when emotions get in the way of people being able to look at a problem objectively. My personal opinion changed about gun violence and what I thought the best solution for it was after I opened my mind to new information and facts. The difference between my thinking when I first lost Alex compared to now is incredibly different. The reason being my first opinion was based in feelings and emotion, while

my second opinion is based in fact and truth.

We all need to be open to really digging deep and learning about a subject before forming an opinion on it. Don’t just use your usual news sources for facts, go deeper and find your own, you may be surprised about how much you can learn and how much your opinion can change if you find worthwhile information. Not only will it change the way you think but it will also change how we think. You are the adults. As kids, even though it may not seem like it all the time, we look up to you. As growing teenagers, we look to you for guidance and we model ourselves and how we think and act based on how you do. If you all look for facts and have a desire to educate yourselves to the fullest extent you can about any given topic, we will look to do the same. If you look for knowledge and argue points based on facts, we will emulate that and follow suit. It’ll only make a future with political stability, a future where people can have open discussion and discourse, and a future where we don’t abide by labels we set up for ourselves and instead abide by our own thoughts and beliefs. I not only believe a future like this is achievable, but I believe that when we achieve it, it’ll be pretty great. Thank you.”





A Message from our Cantor



We Are Blessed...

For the past four years, Lenora Eve has served as the Musical Director of Kol Ami. We have all been blessed by Lenora's incredible musical talents and she has been instrumental in helping to shape our musical vision during worship. Lenora has also worked with many young vocalists

within our congregation and helped them to shine on their special day, whether that be their Bar/ Bat Mitzvah, confirmation or another special service.

Last Yom Kippur, Lenora was diagnosed with breast cancer. Thankfully, this was discovered at an early stage and with the support of so many (including our wonderful Kol Ami community) Lenora is now cancer free and is looking forward to a bright and cancer free future. As Lenora carves out a path that best supports her on her journey of optimal health, she has decided to step down as the full-time Musical Director of Kol Ami as of June 30, 2018.

While Lenora will no longer be our accompanist for Shabbat services, she will continue for 2018 as our accompanist and Musical Director for our High Holidays Services. I know we will all wish Lenora well on her journey and welcome her with open arms whenever she has the opportunity to visit us in a professional or more informal capacity.



And the "Beat" Goes On...

On July 1, we welcome Australian native, Alex Hopkins as our full-time Musical Director. Alex is no stranger to our congregation having been the musical director of last year's purim spiel, featuring the music of Billy Joel. Alex was born in Sydney, Australia. After graduating law school, Alex decided to pursue his musical passions and has spent the last ten years touring the world as a pianist and singer. He has played for performed and entertained all ages from large corporate functions to becoming one of Disney Cruise Line's top piano bar entertainers. Alex fell in love with Jewish repertoire while while substituting for Lenora this past fall. He is honored

to have the opportunity to join and contribute to the musical fabric of our congregation and we look forward to Alex's infectious energy and musical talents that he will share with us in the near future. Alex resides in the New York area and is married to his lovely wife, Erin.

I know all of you will welcome Alex and Erin with open arms and I hope you come and enjoy Alex's enthusiasm and creativity from behind the piano and beyond.

Cantor David Rosen

A Message from our Co-President



NEARLY A YEAR!

May and June have been especially busy months at Kol Ami. A good busy – buzzing with all sorts of activity. May 15 was our Annual Meeting and despite the bad weather we had a great turnout. It's remarkable to believe that it was over a year ago that Susan and I accepted the nominations to be Co-Presidents and that nearly a year has passed in our first term. We are both honored to have accepted a second year and look forward to building upon this year's accomplishments. Without coordination, Susan and I both spoke at the Annual Meeting about the positive feeling we both have – despite the hard work, extraordinary time

commitment and commensurate challenges we've faced -- towards being Co-Presidents and towards the Kol Ami community. And we couldn't be more proud of this community and the overall positive feedback we have received. As Susan stated so beautifully, as we approach our 95th anniversary – yes 95th! – it's a great time to pause in order to:

CELEBRATE OUR PAST. LIVE OUR PRESENT. IMAGINE OUR FUTURE.

This past year we welcomed over 50 new families, educated over 500 children worshipped with (and led by) over 40 b'nai mitzvah young adults, confirmed 15 amazing students at Shavuot, engaged in tremendous social justice activism and provided unique and meaningful adult education and programming. One of the many things I have learned this past year from view of Co-President is how much is going on at Kol Ami at any given time -- whether it was welcoming the Syrian refugee family we assisted, marching on Washington and here in White Plains to have our voices on stopping gun violence heard, launching a revitalized youth programming initiative led by our new youth director Idan Santhaus, celebrating Israel's 70th birthday, worshipping together on holidays and each and every Shabbat or just being there in times of need. We couldn't do it without our incredible clergy, staff and innumerable volunteers (who give in both time and resources) and to whom we continually owe all our appreciation and gratitude.

We look forward to standing on the shoulders of all who came before us in our vibrant 95 year history to continue to make Kol Ami the robust community that it is. We look forward to celebrating our 95th anniversary as we celebrate our past, live our present and imagine our future together!

L'Shalom *Scott Musoff*

A Message from our Executive Director



Looking Back...Looking Ahead

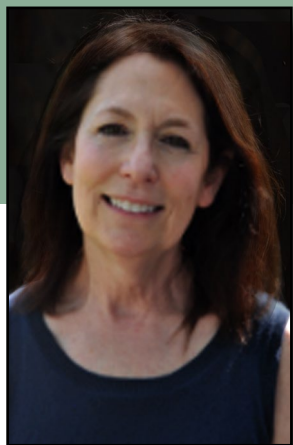
I enjoy Top Ten Lists. I don't waste time on "could have, would have, or should have" except to consider lessons learned to make improvements for the future. With that in mind, in this last Connection issue of the year, I am looking backwards with my personal "Top Ten Kol Ami Moments of the Year" and looking excitedly ahead to the New Year!

Jess Lorden's Top Ten List for the 2017-2018 Year

- 10.** Security remains our top priority. Working with Scarsdale Security we upgraded our physical security and increased the hours worked by our security guards to ensure the safety of everyone in our buildings.
- 9.** I am thrilled with Emily's work to re-imagine the Connection and our Synaplex events; two outstanding hallmarks of our community.
- 8.** I enjoyed sharing cultural experiences with congregants such as the Chihuly Exhibit, Hello Dolly and The Band's Visit on Broadway, and The Chosen which starred our own George Shapiro.
- 7.** At our High Holy Day services I am proud of the exhibit we displayed entitled "Resistance is the Lesson"; thrilled we involved our students in sorting the food collected on Yom Kippur; and pleased so many congregants used the on-line materials we made available for our Erev Rosh Hashanah service.
- 6.** Attending the URJ Biennial with so many friends from Kol Ami was special. I am enjoying implementing lessons learned at Biennial workshops.
- 5.** My favorite worship experience of the year was our Confirmation/Shavuot service in May led by our Confirmands.
- 4.** With appreciation to Lisa Borowitz, I am thrilled we created an extraordinary, meaningful and unique second seder Passover experience at Kol Ami.
- 3.** Together with Cantor David, Bert Wohl and Renee Levine, I was moved bringing our Holocaust rescued Torah to, and participating in, the Westchester County Yom Hashoah Holocaust Commemoration Ceremony in downtown White Plains.
- 2.** I enjoyed every moment of the Kol Ami and Me Benefit gala, in particular, witnessing the pride and joy Madiha felt being honored while surrounded by her "birth" family and her Kol Ami family.
- 1.** Social Justice remains of paramount importance. I was proud our Board approved our participation in the URJ Brit Olam, Covenant with the World, and created the #Be The Light Task Force, and I enjoyed marching in the March for our Lives in Washington, DC with Dave and so many Kol Ami friends.

Looking ahead to the summer, I am excited for our family summer vacation. We'll explore upstate New York, then head south to Charlottesville and Richmond, Virginia and Washington, DC before heading to a week at the beach. From a Kol Ami standpoint, we'll be mailing dues and membership information in mid-June and the High Holy Day mailing is scheduled for mid-July. Most importantly, we'll start serious planning for the new year; Kol Ami's 95th Anniversary year.

-Jess Lorden



A Message from our ECP Director

June ECP Dates:

- 6/1 Mitzvah Day with children from The Center for Learning
- 6/3 Israel's 70th/Family Fun Day 11:00am-4:00pm
- 6/7 ECP Annual Truck Day
- 6/14 4's and Pre-K Friendship Ceremony
- 6/15 Annual School Picnic 11:00am
- 6/25 1st Day of Camp

All of us here at the Early Childhood Program find it incredible to believe that on June 15th we will say farewell to another wonderful year. It was a year filled with fabulous experiences, fantastic opportunities for learning and terrific memories. It was a year we can all be very proud of. In fact, it's hard to say who had more fun; the children, our staff or our families!

This year would not have been possible without our incredible ECP Staff and I want to take this opportunity to thank Laura Abramsky, Paula Altneu, Jackie Barrett, Erica Baker, Jen Benalt, Erica Berger, Cheryl Bernstein, Jen Boxer, Stacy Brodsky, Lauri Carey, Meredith Cohen, Susan Epstein, Allison Fiore, Elisa Goldman, Mara Goldberg, Stefanie Greenberg, Debbie Klein, Jordana Lambert, Lisa Lawrence, Joele Levenson, Dorian Nerenberg, Julie Rabinowitz, Jodi Ruzumna, Andrea Rosenberg, Heather Ross, Gerrie Schwartz, Ivy Shapiro, Sharon Sohl, Jen Strassler, Debbie Youngstein and Cindy Zieman and our ECP Chair Cindy Musoff and Executive Board Liaison Susan Arovas for their tremendous dedication and support of the Early Childhood Program. I also want to thank my two Co-Administrators Tracey Schweber and Lisa Cohen who have worked tirelessly alongside me this year. Our Congregation is truly blessed to have these fabulous women at the helm.

I also want to thank our parents and Temple volunteer community who worked tirelessly on our Family Photo Day, Parent Cocktail Parties, Turkey Trot, Chanukah Party, our Family Concert afternoon, Our Sukkot Dinner and Crafts evening, our Shabbat Dinner, our Book Fair chaired by Sara Elkin, our Purim Carnival, our Passover Play, Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration, Our Couples Evening Chaired by Liz Ilberg Emily Campbell, and Danielle Gecht, our Bring your Favorite Guy to School Day, Ted E. Bear Day, Havdalah in PJ's, Family Fun Day/Israel's Birthday Celebration, and our Yearbook Chaired by Sara Elkin, with the assistance of Emily Campbell. With your support and dedication our year was filled with excitement and fun; together, we continue to Build a Community of Friends One Family at a Time and for this I am truly thankful.

Our enrollment for next year is just about full and we are delighted! We are already planning our curriculum and programming for our 2's, 3's, 4's and Pre-K's and it all promises to be very exciting.

Finally, I want to thank our Congregation, the Board of Trustees, Jess Lorden, Emily Campbell, Madiha Tubman, and the entire office staff, and Rabbi Shira Milgrom, Rabbi Tom Weiner and Cantor David Rosen for their unending support of our nursery school and all that we do!

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

*Be well,
Nan*

Building a Community of Friends, One Family at a Time

A Message from our Religious School Director



It is hard to believe it's time to say goodbye for the summer!

Another school year has flown by...

It has been a year filled with the richness of Jewish living expressed through a variety of hands on projects and a huge variety of experiences. Our children danced, sang, and celebrated together. We cooked (and ate), painted and created. We prayed and learned a lot of Hebrew! We continue our work together to help all our families build Jewish lives... and we learn how to build a life of meaning for ourselves and our children. I am so proud of the work our children and our teachers participated in this year. The success of building a school filled with joyous learning and growing this nurturing, loving community is a gift.

We are constantly reassessing how we can best provide a rich and meaningful Jewish learning environment for all our children. We continue to believe in our communal obligation to provide the opportunity for all Jewish children to have access to a quality Jewish educational experience. Please speak with us if you or someone you know needs support in order to make a Religious School education work for their child.

Wishing you all a summer filled with relaxation and adventure!
We're here all summer...so if you need anything, call or stop by!

L'Shalom,

Felice & Pam

Enable us, God, to behold meaning in the chaos of life about us and purpose in the chaos of life within us.
Deliver us from the sense of futility in our striving toward the light and the truth.
Give us the strength to ride safely through the maelstrom of petty cares and anxieties.
May we behold things in their proper proportions and see life in its wholeness and its holiness.
(Adapted, Mordecai Kaplan)

We want to welcome your kids into our amazing school!
If you are registering a new student in our Religious School (grades K-6),
please complete our online registration form!
Please [click here](#) to complete the online registration form!

If your child is entering 8th - 12th grade next year...
you must complete the online registration form. [CLICK HERE](#)

If you have a child who has been enrolled this past year in our school
and is entering 1st-7th grades. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete our
new Emergency & Medical Information form



A Message from our Director of Youth Engagement

Dear friends,

Please allow me to share with you that the last couple of weeks, and especially the first two Fridays in May, were exceptionally fun for me. On May 4th, the Kol Ami Orchestra performed for the first time. It is so gratifying to see and hear the hard work of many people coming together in a culminating experience. The musicians, Marina Rosenthal, Cleo Ziogas, Laurie Laufer, Isabel Laufer, Victoria Hagen, Diana Gaffner, Gillian Zitrin, Rachel Eckhaus, Ben Hostetter, Leo Pushkin, Max Pushkin, Harris Jacobs, Charlotte Blotner, Andrew Perlman, Greg Tyng, Koby Hayon, Dan Asher, Norbert Goldberg, Nadar Shir Zelnike, Eliot Adler, and Cantor David Rosen, played beautifully, and I thank everyone who came to hear us. On the following Sunday, we performed at the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center in Yonkers. It was such a joy to play there. The Orchestra sounded great and the audience was cheerful and appreciative. Thank you to Michael Welling for connecting Kol Ami to this amazing and important place.



Then, on Friday the 11th, I had the honor of taking part in the inauguration of the new Vaad, our Youth Group's leadership team. By now, I have shared many experiences with this group of young congregants and know that our Youth Group next year is in great hands! Thank you to the Vaad members of 2016-17: Éva Weiner, Charlie Abrams, Samantha Weiner, Ben Garelick, Ben Hostetter, Charles Gluck, Michael Mayeri, Jake Sherwood, Alex Arovas, Jack McEvoy, Becca Sparer, Jared Cole, Sam Cole, and Zoë Weiner. Some will go on to college and some will continue with us for this coming year. Special thanks to Charlie Abrams and Sam Weiner, the past Co-Presidents. Welcome Becca Sparer, Jack McEvoy, and the new Vaad.



In other news, our Garden project is continuing. We have planted, and since there's always work to be done, I invite everyone who is here during the summer to come and help. I would also like to thank some of our most dedicated gardeners, Maggy Weber, Josh Levine, Steve Brady, and Steve Grossman, for always tending the garden.



This August will mark my first year as a Director of Youth Engagement at Kol Ami. Along with all of the programs, retreats, trips etc., this was a year of learning. I specifically learned that the youth in our community is a creative, fun, sophisticated and motivated group of teens. They are eager to help, but also know how to relax and enjoy each other's company. They make plans and take into account that some things have to change and be adjusted. They like to do things themselves but also know how and when to ask for help. Above all, they love Kol Ami. Our Temple is a home to them; they own and love the Youth Lounge (just come and check it out on Wednesdays and Sundays). To me, the best part of this past year has been seeing our Youth striving, growing, and contributing as young adults.

Idan Santhaus

"Thank You" Madiha Tubman's Speech at the 2018 Kol Ami Spring Benefit

Asalaam Alykum, Shalom Alek, and a good evening to all. First and foremost I want to thank Congregation Kol Ami for bestowing this honorable recognition of my 25 years of service and worthy dedication to this sacred place. This event would not have been possible without the tireless hours and sweat of an incredible Benefit Committee. Thank you Lisa Borowitz and Debbi Marcus, Jenny Goldban and Joele Levinson and all the other members of this incredible Committee. Thank you all so very much. There are no words fit enough to express my profound gratitude.



Thank you Mayor Roach for coming. Thank you for making this city a great place to live... I want to thank my brothers, Malik and Mbarak and my sister Fahima for crossing Oceans to be here with me tonight. Thank you Abdul for being an amazing and loving son. You gave me hope when everything seemed hopeless. I want to say thank you to my sweetest granddaughter Alexa. Even though you could not be here tonight, you are in my heart every second of every hour.

It's hard to believe that Feb 15, 2018 marked my 25th Anniversary working at Congregation Kol Ami. When I am asked where did time go, my response is to not to focus on where time went but what I achieved in these 25 years and counting. Throughout my sojourn here at what was the JCC of White Plains and now Kol Ami, I met and continue to meet the most amazing people, some of whom have become dear and close friends. I gained a second home; my Sanctuary of peace, love and stability. If I get emotional please bear with me.

Kol Ami has been my pillar of support during my most trying years. I worked for 22 years with an incredible boss whom I consider 'A true friend indeed,' Jane Friedberg. It is Jane who stood with me through thick and through thin... and days when I just did not see the light, she did not hesitate to shine hers so bright so I could clearly see that there was light at the end of the tunnel. Her support for me and my son is epic. I love you Jane.

As my grandmother always told me, you don't fail until you GIVE UP. Here at Kol Ami I never stood a chance of giving up. I managed to turn the impossible into possible with an amazing team of co-workers; some present and some past; I want to thank Rabbi Emeritus Mark Winer and his wife Suellen Winer for bringing me here to JCC/Kol Ami. I want to thank the late Ruth Gravitz, whose belief in my ability and trust in my work was second to none. I want to thank all my former colleagues most especially Lois Stogel and Janet Hershey; I thank you for your continued friendship. I want to thank Mark Hershey and Ken Simon our past Presidents for entrusting me with the fiscal responsibilities of this sacred place.

No one stands alone. Alone I could not have achieved all that I did in these 25 wonderful years ... I had an amazing team and cheerleaders alike. Thank you Shira for always being there to listen and offer guidance and support whenever I needed it. Thank you Tom and Samantha for opening not only your home but your hearts to include me and my family as an extended one of yours. Thank you David as we continue to build a relationship of trust and friendship, After Jane retired, Kol Ami brought in her place an incredible lady, my Rock, my Boss; Jess Lorden. I am so blessed to have found in her not only an amazing Boss and partner but most of all a true friend. Nan Blank, Thank you 'You Rock'... I miss not having you here tonight but Mazal Tov again for grandchild #5...Thank you to my amazing Assistant and friend Beatrice, Ahsante sana. My cheerleaders , my supporters, my friends, Emily, Alison, Kay, Felice, Pam, Tracey, Lisa, Idan, Ginny, Paul, Javier, Ernestina, Roberto, Miguel, Juan, Carmelo, Mikki and Eddy. Teachers in both the ECP and Religious School and Kodomono Kuni. Most importantly thank you to the children who give me endless joy... the children of Kol Ami fill me with warmth and laughter. Thank you for filling this space with your sweet voices as you go up and down these hallways of love. Thanks for making my years so memorable and beautiful.

The lay leaders of Kol Ami; past and present. The wonderful Treasurers all of whom kept me in check and in balance. Thank you. The entire Exec. Boards past and present and all the board members some who are close friends at heart.

It's been said that people walk into our lives for a reason, a season or a lifetime. I walked into Kol Ami, the former JCC my REASON being EMPLOYEMENT... little did I know that I would celebrate many seasons of endless Simchas and in the process make a lifetime of friends who touched me in so many ways, tonight is TESTAMENT of your love and care. I buildt and continue to build beautiful relationships based on respect and mutual understanding. My reason for coming to Kol Ami turned into many wonderful SEASONS that have created a lifetime of memories. These relationships we nurtured together has intertwined me and you into the very threads that make Kol Ami THE PLACE TO BE.

Shira once said that we all have a story to tell. SHE WAS ABSOLUTELY right. Two weeks after 9/11, when Muslims were alienated, some mistreated and some killed, I was invited to speak under the "Sukkah of Peace" on a beautiful morning of Sukkot at the home of Rabbi Milgrom. Shira believed that my voice needed to be heard and my story, that of my religion needed to be told. I knew a long time ago that I found a home away from my home here at Kol Ami but little did Shira know that her love and care would change my life forever. Kol Ami means Voice of my people... Shira's reaching out and inviting me to her home communicated to me I was that other voice that made the voices of the Kol Ami community... Hence there is "No me without Kol Ami" I thank God to have guided me here... It is here that my voice is heard amongst the most caring and loving people.

25 years is a long story to tell..... I have just begun...
Thank you Kol Ami for giving me a voice among your people...
Shalom, Salaam, May Peace be upon you all.

Kol Ami



We invite you to join us for our
Outdoor Summer Shabbat Services!

Friday evenings this summer

July 13th

August 3rd

August 17th

Weather permitting our 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
will be held outside for everyone to enjoy the evening air.

If the weather is inclement, services
will be held as usual in the Main Sanctuary.

Around Kol Ami....

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June 8 - 10th

Did You Know?

The Retreat is a chance to UNPLUG from stress and distractions and RECONNECT...

- ...with family and friends when you participate in programming together.
- ...with nature while running or hiking on wooded paths, in a boat on Sylvan Lake.
- ...with your mind and spirit during scholarly conversation or while reviewing Judaic text with clergy.
- ...with who you are surrounded by beauty, family, and friends.

Did You Know?

The Retreat has something for everyone! From supervised activities for our youngest members to opportunities for those that are young at heart. Join us at for a chance to release your inner scholar, artist and athlete. Or, for those looking for a more relaxed experience, grab (or download) your favorite book and take advantage of the chance to relax by Sylvan Lake.

Did You Know?

That you do not have to miss the Retreat because of a prior commitment or if you are unsure about staying at Camp Kinder Ring. You can come for just one night or for the day on Saturday!

Ready to register? Click the link below or stop by the Kol Ami Office to fill out a registration form.

Have additional questions or concerns?

Contact Genna Farley at Genna.Farley@gmail.com or the Retreat Committee at Retreat@NyKolAmi.org

[Register Here! Deadline is June 1st](#)

Social Action

Tikkun Olam

Coachman Corner

Spreading Tikkun Olam in our Community

Our 4th Annual Coachman-Kol Ami Pre-Memorial Day Barbeque took place on Sunday, May 20th. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with good food and family fun! Chalk and bubbles were donated by our ECP. Jodi and Rachel Klein led our crafts project and helped our Coachman guests make beautiful sand art creations. The Danzig and Adler families engaged our Coachman guests in sports and games and introduced them to the Israeli game of gaga. The younger kids jumped to their hearts content in an inflatable bouncy castle. Sisterhood generously underwrote our entertainment budget. Cantor David and his kitchen crew gave everyone the taste of summer with delicious chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and side salads. And thanks to the generosity of all our Kol Ami volunteers, we had a wide-array of mouth-watering baked goods and desserts. In addition to all the left overs that our guests happily packed up and took home, they also received sleep shirts decorated by our 4th grade religious school students as parting gifts.

We are thankful for all our volunteers who helped spread joy into the lives of our Coachman neighbors and made the day so successful:

The Abrams Family, The Adler Family, Judy Asher, Ellen Bittner, Judi Brown, Sheryl & Steve Brady; Diane Chesnut, The Danzig Family, Susan & Paul Davis, Lynne Dolle, Geri Friedman, Bob & Nora Groban, Jay Hack, The Hochman/Worth Family, Vicki Horowitz, The Ivler Family, Martin Kahn, Frank Kaiman, Jodi & Rachel Klein, Jeff & Marcia Lange, Jess & Dave Lorden, The Love/Lent Family, Irene Naar, Adrienne & Scott Pollak, Shira Milgrom, Cindy & Scott Musoff and Dani, Sean Reynolds, Susan Robinson, David Rosen & Ilyse Glickman and Joel, Roger Seti, Sheila Sturmer, The Vjunovich Family, Susan Weisfeld, Tom Weiner.



Social Action Tikkun Olam

Coachman Corner

Spreading Tikkun Olam in our Community

Our April birthday party was sponsored by Jennifer & Todd Peterson along with their children, Jordan and Lucy, and Jordan's friend Sarah. The decorations were fun and festive with emoji-themed balloons, party plates and even an emoji birthday cake. Jodi and Rachel Klein were busy helping the kids select their own colorful dyes and guiding them through step by step instructions to make their own slime. Jordan Peterson and her friend Sarah engaged the kids in making Wiki Sticks. The Petersons ensured that each birthday child received a beautifully wrapped birthday gift and a homemade birthday card. Audrey from Backyard Sports organized games and activities with help from the boys from Mamaroneck Lions Heart service club. All party-goers left with smiles and sweet treats in goody bags assembled by our Religious School students.

Our Coachman birthday celebrations continued with a May party sponsored by Carol Kizer and her daughter Sabrina. The mother-daughter team hosted a bake sale in advance of the May party. Religious school families couldn't resist the mouth-watering array of baked goods that greeted them as they entered and left the building. All proceeds went toward the May party where Sabrina delighted the kids with more slime making and Backyard Sports led the sports and games. The smiles and giggles of the Coachman children made the afternoon unforgettable for all.



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 facilities. 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, June 20th at 2:30 PM
The Knolls (Formerly Westchester Meadows)
55 Grasslands Road
Valhalla, NY

AFYA at Kol Ami

Kol Ami's commitment 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.

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 when we resume in the Fall, 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

Kol Ami Cares *Opportunities for Volunteering*



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



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11:00AM-4PM**

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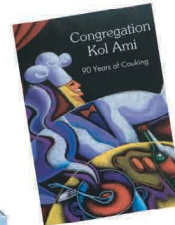
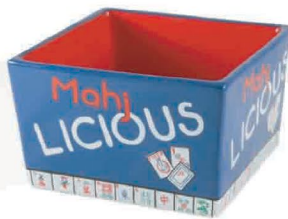
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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP AT KOL AMI

Stock up on Judaica at the
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Sunday, June 3rd at Kol Ami





**Is it time
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WIN a BRAND NEW 2018
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Join the fun and purchase raffle tickets May 7-June 7th, 2018

**EVERYONE can purchase tickets. Tell your friends, neighbors,
grandparents, uncles, aunts, and fellow congregants**

It's easy, here's how:

Online: <http://www.events.org/cpage.aspx?e=116363>

Or: Drop off a check at the ECP Office or in the Mail

(1) Ticket for \$20, (6) Tickets for \$100



**Winner will be announced on
Thursday, June 7th
(our Annual ECP Truck Day!)**

**Proceeds from
the raffle will be used by our
Early Childhood Program
to aid our Scholarship Fund**

Adult Education

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 June 4th

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 June 12th

Women's Roundtable Breakfast

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

Next meeting on October 3rd

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

next meeting on October 4th

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

June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

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 clinical 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 occasionally guest speakers, both from within and outside Kol Ami, will be invited.

*Meets every other Wednesday from 7:30-8:45pm,
June 6th, 13th, 27th*

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,
June 4th, June 18th*

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 DLDDingott@gmail.com

*Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 9:15am in Room 20
next meeting on June 6th*

Parenting Teens Workshops

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

With Susan Davis, LCSW.

*Meets the 1st Thursday of the Month at Noon,
next meeting on June 7th*

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 November 5th*

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



Mark Your Calendar! Give the Gift of Life Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 5, 2018
3:00-9:00pm at Bet Am Shalom

We urge participation by temple members during this semi-annual blood drive.
You don't need to make an appointment.

Please make sure there will be blood available when someone needs it.
YOU can save lives.

Students returning from College are welcome.

Give the GIFT OF LIFE.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with written parental/guardian permission) and weigh at least 110 pounds.

People over 75 can donate blood if they meet all donor criteria and present a physician's letter allowing them to donate. There are, however, some medical conditions that can keep someone from giving blood.

There are also some restrictions based on past travel.

If you have specific questions about your donor eligibility, call 1-800-688-0900 or log on to www.nybloodcenter.org and click on DONATE BLOOD.

*Blood Drive Chairman David Klein
761-7659*

*"For the life of all flesh - its blood is its life." Leviticus 17:14
"Whoever saves a life, as it saves an entire world." Mishna Sanhedrin*

HOST AN ISRAELI SHALIACH!

An opportunity to host a post-high school student who is deferring army service for a year to come to Westchester as an ambassador of Israel.

ABOUT THE STUDENTS (shinshinim):

- Four students who just completed high school, spending a year in the US before starting army service
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- Families with teenagers/school-aged children are preferred
- No need to speak Hebrew!

Past host families regard this as one of the most enriching experiences they have had. Thank you for considering this rewarding opportunity!

If you are interested in becoming a host family, please email the Westchester Jewish Council <israel@wjcouncil.org> for an application. Email Idan Santhaus <idansanthaus@nykolami.org> with further questions.



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July 10, July 17

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Minimum of

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Please RSVP to register

Alison Adler

alisonadler@nykolami.org

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First Friends: A Toddler Program

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For children turning 5

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Nan Blank, Early Childhood Director

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Shabbat in the Woods

Join us on Friday, July 27th

for our Shabbat in the Woods Service

Followed by a Family Picnic and Concert

Rain or Shine

It's Easy!

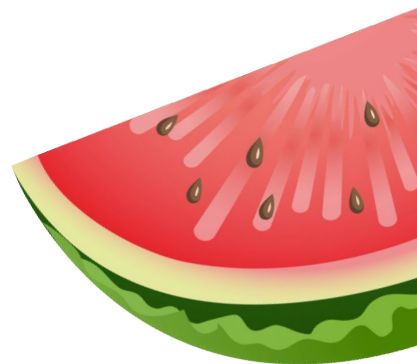
You bring a picnic dinner, drinks

and a blanket for your family

And we'll bring the Watermelon and Cookies

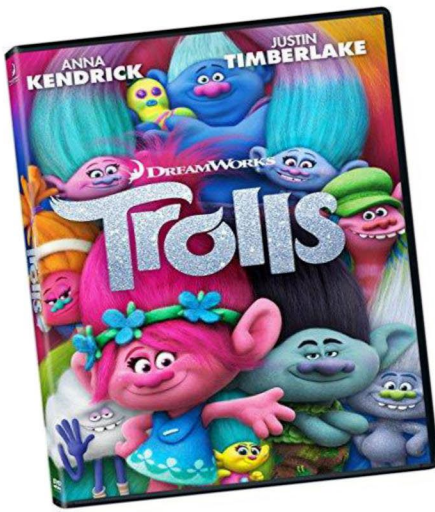
Shabbat at 5:30pm

Dinner at 6:00pm followed by a Family Concert with Shira Korben

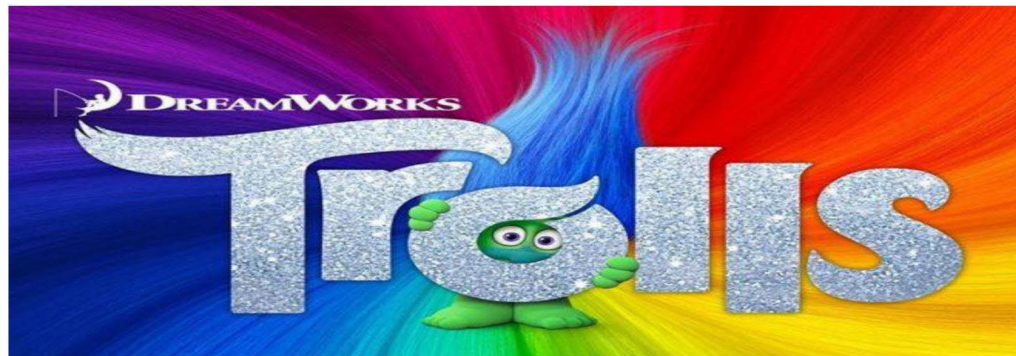


Shira Friends WHEN YOU'RE A KID





**Any Plans for
Wednesday Evening, July 18th?
Well we've got just the thing!
Join us at our Family Movie Night!
We will be showing**



**Bring a blanket for your family
And we'll bring the Pizza, Salad and Ice Cream
5:15 for Dinner
5:45 Movie**

7:30 Ice Cream/Ices and Home

Join us for a wonderful evening of family fun!

**Let us know you'll be coming by filling in the form below or reserving your place
By calling Nan in the ECP office at 949-4717 x107 or nanblank@nykolami.org**

Family Name: _____ No. of People: _____

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- Pray with Women of the Wall at Rosh Hodesh services
- Harvest olives with Palestinians
- Walk through the Old City of Hebron with Breaking the Silence
- Meet Hadassah Froman, an Orthodox woman who will break your stereotypes



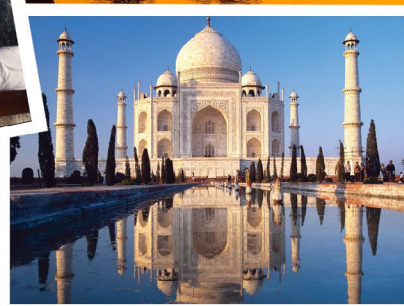
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For 9th-12th graders for the academic year 2018-19
Led by Cantor David Rosen & Idan Santhaus
December 20-30, 2018

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- Celebrate Shabbat with our friends and members of the Tzur Hadassah progressive community in Jerusalem
- Participate in dialogue with Noa Sattath of the Israel Religious Action Center about the struggle for equality, pluralism and social justice in Israel
- Ascend Masada to view the remains of King Herod's fortress and float in the healing waters of the Dead Sea
- Learn about modern and ancient Jewish history in Israel
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* Please include a copy of the front page of each registrant's passport and fill out one form per person

* Passport must be valid for 6 months past travel dates

Name as it appears on passport: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Passport #: _____ Expiration: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sharing with another registrant (registering separately)? Please note name here: _____

Departure City (if taking air): _____

Pay by credit card:

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LEGACY FUND

DID YOU KNOW...

The following is an edited excerpt from an article by Bruce DeBoskey about meaningful philanthropy :

“Everyone wants to leave a legacy, some proof that they lived on this earth and made a difference... some people leave an obvious legacy that has a global effect. However, one person doesn’t have to change the entire world to make a difference...

The idea of legacy may seem a bit daunting , may even evoke thoughts about dying, but it is not about death – legacy is really about life and living, making decisions about the kind of life we want to live and the kind of world we want to live in and how we want our values perpetuated beyond us.

Through Legacy, ‘me’ becomes ‘we’; ‘we’ encompasses past and future, old and young and the society we create and perpetuate... ideally we want to leave the world a better place than we found it. Farmer Nelson Henderson said ‘the true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit’.”

You can become part of Kol Ami’s collective legacy that fosters Jewish values in perpetuity and supports a way of life that repairs the world, preserves ideas essential to a healthy, sustainable and productive society where each of us matters now and in the future.

If you would like to explore ways to make a tax deductible planned gift to The Kol Ami Legacy Fund, contact Evelyne Klein at 914-762-7659, aspencup@aol.com or Judi Brown at 646-206-4547, gojustjudi@gmail.com



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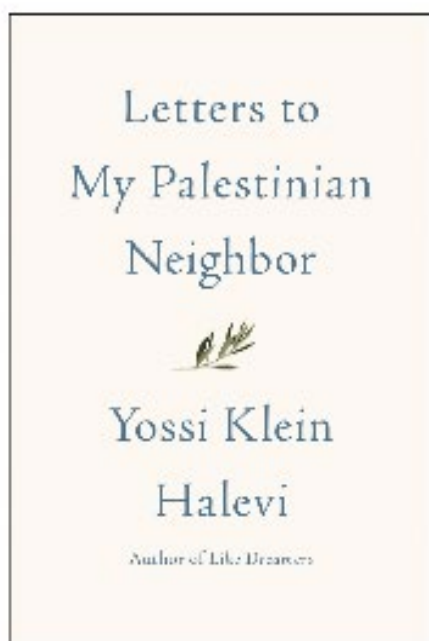
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Senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute, Halevi is the author of several books, including the award-winning *Like Dreamers: The Story of the Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation*.



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Imam Antepli is chief representative of Muslim Affairs at Duke University and co-director of the Muslim Leadership Initiative at Shalom Hartman Institute.



MODERATED BY

ABIGAIL POGREBIN

Author of *My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew*, and *Stars of David: Prominent Jews Talk About Being Jewish*, Pogrebin also moderates her own interview series at the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan called "What Everyone's Talking About."

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Life Cycles

Congratulations

- ✧ To Harley Lewis on the marriage of her granddaughter, Toby Lewis to Nick Landau
- ✧ To Barbara and Daniel Scheer on the birth of their son, Samuel Joseph Scheer
- ✧ To Lorraine and David Seicol on the birth of their grandson, Dylan Cooper Seicol
- ✧ To Pam Millian and Gary Orentlicher on the birth of their grandson, Tyler Jacob Oren

Condolences

- ✧ To Jayne Eliach and family on the death of her father, Aaron Eliach
- ✧ To Peter Waxman and family on the death of his mother, Lenore Solomon
- ✧ To Neil Bernstein and family on the death of his father, Hirschel Bernstein
- ✧ To Carol Mencher and family on the death of her sister, Jo-Anne Roche
- ✧ To Paul Mauro and family on the death of his brother-in-law, Angelo Costa
- ✧ To Dr. Ellen Umansky and family on the death of her nephew, Marc Philip Levy
- ✧ To Deborah Bank and family on the death of her brother, Claude Salem

In Memorium

- ✧ Larry Fleischman
- ✧ Jo-Anne Roche

Generous Contributions

Rabbi Shira Milgrom's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In memory of her father, Max Weil, from Lore Kalb
- ✧ In memory of Edna Driansky from Carla and Loren Glassman and the Driansky family
- ✧ In memory of Riena Kaplow from Sheila Sturmer
- ✧ In appreciation from Anita Fassler
- ✧ In appreciation from Sherry Reisch
- ✧ In appreciation of her support from Leslie Wiesen
- ✧ In appreciation from Jane Hein
- ✧ In celebration of David and Mimi for all the ways you enrich our life milestones and lives, from Kathy Pike

Rabbi Tom Weiner's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In memory of Peter Kaye from Morley Kaye
- ✧ In honor of wedding of Nick and Toby from Thomas and Debra Lewis
- ✧ In honor of Ben's Bar Mitzvah from Suzanne and Matthew Kirsch
- ✧ Thank you for baby naming of grand-daughter, Elizabeth Belle Guber, from Larry and Miriam Kraus
- ✧ In honor of Josh's Bar Mitzvah from Todd and Liz Ilberg
- ✧ In honor of her Bat Mitzvah and in appreciation from Anita Fassler
- ✧ In honor of Daniel's Bat Mitzvah from Bonnie Hagen
- ✧ For the unveiling of stone for Marilyn Siglag from Lisa Siglag
- ✧ To support youth programs and to provide musical support from Alan and Claudia Barson
- ✧ In appreciation of support from Leslie Wiesen
- ✧ In honor of the Confirmation Class of 2018/5778. Mazal Tov! From the McEvoy Family

Generous Contributions

Cantor David's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In honor of Josh's Bar Mitzvah from Todd and Liz Ilberg
- ✧ In memory of Jerry Winkler and Arlene Roth from Jodi and Peter Roth
- ✧ In honor of Daniel's Bar Mitzvah from Bonnie Hagen
- ✧ In appreciation from Anita Fassler
- ✧ In honor of Lenora Eve from Judi Brown

Synaplex Circle

- ✧ Jean and Henry Pollak

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- ✧ In honor of her grandson, Ethan Sommers Bar Mitzvah from Pat Lieberman

Refugee Resettlement Fund

- ✧ In appreciation from Anne E. Wright

Fund for the Needy

- ✧ In loving memory of Aaron Eliach, father of Jayne Eliach from Ron and Julie Carran
- ✧ In loving memory of Barbara Fischer from Patty and Bert Wohl
- ✧ In appreciation of the Coachman Picnic from Nora Solomon Groban and Robert Groban Jr.

Kol Ami Fund

- ✧ In loving memory of his son, Peter B. Kaye from Morley Kaye
- ✧ In loving memory of Barbara Fischer from Amy and Michael Taub
- ✧ In loving memory of Barbara Fischer from Lori and Evan Kornrich
- ✧ In loving memory of Barbara Fischer from Bob Kipnees
- ✧ In loving memory of Barbara Fischer from Donna and Richard Fleming
- ✧ In loving memory of Barbara Fischer from Barbara McFadyen and Douglas Phillips
- ✧ In honor of Ruth Goldberg reading from the Torah from Lois and Seymour Newman
- ✧ In loving memory of Arlene Roth, mother of Peter Roth from Stacey and Gary Sheinbaum
- ✧ In honor of Madiha Tubman on her silver anniversary at Kol Ami from Ellen Bittner

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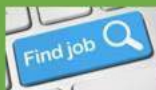
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