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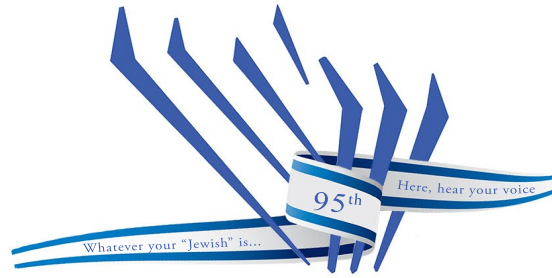
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Celebrating our past, living our present, imagining our future

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**A Jewish journey is about history.
Where you are going, and where you have been.
It is about times, and places, and people.
It is about quiet moments with oneself and with God.
It is about joyous moments spent with others.**

Congregation Kol Ami's Jewish journey began in 1923 when the Jewish Community Center of White Plains was formed and land was purchased on Sterling Avenue in White Plains to build a religious school and a temple. As the temple and the school expanded, in 1944 7 ½ acres of land were purchased at Soundview Avenue.

In May 1995 the Jewish Community Center of White Plains changed its name to Congregation Kol Ami, meaning "The Voice of My People".

From the start, and continuing today, our purpose has been to nurture the divine spark within, and to connect each of us to a meaningful Jewish journey.

Whatever your "Jewish" is, you'll find it at Kol Ami.

**Here, our members- of every age and with
diverse backgrounds and identities-
are our heartbeat.**

**Here, we cultivate relationships
with family, friends, staff, and clergy.**

**Here, we are rooted in our synagogue, in our community,
in our country, and in Israel.**

**Here, we celebrate Jewish traditions and culture,
nourish our souls through music and arts,
and explore relationships with God.**

Here, we evolve and challenge ourselves.

Here, we worship, we learn, we celebrate, we engage.

Here, we practice Tikkun Olam.

"Kol Ami" means "the voice of my people".

Here, hear your voice.

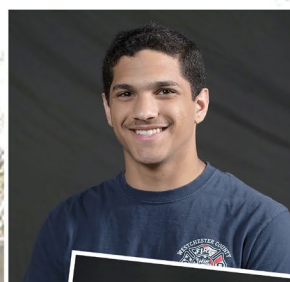


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Worship Opportunities



Shabbat in the Woods



The Spirit



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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 December

Week ending December 1, 2018

Parashat Vayeshev Genesis 37:1-40:23

Vayeshev begins the final extended narrative of Genesis, the Joseph story. The Joseph story serves as a bridge between B'reishit (Genesis) and Sh'mot (Exodus) in that Joseph, his brothers, and eventually his father start out in Canaan but end up in Egypt. The parashah weaves together the themes of family and betrayal, so evident in the early stories of Genesis, with the larger national themes of suffering and redemption that form the backbone of Exodus.

Week ending December 8, 2018

Parashat Miketz Genesis 41:1-44:17

This week's parashah continues the story of Joseph at the end (miketz) of his prison term. Joseph, who has been Pharaoh's prisoner for two years, is released from jail in order to interpret Pharaoh's perplexing dreams.

Week ending December 15, 2018

Parashat Vayigash Genesis 44:18-47:27

Joseph's brothers are in Egypt to get food to bring back to famine-ridden Canaan. Our parashah begins with the brothers unknowingly standing before their brother Joseph, who has become the vizier of Egypt; and Judah asking to be imprisoned in place of his youngest brother Benjamin (whom Joseph framed). Judah, who once convinced his brothers to sell Joseph into slavery rather than kill him, argues for Benjamin (Rachel's only other child) because he fears that any harm to Benjamin would break his father's heart.

Week ending December 22, 2018

Parashat Vayehi Genesis 47:28-50:26

This final parashah in the book of B'reishit brings the first book of the Torah full circle. The family stories of patriarchs and matriarchs culminate in the blessings of Jacob to his sons and grandsons. The centerpiece of this portion is a sequence of twelve blessings, delivered by Jacob to each of his sons. Jacob brings his entire family together to hear his words.

Week ending December 29, 2018

Parashat Shemot Exodus 1:1-6:1

We begin the book of Exodus with this week's parashah. In Hebrew, the name of the book and its first parashah is Shemot, meaning "names," referring to the names of the Israelites who come to Egypt with Jacob. A new Pharaoh who does not have direct experience with Joseph & his role in Pharaoh's court has taken control of Egypt. The Israelites are enslaved. Moses is born and in turn "gives birth" to the people of Israel.

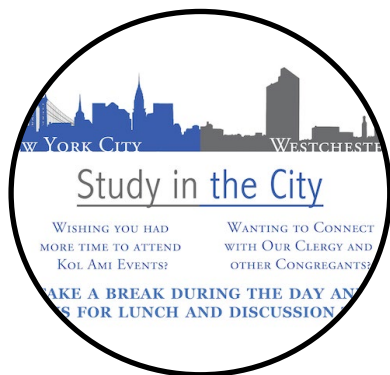
December Calendar



Sisterhood Latkes and Lattes
Saturday, 1st



Kol Ami Blood Drive
Sunday, 2nd



Study and Lunch in the City
Wednesday, 5th

Saturday	1	<i>Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel</i> 9:00am Coffee and Conversation 9:30am Guest Speaker: Dr. Ellen Umansky on Stories of Jewish Resistance 11:00am Shabbat Services 10:30am Bar Mitzvah of Evan Schiff 4:00-6:00pm Sisterhood Latkes and Lattes in the Gallery
Sunday	2	<i>First Night of Hanukkah</i> 9:00-11:00am Religious School with 3rd Grade Book Club and 5th Grade Trip to the Jewish Heritage Museum 11:00-11:30am Or Chadash Choir with Cantor David 8:30-2:30pm Blood Drive at Kol Ami
Monday	3	<i>2nd Night of Hanukkah</i> 9:15-10:45am Grandparenting Class with Susan Davis 11:00-12:30pm Current Events with Beth Kava and Guest Speaker, NY Times: Mara Gay 6:00-7:00pm 12 Step Recovery 7:00-9:00pm Mah Jongg Monday Nights! 7:30-9:00pm Judaim, Real and Imagined
Tuesday	4	<i>3rd Night of Hanukkah</i> 5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel 6:30-8:30pm Adult Hanukkah Party 7:30-8:45pm Israel in the News
Wednesday	5	<i>4th Night of Hanukkah</i> 7:45-9:00am Women's Roundtable Breakfast 9:00-10:30am KA Reads Book Club 10:00-2:00pm Mah Jongg 12:00-2:00pm Study and Lunch in NYC with Rabbi Shira 4:00-6:00pm 4th-6th Grade Religious School 6:00-6:30pm Youth Dinner 6:30-8:30pm 7th-12th Grade Religious School
Thursday	6	<i>5th Night of Hanukkah</i> 9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditation in the Chapel 11:00-12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages 12:00-2:00pm Parenting Teens Workshop 5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel 7:30-8:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel

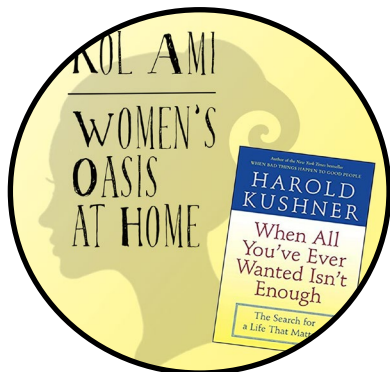
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Synaplex Hanukkah Shabbat!
Friday, December 7th



3rd Grade Religious School Trip to
The Jewish Museum in NYC
Sunday, 9th



Women's Oasis at Home
Thursday, 13th

Friday 7

6th Night of Hanukkah

5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods and Book Share
5:30pm Shabbat Sheli for Elementary Aged Children
6:00pm Congregational Menorah Lighting
6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Main Sanctuary
Synaplex Shabbat!: Roses in a Forbidden Garden Rock Musical
Children's Activities, Hanukkah Crafts, Dreidel Games
Dinner Catered by: Emma's Ale House
(Reservations Required for dinner)

Saturday 8

7th Night of Hanukkah

Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel
9:00am Coffee and Conversation
9:30am Guest Speaker:
Dr. Ellen Umansky on Stories of Jewish Resistance
11:00am Shabbat Services
10:30am Bat Mitzvah of Talia Klein
5:30pm Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Rose

Sunday 9

8th Night of Hannukah

9:00-11:00am Religious School, 3rd Grade Trip to the Jewish Museum
9:00-11:00am Tech Help! with Alex Arovass
11:00-11:30am Or Chadash Choir with Cantor David
11:00-1:00pm Cooking for the Homeless

Monday 10

9:30-11:00am Blessings of a Skinned Knee with Susan Davis
12:30-2:00pm Mussar Class with Rabbi Pam Wax
6:00-7:00pm 12 Step Recovery
7:30-9:00pm Kol Ami at the Movies

Tuesday 11

11:30-1:00pm Women in Transition
5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel
7:30-9:00pm Poetry Salon at Rabbi Shira's

Wednesday 12

9:30-12:00pm Kol Ami Volunteers at AFYA
10:00-2:00pm Mah Jongg
4:00-6:00pm 4-6th Grade Religious School
6:00-6:30pm Youth Dinner
6:30-8:30pm 7-12th Grade Religious School

Thursday 13

9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditation in the Chapel
11:00-12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages
5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel
7:30pm Al-Anon in the Chapel
7:30-9:30pm Oasis at Home Series
7:30-8:45pm Choir Rehearsal

December Calendar



NFTY Program in the Chapel
Sunday, 16th



India Trip with Rabbi Tom Departs
Thursday, 20th

Friday	14	5:30pm 6:00-7:15pm 6:15pm	Shabbat in the Woods for Families with Young Children Crafts, Light Supper, and Babysitting for Children Shabbat Services/Youth Shabbat in the Main Sanctuary
Saturday	15	<i>Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel</i> 9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 10:30am	Coffee and Conversation Guest Speaker: Dr. Ellen Umansky on Stories of Jewish Resistance Shabbat Services B'nai Mitzvah of Harrison and Steven Strassler
Sunday	16	9:00-11:00am 11:00am 2:00-4:00pm	Religious School Or Chadash Choir with Cantor David Rosen 6-8th Grade NFTY Program in the Chapel
Monday	17	11:00-12:30pm 6:00-7:00pm 7:30-9:00pm 7:00-9:00pm	Current Events with Beth Kava 12 Step Recovery Judaism, Real and Imagined Mah Jongg Monday Night!
Tuesday	18	11:30-12:45pm 5:45pm 7:30-8:45pm	Cooking for the Homeless AA in the Chapel Israel in the News
Wednesday	19	10:00-2:00pm 4:00-6:00pm 6:00-6:30pm 6:30-8:30pm	Mah Jongg 4th-6th Grade Religious School Youth Dinner 7th-12th Grade Religious School
Thursday	20	<i>Highschool Trip to Israel Departs</i> 9:30-11:00am 11:00-12:00pm 5:45pm 7:30pm 7:30-8:45pm	Jewish Meditation in the Chapel Wisdom of the Sages AA Meeting in the Chapel Al-Anon in the Chapel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	21	5:30pm 6:00-7:15pm 6:15pm	Shabbat in the Woods for Families with Young Children Crafts, Light Supper, and Babysitting for Children Shabbat Services in the Main Sanctuary
Saturday	22	<i>Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel</i> 9:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Coffee and Conversation Torah Study Shabbat Services

December Calendar



Building and Offices Closed
Tuesday, 25th

Sunday	23	Religious School Closed
Monday	24	ECP Closed Building and Offices Closing at 3pm
Tuesday	25	<i>Christmas Day</i> Building and Offices Closed
Wednesday	26	ECP Closed Religious School Closed Building and Offices Open
Thursday	27	ECP Closed 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 7:30-8:45pm Choir Rehearsal
Friday	28	ECP Closed 5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods for Families with Young Children 6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Main Sanctuary
Saturday	29	<i>Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel</i> 9:00am Coffee and Conversation 9:30am Torah Study 11:00am Shabbat Services
Sunday	30	Religious School Closed
Monday	31	<i>New Year's Eve</i> ECP Closed Building and Offices Closing at 3pm

LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY 2019

Monday, 7th	Kol Ami at the Movies
Friday, 11th	K/1st Grade, First Taste, ECP, and WPPD Appreciation Shabbat
Sunday, 13th	6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Workshop
Sunday, 13th	Dr. MLK Jr Interfaith Concert
Tuesday, 15th	Poetry Salon at Rabbi Shira's
Tuesday, 15th	India Trip with Rabbi Tom Weiner Departs
Wed, 16th	7th Grade Religious School Parents B'nai Mitzvah Meeting
Thursday, 17th	ECP Mom's Night Out in the Gallery
Friday, 18th	Synaplex Shabbat!: Shabbat Shira
Monday, 21st	Offices and Building Closed for MLK Jr. Day
Sunday, 27th	Joanie Leeds Family Concert

December B'nai Mitzvah



Evan Striar Schiff, son of Dana and Lance Schiff will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on December 1, 2018. Evan is currently in 7th grade at Scarsdale Middle School and spends his summers at Camp Androscoggin, in Maine. This past summer, after camp, Evan went to Israel with his parents and grandparents where he was Bar Mitzvah'd on top of Masada and then traveled the state. During the school year, Evan plays baseball and basketball. He enjoys listening to music and playing Fortnite. For his mitzvah project Evan teamed up with an amazing nonprofit organization called Pitch In For Baseball and Softball (PIFBS) where he raised money to give new equipment to under-resourced kids in Mount Vernon. He raised almost \$9,000 with the help of his family and friends. These funds translated into \$20,000 of new equipment through the incredible relationships PIFBS has established with sporting good companies. Evan personally delivered the new gloves, bats, helmets, catchers gear, and baseballs to the Mount Vernon players. The project culminated with a pick-up game whereby the Scarsdale and Mt. Vernon kids integrated their teams and played together. With Israel and his Mitzvah project behind him, Evan is so excited for his Bar Mitzvah at Kol Ami. It is a special day in his life that he looks forward to sharing with his family and friends.



Talia Klein, daughter of Adriane and Erik Klein, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on December 8, 2018, five days shy of her 13th birthday. She is currently an 8th grader at Western Middle School in Greenwich, CT. Talia is actively involved in a variety of activities, including: synchronized ice skating, individual figure skating, orchestra, student council, and religious school. She spends several early morning and afternoon hours gliding on the ice as a member of the Southern Connecticut Skating Club, alongside her teammates on The Shimmers. For her Mitzvah project, Talia served as a junior counselor at two Greenwich-based elementary school after care-programs, where she helped young students complete homework and engaged with them recreationally. In addition, she is committed to collecting new winter gear for a Fairfield County based organization known as "Kids in Crisis" to benefit 11 - 13 year olds who find safe shelter there, among other age groups. Her collection will help "Kids in Crisis" fulfill their annual holiday gift drive which is typically the only source of presents these children receive over the December holidays. Talia is very excited to share her special day with family and friends, and is grateful to her Kol Ami community for helping her reach this significant milestone.

December B'nai Mitzvah



Hannah Gabrielle Rose, daughter of Allison and Michael Rose and sister of Alex Rose will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on December 8th, 2018. She is in 8th grade at the Louis M. Klein Middle School in Harrison. Hannah enjoys spending time with her friends and family, playing with her dog and is a competitive tennis player. During the summer Hannah enjoys being a camper at Camp Vega in Maine. For her Mitzvah project, Hannah has been volunteering at Backyard Sports where she helps to teach sport skills and physical movement to children with special needs. Hannah is very excited to share this special day with her friends and family.



Harrison and Steven Strassler, sons of Jen and Richie Strassler, will be called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah on December 15, 2018. The twin brothers, who turn 13 on December 17th are in 7th grade at Ardsley Middle School. The boys are avid skiers who spend lots of time on the slopes in the Berkshires and Vermont. They have also been playing ice hockey at Westchester Skating Academy for many years and have recently taken up tennis lessons as well. Harrison and Steven have spent the past 5 summers at Trail's End Camp in the Poconos. It's definitely their "home away from home" and they are so excited that many of their camp friends will be celebrating with them. Both boys have loved to read since they were young. For that reason, they decided to collect books to donate to "The Bookfairies" which is a non-profit organization that provides books to underserved communities in the Metropolitan area. They realize how lucky they are to be able to buy new books at a bookstore, online, or even at the school book fair. They want to share that joy and excitement of books with other children. They will have a book-box set up in the café area of the Synagogue and would welcome any donations of very gently used or new children's books. Harrison and Steven began their journey at the ECP in 2008, and they are excited to reach this milestone of becoming B'nai Mitzvah at Kol Ami surrounded by family and friends these many years later.



A Message from Rabbi Milgrom

The Hanukkah story we were taught - if it involved history at all - was the story of a battle between Jews and Greeks. That is true. However, the battle began between Jews and Jews. The core of the Hanukkah story is a civil war.

The family of Mattathias the Priest led a rebellion against the assimilated, Hellenized, Jewish governing elite. The rebellion lasts three years; the Maccabees are victorious - and return to Jerusalem to cleanse the Temple of its internal and external corruption and

to re-establish Jewish sovereignty in the land of Israel. The Maccabees make themselves High Priests, Kings and Commanders-in-Chiefs, consolidating all centers of power. In three generations, they fight over who should inherit the throne, and call in Pompeii of Rome in 67 BCE to adjudicate their conflict. That, of course, is the beginning of the end. Jewish sovereignty will end in Rome's brutal destruction of the Second Commonwealth.

Centuries later, the rabbis of the Talmud will say that Jerusalem was destroyed not by Rome, but because of causeless hatred between Jews.

Here we are, two thousand years later - and the level of animosity among us is increasing at an alarming rate. At another time, our Kol Ami travelers to Israel will share what it was like to be exposed to some of the fundamentalist extremists of the Jewish community. Alarming, for sure.

However, what took me by surprise was on my return - the realization that even at the center of Jewish life, we are divided against ourselves. And whereas Israel once united us, it is Israel that is now dividing us. The center of the Jewish community is divided between "AIPAC Jews" and "JStreet Jews." We are all in support of Israel; we are so close, but we see ourselves as enemies. This is becoming a spiritual crisis for the American Jewish community. It will also seriously weaken our capacity to effectively lobby in support of Israel.

Each organization - both Aipac and JStreet - sponsors an annual conference in Washington DC. **I am planning this year to attend both conferences - and I would be thrilled to bring a Kol Ami contingent with me. I want to be clear: this would be a group of people who commit to attend both conferences.** We cannot afford to be divided against ourselves. We need to find a way to listen to each other - at least in the center of Jewish life. The future of the American Jewish community depends on us; the future of Israel depends on it. The Maccabees re-established Jewish sovereignty - the small against the many, the weak against the strong - yes, a miracle! And this independent Israel lasted for 100 years.

Just 100 years. This crisis of the Jewish people is happening on our watch.

The AIPAC Conference is March 24-27, 2019.

The JStreet Conference is October 26-29, 2019.

Please let me know if you will join me.

It's time for a different Hanukkah miracle - the miracle of listening and connecting.

Rabbi Shira Milgrom

A Message from Rabbi Weiner



Small Class of 10th Grade Jews; Huge International Footprint!

This year's 10th Grade Confirmation class is delightfully small. True, we prefer larger classes with lots of students. But on the rare occasions that a is small, there is something delightful and intimate about the experience. You can see something special in their smiles in the photo below/above.

Sitting around a few weeks ago on the Confirmation Weekend at Camp Isabella Friedman, one student asked another, "Where are you from?" The boy answered, "My family is from Israel, Songhai, Cameroon, Poland, Hungary, Russia and America. And I'm Jewish." How wonderful that answer is; how beautifully he understands the profound difference between the wonderful array or countries of origin of his family, and yet the clear fact that he is 100% Jewish.

And when the rest of the class chimed in with the even wider variety of countries their families come from, they too grasped the fact that still, with that great international footprint, they are all simply and fully Jews.

How lucky we are!

Rabbi Tom Weiner





A Message from Cantor Rosen

What's Your Favorite Hanukkah Song??

Let's face it, of all the Jewish holidays there are none that have better songs than Hannukah! They tend to be fun, they rhyme and best of all, they usually mention the "latke" word in there somewhere... I definitely have my favorite songs, some of which you will hear on December 7th when our children's choir, "Or Chadash" will grace us with their sweet voices at Shabbat services that evening.

Here are some references to a few of my favorite songs.

Candle Blessings:

I used to think that there was only one way to do the Hanukkah candle blessings. The melody is so old and popular that many of adapted the tune it (in my opinion incorrectly) to the candle blessing for Friday night. The truth is that there is a better version of the candle blessings, composed by Steven Page of the group formerly known as the "Barenaked Ladies." These Canadian musicians have made an upbeat, very cool version of the blessings.

Check it out here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrzJjg37Hgk>

I am a Latke:

This Debbie Freidman is a classic and really gives you insight as to what it may feel like to be a potato about to be turned into a delicious delicacy....<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DhFiszfdt18>

<https://www.jewishlearningmatters.com/AC-The-Latke-Song-by-Debbie-Friedman-986.aspx>

Hanukkah Catch:

This little ditty is a 3-part round that will get stuck in your head...sorry, but its lots of fun!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9I3ytTvnbn0>

Eight Nights of Joy:

A great upbeat "country style" explanation of the holiday set by Rabbi Joe Black. Or Chadash will be singing this one on December 7th!! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUDmXkcc35c>

O Hanukkah O Hanukkah (in Yiddish!) — — always a bubbe and Zadie crowd pleaser!!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWG4_gXyzHA

Boruch Ate — -a Yiddish lullaby classic about Hanukkah

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mjbXxQ1IEw&start_radio=1&list=RD7mjbXxQ1IEw

And Finally....these are some of my favorite "I have a little Dreidle Verses" Can you make up your own???

*I had a little dreidel, I made it out of chocolate,
but when I went to spin it, it had melted in my pocket.*

*I had a little dreidel I made it out of sand,
but when I went to spin it, it crumbled in my hand.*

*I have a little dreidel I made it out of shmaltz
it don't make healthy eatin' but that dreidle sure can waltz*

*I have a little dreidel, I made it out of bread,
It looked so very yummy, I ate it up instead!*

*I had a little dreidel I made it from a broom
I think I'll try to talk it into cleaning up my room*

Chag Hanukkah Sameach!!

Cantor David Rosen

A Message from our Co-President

WE SHALL OVERCOME

At about 10 am on October 28, Shabbat morning, the horrific and tragic attack on the Pittsburgh Tree of Life Synagogue began to unfold. The Anti-Defamation League has characterized the shooting as the deadliest attack on Jews in American History. By 11:30 am, the reverberations began to be felt across the Country and the world, including here at Kol Ami. We immediately began to interface with the White Plains Police Department, which was and has been incredibly proactive and responsive throughout; collaborate on our message to the Kol Ami community; and review our security protocols. And Rabbi Shira — building upon her years, if not decades, of outreach to both the Jewish and interfaith community in Westchester — began to organize the Solidarity Service that Kol Ami hosted the next day, at which well over a thousand friends and neighbors of all races, religions and backgrounds packed our bima, sanctuary and social hall.



Even with the passage of some time to reflect on these events, I still feel overwhelmed with an emotional aftermath of grief, anger, fear and sadness. Yet, those feelings are also tempered with stronger feelings of comfort, joy, steadiness and optimism. To paraphrase Rabbi Shira, sometimes the cracks need to be exposed before the true healing and fixing can begin. And the cracks caused by this devastating act of hate and terror also allowed rays of light to seep into view almost immediately. The next morning as I greeted religious school families as they arrived for a previously-planned open house, I repeatedly heard the refrain, “thank you, I’m so glad to be here” or “I couldn’t imagine being anywhere but here this morning.” Being together as a strong, vibrant Jewish community was comforting and reaffirming. Our Kol Ami community and the broader community has come together to show that love and goodness will overpower hate and violence. But well before this tragic event, we at Kol Ami also understood that for that to be true, it requires more than just thoughts and prayers. It requires action. We at Kol Ami have always placed a high priority on tikkun olam, repairing the world. This is evident from everything from our displaying Hate Has No Home Here placards, working with those less fortunate such as at the Coachman Center, marching on Washington in support of women’s rights or to curb gun violence, engaging in interfaith outreach and worship, pursuing our #BeTheLight campaign, and so much more.

The importance and significance of our Kol Ami community especially in times like these was evident by the large attendance at both the the Solidarity Service and the following Friday night kabbalat shabbat service. But we must also remember to harness those positive feelings of community and gathering in the good times as well. Susan and I, as co-presidents, and the entire Board, commit that Kol Ami will remain a vibrant, open and active Jewish community that will continue to strive to repair the world. We also commit that security will remain our highest priority and we will continue to work with the White Plains Police Department and other security professionals in that regard.

We ended that Sunday Solidarity Service standing arm and arm led by interfaith clergy and surrounded by over a thousand friends and neighbors singing the civil rights anthem, We Shall Overcome. And I have to say, “Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome one day.”

I would like to end by extending a particular word of gratitude to our entire Clergy and senior staff, but especially to Rabbi Shira, our Executive Director Jessica Lorden, and my Co-President Susan Kohn Arovas, who immediately stepped up to lead our community that weekend by providing meaningful and spiritual direction and continuing to make our safety a top priority.

L'Shalom

Scott Musoff

A Message from our Executive Director



Thankful and Grateful

I recently received a beautiful coffee mug from a young friend for a birthday gift. I appreciated this most thoughtful gift so much I proudly placed the mug on the shelf in my office where I will have easy access to use it, and where others will be able to see it. The mug was embossed with the words "Thankful and Grateful".

I began to think about the words "thankful" and "grateful" and I realized that even in a stressful world in which there is much about which I could feel despair, there is so much about which I am thankful and grateful.

Perhaps, this Hanukkah, as we add the light of an additional candle each night, we might also learn to appreciate what we have, instead of what we do not have. In this spirit of thanksgiving, I'd like to share with you some of the wonderful things in my life for which I am grateful.

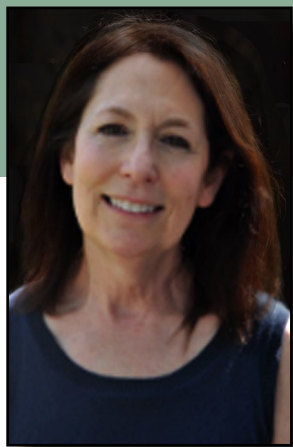
- ~ a community of different faiths & backgrounds which came together in a meaningful vigil after the tragedy in Pittsburgh.
- ~ being part of a community of good people who come together making each of us stronger.
- ~ our first responders who support us in myriad ways, day in and day out.
- ~ working with clergy, staff and lay leaders who support and challenge me daily.
- ~ the 100+ congregants & staff who volunteer to give the families from the Coachman Center a special Thanksgiving feast.
- ~ being part of a community in which social justice is clear and consistent action.
- ~ 7th grade students who demonstrate their understanding of the importance of helping those who are hungry.
- ~ being healthy, happy and loved.
- ~ Family vacations at the beach.
- ~ seeing the gorgeous, pink sun rise each morning before I work out.
- ~ friends turned into family, and big dreams turned into reality.
- ~ all the blessings and talents I have been given, but most of all I am thankful for my loving and supportive family.



It is ironic that in the face of tragedy we realize how fragile life is and we appreciate what we have more. Sometimes we need these reminders that good days give happiness, that bad days give experience, that worst days give lessons, that best days give memories and to never regret a single day. I choose to live a life full of gratitude and to begin each day with a grateful heart.

I hope this column gives you reason to pause and discover the blessings in your life.

Fondly, Jess



A Message from our ECP Director

December ECP Dates:

December 5th: Jelly Donuts at 8:30am with Cantor David

December 21st: January 2: ECP closed for the December holiday

December 27th: Holiday movie morning – flyer on page 35

November smelled wonderful! From pumpkin bread and cranberry sauce to corn bread and roasted pumpkin seeds, to sweet potatoes, and cranberry sauce all of us had a delicious time! We made hand-print turkeys, clay turkeys, headdresses, Indian corn prints, beaded necklaces, and learned about the Pilgrims and the Native Americans. We learned some very silly songs like: *The Turkey Ran Away*, *Gobble, Gobble*, *The Popcorn Song*, and *The Turkey is a Funny Bird*. Our 3's, 4's and Pre-k's enjoyed a feast as one community making the morning very special indeed. Most important though we learned what we are thankful for food, friends and family.

Our Annual Turkey Trot was a huge success! Our entire school participated in this wonderful event teaching Tzedakah all the while enjoying a morning with friends. Canned vegetables, stuffing, canned potatoes, canned apples, and cans of pumpkin and cranberry sauce were collected and given to the Westchester Food Bank. After taking a short walk around our campus we all enjoyed apple cider and turkey stickers!

We once again had the honor to participate in Kol Ami's Thanksgiving project with the Coachman Family Center, one of our family shelters in Westchester County. On Saturday evening, November 17th Kol Ami hosted a community Thanksgiving Dinner for the families who presently live at the Coachman. For the feast, each of our 3's, 4's and 5's made Thanksgiving cards and candy bags for all of the Coachman guests.

Our November Book Fair was equally successful and we want to thank the entire Kol Ami community for helping it to be so much fun. Each day of the Fair we had a guest reader or activity making this year's event interactive and fun. A very special thank you goes to our incredible Book Fair Chairs Sara Elkin and Courtney Rabb. A big thank you also goes to the rest of our many Book Fair volunteers for helping to make the week so successful.

This month our 4's will host a Winter Party for our friends from Kodomono Kuni, the Japanese preschool in our building. The children will spend a morning together sharing a winter craft project and a special holiday snack.

All of our students will also enjoy sharing Hannukah together as one community at our Hannukah Concert and Latke Party on Wednesday morning December 5th. The day will begin with a Sufganiyot demonstration and tasting with our very own Chef, Cantor David. Mid-morning we'll be entertained by The Levin's and we'll follow the concert with a delicious holiday snack.

The Early Childhood Program of Congregation Kol Ami has served our own community and the greater community of lower Westchester for well over 50 years. Our philosophy is simple; we are dedicated to implementing a comprehensive and developmentally sound early childhood curriculum that promotes social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth. The development of spiritual and moral values and the joyful celebration of the Jewish holidays are an important ingredient to our program as well. We have an incredible, vibrant and talented staff and an inviting facility that is warm and welcoming. In short, we have a great deal to be thankful for and proud of.

What else could we possibly need? We need you! We need everyone in our congregation to partner with us and to help us continue to build our community of friends' one family at a time. We need you to spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors that Kol Ami's Early Childhood Program is a very special place. We need you to build with us today so we can strengthen our Congregation's foundation for tomorrow. Partner with us, support us and help us continue to build for a strong future. It's in all of our hands and well within our reach.

*Be well,
Nan*

A Message from our Religious School



A note written on the outside of a box:

"In this box there is something powerful, something unique, something special. It is the future. I have made the future. With this *yad*, I can change the world. I can bring peace, love, and happiness. And all of this is contained in this box. Use with wisdom." ~Victoria Hagen, June 2016

This note is incredibly insightful...and it gets better: it was written by a 13 year old - to herself – about the silver *yad* she made in Religious School.

A *yad* (translation: hand) helps you stay on track while chanting Torah; whereas the Torah keeps you on track in life with lessons about *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world), *tzedakah* (justice, righting the world), and *gemilut chasidim* (acts of kindness). Through Torah, we teach THOUGHT, LEARNING, and ACTION as the underpinnings of our Religious School curriculum.

A message put on a *yad*:



"Who sustains one soul – sustains the world"
~Matthew Welling, referencing the Talmud, November 2018

Matthew is yet another thoughtful 13-year-old who will impact our world for the better. He chose a Talmudic expression that represents his worldly view; he and his family derive special meaning from this phrase. Having it on the ritual object that guides Torah reading is another powerful message.

Victoria and Matthew have grown up through our Religious School, which greatly informed their thinking and insight. This year, Victoria will be confirmed and Matthew just celebrated his Bar Mitzvah. How incredibly profound were the words of these two young people at such tender ages. Both understand the power of Torah and the *mitzvah* (commandment) to use the learning within to make a positive impact on the world.

Encouraging, shaping, and inspiring our students to connect Judaism with action, character, leadership, justice, and compassion is why we're here.

Continuing a long-standing (14+ years) Religious School tradition, each 7th grader once again made their own yad with Avi Zuckerman. In these boxes...

Pam Pass



A Message from our Director of Youth Engagement

Israel on My/Our mind/s

Israel is my home. It's an interesting place: diverse, complex, inviting and welcoming, sometimes not so welcoming – maybe. It's my home.

I am following the news from home closely as the political arena is warming up for a possible election season. Yamim Yagidu; Days Will Tell..

I am also in the midst of reading a biography of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu by Israeli journalist Ben Caspit. It's a fascinating document and an interesting analysis of someone who may soon become the longest serving Prime Minister in Israel's history.

I have just finished another book about Israel called Catch-67 by Micah Goodman. I highly recommend this reading (it is translated to English) because Mr. Goodman is able to explain the various, and often contradicting, opinions of the Israeli left and right in a clear way. Very interesting.

Israel is also on Kol Ami's mind. We have recently welcomed Mr. Robbie Gringras, an Israeli educator, writer and performer to our community for a weekend of learning about Israel. Mr. Gringras shared new ideas and perspectives about Israel and how we can engage in a constructive conversation about it while listening to all sides and appreciating and welcoming any opinion. For those of you who missed him I encourage you to google his name and the phrase 4HQ.

And, we are in the midst of preparing a delegation of 10 teens to travel to Israel. This group will represent our temple in Israel while engaging in some Tzedakah projects.

Speaking of teens. Our youth will be leading Services on Friday, December 14th and I hope you will be able to join us for this special Friday night.

Coming up is our High School Trip to D.C for the Religious Action Center (RAC): 3/ 1-4/2019. Watch for an email with details and permission slip soon.

As always, please visit me at the office with ideas, questions and thoughts about Israel.

Idan Santhaus

Around Kol Ami....

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Amazing November Synaplex
Speakers from the Israeli village
"Oasis of Peace"



College Thanksgiving Brunch with Rabbi Tom: Clockwise from left: Alex Mayeri, Charlie Abrams, Sam Weiner, Max Karl, Sydney Barest, Danielle Okun, Sadie Mazzola, Ryder, Daniel Garelick, Aaron Axelrod, Aaron Lehr, Daniel Hostetter, Jeff Pollak, Sam Cole, Lilly Sherwood, Jared Cole, Rachel Sarch, Max Kratzok, Zoe Weiner, Rabbi Tom and Sam Jeske



Jess Lorden and Madilha
Tubman join an Interfaith
Prayer Service at The Ursuline
School as Guest Speakers
following the Pittsburgh tragedy

Around Kol Ami....

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Our 5th Annual Coachman Thanksgiving was once again a truly special day for volunteers and attendees!



Rabbi Shira and Kol Ami congregants traveled to Israel for a unique, multi-narrative journey



The Sisterhood Boutique was filled with wonderful shopping and a great time





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at Kol Ami

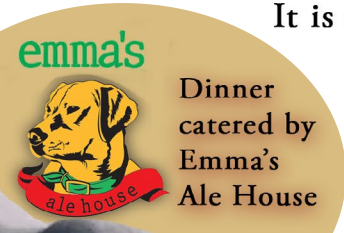
learn ♦ pray ♦ eat ♦ connect ♦ enjoy ♦

Come and see a 1hr showcase of the Rock Musical based on the Best-Selling book, ***Roses in a Forbidden Garden***, before it hits the big stage in 2019!

Playwright, and Kol Ami Congregant, Elise Garibaldi adapts the true story of her grandmother, a young German-Jewish girl who finds beauty and love for a man amidst the backdrop of Hitler's concentration camps... turning her best-selling book into a new rock musical.

Friday, December 7th

It is also the 6th Night of Hannukah!!
Join us to celebrate together and bring your menorahs!! (We will supply the candles).
There will games and crafts for kids, as well as "dreidels to play with and latkes to eat"!



Dinner catered by Emma's Ale House

Clip and return this dinner reservation form NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, November 30th
Congregation Kol Ami 252 Soundview Avenue, WP, NY 10606 or go online at: www.NYKolAmi.org/Synaplex.

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Shabbat Family Dinner

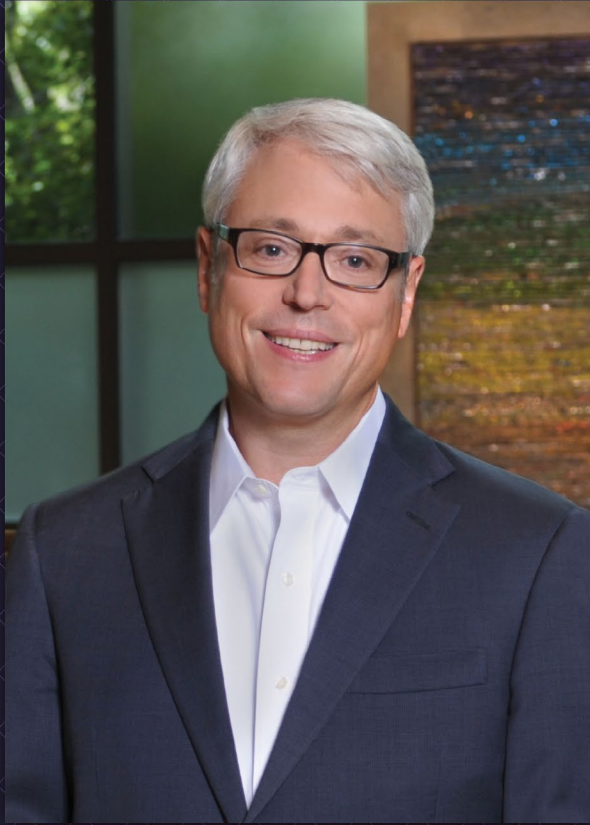
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Total Enclosed: \$ ____

Please make checks out to: Congregation Kol Ami

Please add \$5 additional per person after November 30th
We are sorry, but we can not accommodate walk-ins

[Click here to reserve a spot at any of our 2018-19 Synaplex Shabbats now!](#)



We are very fortunate
to have
Rabbi David Stern
as a Guest Speaker
for Shabbat Services

December 14, 2018
6:15 PM

with a Special Oneg
following services

Rabbi David Stern, Senior Rabbi of
Temple Emanu-El, Dallas, Texas,
and President of the Central
Conference of American Rabbis
(CCAR)

Congregation Kol Ami was the second largest delegation attending the URJ Biennial in Boston last year, we were surpassed only by Temple Emanu-El of Dallas Texas. For so many of us the most **moving** and **memorable of all of the speakers** that week was **Rabbi David Stern** of that same Temple Emanu-El. Rabbi Stern is known for his significant efforts on social justice. He is the vice-chair of the Union for Reform Judaism's **Joint Commission on Social Action** and Chair of the Commission's **Task Force on Economic Justice**. David was notably selected two years in a row as **one of the 30 Most Influential Rabbis in America by Newsweek**. As a speaker, Rabbi Stern is **one of the most engaging and enlightening rabbis of our generation**.

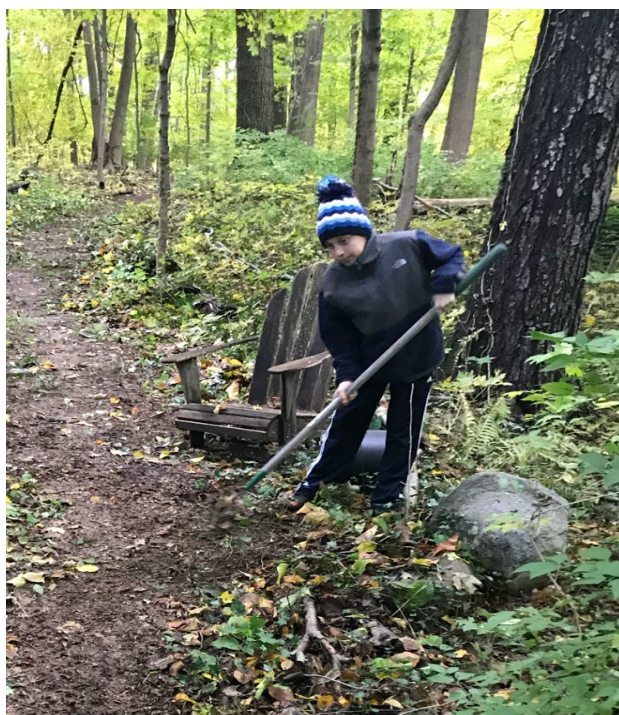
"To listen to him is to be moved, to learn, and to understand our complicated world a little bit better. He is also a local fellow, having grown up in Scarsdale."

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www.nykolami.org 914.949.4717

We Point With Pride to.....

Gary Orentlicher, Mackenzie Mercer, and Henry Goldrich

For the fourth year in a row, Dr. Gary Orentlicher participated in a humanitarian mission week sponsored by Great Shape Inc. This year Gary travelled to Jamaica where he performed various oral surgical procedures in remote mobile clinics. During his week of service in early November, he treated over 90-100 patients. Gary described the work as exhilarating and exhausting at the same time. We congratulate Gary on his extraordinary Tikkun Olam activity.



Henry Goldrich, one of our Kol Ami students, spent his community service hours helping clear the path behind the Chapel in the Woods. If you see him or his family make sure to thank them for helping to make the area by our Chapel even more serene and beautiful!



7 year old Kol Ami Congregant Mackenzie Mercer, auditioned for and won the role of Cindy Lou in the Broadway Touring Company production of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas". The Grinch is played by Gavin Lee, Tony-nominated for his roles in Spongebob and Mary Poppins (Bert).

The show will be at MSG's Hulu Theatre from the 13th-30th. It just finished up at the Chicago Theatre (Nov 16-25) and now she's on to the Wang Theatre at the Bosch Center in Boston (from the 27th - 9th)

Mackenzie started acting by attending Star Kidz at Kol Ami. From there, she was scouted, got representation, and started auditioning. She'd only been acting for just 1 year! Mazal Tov!

The Kol Ami Sisterhood
Havdalah Series Presents
Latkes & Lattes

Join us in the Gallery for an evening of Chanukah
celebration



December 1st, 4 – 6 p.m.

Please come with your favorite latkes to share as well as stories of memorable “Chanukahs past”.

**Registration: \$18 Sisterhood members/\$25 non-members
R.S.V.P. by November 28th**

**Online Credit Card Registration: www.NYKolAmi.org/Sisterhood
Mail Registration: Make check payable to Kol Ami Sisterhood
and drop it off or send it to the main office.**



Mark Your Calendar!

Give the Gift of Life Blood Drive

Sunday, December 2, 2018
8:30-2:30pm at Congregation Kol Ami

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



**"Oh Hannukah, Oh Hannukah
Come Light the Menorah...."**

Celebrate the "light" of the holiday
at Kol Ami's Adult Hannukah Party

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018
6:30 p.m.
in the Gallery at Kol Ami**

Enjoy a special Menorah Lighting, Hannukah Dinner and Gift Grab Bag!
Come and bring along a family member or friend!
\$27 per person RSVP by November 26
\$30 per person RSVP after November 26

Grab Bag - Please bring a wrapped item (one per person) worth \$10 or less
(it may be a "re-gifted" item if you like).

If you have a menorah that you would like to light,
please feel free to bring it with you. Candles will be provided.
Bring your own wine if you wish.

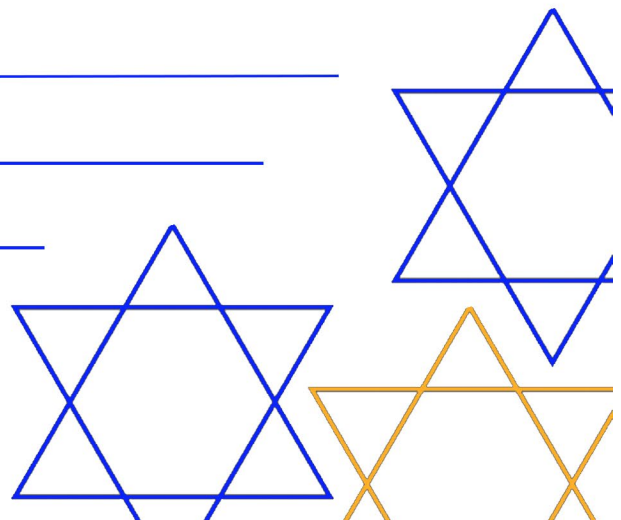
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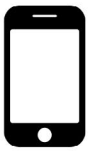
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Please send in this form and your check made out to Congregation
Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606.
Questions?: email Cindee Howard at dancingcin@aol.com or
Myra Oltsik at omy5716@yahoo.com



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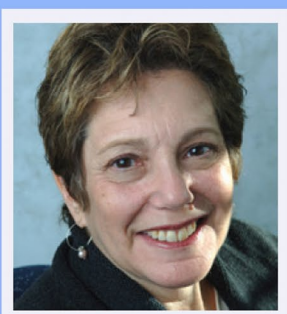
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Sunday, Dec 9
9-11am
Congregation Kol Ami
Room 17

For more information please email
alex.arovas@icloud.com

Stories of Jewish Resistance with Kol Ami Congregant Dr. Ellen Umansky

9:30am at The Shabbat Lift Morning
December 1st, 8th, and 15th



Dr. Ellen Umansky,
Carl and Dorothy Bennett Professor of Judaic Studies
and Director, Dorothy Bennett Center
for Judaic Studies at Fairfield University, CT

Join us in the Chapel in the Woods
for a discussion focusing on 20th and 21st century
stories of Jewish Resistance. This three-session course takes
place during the Hanukkah season, a holiday that similarly
tells a story of Jewish resistance to oppression. From Jewish
Partisan forces in Nazi-occupied Europe, to journalist Jacobo
Timberman's outcry against Argentina's "Dirty War" of the 1970s,
to protests by Jewish progressive millennials today, we will focus
on religious, military, literary, and political forms of resistance.



Study in the City

WISHING YOU HAD
MORE TIME TO ATTEND
KOL AMI EVENTS?

WANTING TO CONNECT
WITH OUR CLERGY AND
OTHER CONGREGANTS?

**TAKE A BREAK DURING THE DAY AND
JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND DISCUSSION TOPICS**

Wednesdays at 12:30pm

December 5th: in NYC with Rabbi Shira Milgrom
at the Law Office of McGuire Woods, 1251 Avenue Of The Americas, 20th Floor, NYC

February 6th: in NYC with Rabbi Tom Weiner
at the Offices of Ernst & Young, 5 Times Square, NYC

March 13th: in Westchester with Rabbi Shira Milgrom
at the home of Elizabeth Ward, 29 Cooper Road, Scarsdale

April 10th: in Westchester with Cantor David Rosen
at the Law Offices of Kevin H. Cohen, P.C.
4 Westchester Park Drive, Suite 220, White Plains

**\$18pp/per session
(come for one or all sessions)**

SO WE CAN KNOW YOU ARE COMING, PLEASE RSVP TO GINNY HERRON-LANOIL,
ASSISTANT TO THE CLERGY AT GINNYHERRON-LANOIL@NYKOLAMI.ORG 914-949-4717
PLEASE BRING PAYMENT WITH YOU TO THE SESSIONS.





HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

Dear Kol Ami Community,

As you may know, there are many children residing at the Coachman Family Center. Unfortunately, their parents are unable to provide them with gifts during the holiday season. In response to that need we are pleased to announce a new initiative, "Spinning Joy." We have created yellow dreidels to represent the children at the Coachman Family Center. Each dreidel is noted with a child's name, gender and age. We are asking members of our community to sponsor a child by picking a dreidel and purchasing a gift for that child.

Here is how it works:

1. Find a Coachman Committee volunteer with the dreidel basket - at the ECP, Religious School, Shabbat services or stop by the main office.
2. Pick a dreidel which will be noted with a child's first name, age and gender.
3. Purchase a NEW gift for that child, up to a \$25 value.
4. Attach the dreidel to the gift and deliver it UNWRAPPED to the bins outside the Main Office no later than December 14th.
5. Do not put your name on the gift. We will put a sticker on each gift which says "Happy Holidays from your Friends at Congregation Kol Ami"
6. Feel great that you did a mitzvah and made a child's holiday happier.

It's that simple!!!

If your child will be coming to or from Religious School without an adult and you would like to sponsor a child, please send a note with your child or send a text message to Sara Elkin, (917) 975-6871, giving permission for your child to select a dreidel with Coachman child's name.

We will also be collecting money for gift cards for the older teens residing at the Coachman. These teens can be overlooked at the holiday time as they start outgrowing toys and games. If you find it easier to sponsor a teen, please give our Coachman Committee volunteer a monetary donation. Any denomination will be welcomed and will go toward the purchase of \$25 gift cards.

Thank you in advance for helping spin joy into this holiday season!

MAH JONGG MONDAYS!

for beginner and intermediate players
every other Monday from 7:00 pm to 9 pm

Come and Learn or Bring Your Own Group
in the Gallery at Congregation Kol Ami
Light Snacks, Coffee, and Tea will be served
No RSVP Required- Just Show Up!

October 22nd, November 5th, November 19th, December 3th, December 17th
If you have your own Mah Jongg set please bring it.
Rummikub games can also be accomodated!

...what will your next Mahj group be?!





ECP Holiday Movie Morning



If you're looking for something to do over the holiday break, We have just the ticket!

**Thursday,
December 27th
at 10:00am**

It's easy - just bring a blanket to sit on and we will bring the snacks!

Join us for a morning of fun - it's all good!

All Children must be accompanied by an adult
Everyone is welcome!



**POPOIN OVER FOR A FREE
MOVIE NIGHT**



Monday, December 10th at 7:30pm



The film will be: "Remember"

As lifelong friends Zev and Max move into their last years, they make a solemn pact to hunt down and take revenge on the Nazi commander who was responsible for killing their families during World War II.

FREE ADMISSION AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Joanie Leeds

FAMILY CONCERT!!



The Or Chadash Choir



Community Family Concert
featuring the amazing Joanie Leeds!!
Sunday, January 27th, 2019

Admission is
Free
Everyone
welcome!!

11:00 Pizza for Concert attendees
11:30-12:30 Concert
including an Or Chadash Choir
sing-along with Cantor David Rosen
and Joanie Leeds



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Coachman Corner

5th Annual Coachman – Kol Ami Thanksgiving Celebration

On Saturday, November 17th, all of us came together and did our part to make the Coachman Thanksgiving Dinner a wonderful success. We warmly greeted, beautifully entertained and abundantly fed 85 Coachman guests. This event requires so much effort and collaboration and highlights how blessed we are as a congregation to have so many generous, kind and helpful members willing to share their time and talents. Every year we remark that this is a great opportunity to get to know each other a little better.

Thanks to the generosity of a number of businesses and individuals, we received donations to help underwrite the event. In particular, the following vendors donated our delicious side dishes. Please patronize their businesses and be sure to thank them for their generosity:

Caperberry's - Corn pudding, Carey Gross - Glazed carrots, Matt Miller Events - Stuffing, Rye Roadhouse (Kevin Campbell) - Mashed potatoes and gravy, Flourish Bakery (Diane Forley) - Corn bread, Harrison Bake Shop - Assorted cakes and pies, Scaramelli's - Donated pasta for the mac 'n cheese, Stew Leonard's - Discounted turkeys and gravy

Special thanks to Alex Hopkins and the Ardsley Select Chorus (including Eliot Adler) for the lovely and festive music; and to Ernestina Sanchez for donating and arranging flowers to decorate the atrium.

We appreciate all of you who contributed something to keep this very special tradition going.

With gratitude, Alison & Lisa

List of participants:

Alison, Andrew, Jeremy and Eliot Adler - Servers
Rachel, Micah, Noam and Dafna Arenstein – Server, Crafts & Games
Betsy and David Bach - Servers
Malcolm Baehr - Server
Myrna Barzelatto - Carve & plate turkeys; and dessert
Nan Blank - organized goody bags from the ECP
Steve & Sheryl Brady – Set up, server, kitchen crew and cleanup
Judi Brown - Set up and dessert
Ronnie Cohn & Bob Jacobs - Setup
Sally Cohen, Rowan & Jordanna Cohen Yomtov - Crafts & Games
Susan & Paul Davis - Servers, cleanup and dessert
Lynne Dolle - Server
Rachel Eckhaus - Donated containers for leftovers
Ellen Flaks - Server
Evan & Doyla, Ronen, Selila and Trajan Fleck - Crafts & Games
Geri Friedman - Carve and plate turkeys
Lesley & Andi Friedman - Servers and picked up turkey from Stew Leonard's
Amy Gamon - Contributed dessert
Alison & Daisy Gilmore – Server, Crafts & Games
Jenna Ginsburg - Crafts & Games
Stacey Gold – Donated gloves, hats and scarves
Ruth Goldberg - Set up and Serve
Sue Gordon – Donated Bingo game
Nora Groban - Contributed to turkey fund
Ingrid Hauptman – Worked with RS kids to create centerpieces
Vicky Horowitz - Dessert
George Kadar and Charle Fleisher-Strauss - Servers and dessert
Martin Kahn - Set up and Server
Jen Labovitz – Led crafts & games
Roseanne, Andrew & Alyssa Klein - Crafts & Games
Victoria, Mark, Sophia & Alexis Landau - Crafts & Games and contributed to turkey fund
Marcia & Jeff Lange - Kitchen crew and cleanup and roasted turkey
Maura Lehr - Set up

Debbie Linder - Server Captain, kitchen crew and contributed to turkey fund
Jonathan & Ellen Litt - Contributed to turkey fund
Jess Lorden - Set up, dessert, clean up and contributed to turkey fund
Brooke & Logan Love - Crafts & Games
Debbi Marcus - Server
Nancy and Larry Marcus - Servers and cleanup
Liz, David, Alex & Michael Mayeri - Set up, servers and dessert
Shira Milgrom - Server and cleanup
CindyLisa Muniz – Server, cleanup & contributed to turkey fund
Scott, Cindy, Jamie and Jenna Musoff - Servers, crafts, games & contributed to turkey fund
Irene Naar - Server
Gabriela and Stephanie Naar - Crafts & Games
Richard Newman – Set up
Kay Osbourne - Contributed to turkey fund
David & Lori Okun - Contributed to turkey fund
Erica, Charlotte & Nolan Papir - Crafts & Games
Pam Pass - Organized centerpieces made by RS students
Adrienne Pollak - Set up
Scott Pollak - Mac 'n Cheese
Nancy and Andrew Papandreadis - Set up
Ernestina Sanchez - Flowers, set up, kitchen crew and cleanup
Tracey & Scott Schweber - Servers
Alice Seidman - Server
Michelle Simkin & Lizzy Joyce - Crafts & Games
Sharon Sohl - Donated turkey
Allison & Ariela Tanenbaum - Crafts & Games and dessert
Roy Turchin - Set up and Cleanup
Mike & Erika Vujnovich - Mac 'n cheese
Bonnie Wach – Designed blankets for Coachman kids
Judy Weiss & Karen Wald - Appetizer servers and dessert
Zotica Medina-Weiner and Zoe - Servers
LisaBeth & Aaron Wittenstein - Donated turkey
Patty & Bert Wohl - Contributed to turkey fund
Eli & Simon Worth - Beverages
Kevin Worth - Server
WRI/Sisterhood - Underwrote cost of craft supplies
Gail Young and Ken Jurist - Cleanup



Kol Ami Sisterhood

Co-Presidents Sheryl Brady, Rachel Eckhaus, Stacey Matusow

This time of year, a time of increased darkness, when the nights are getting longer and our hours of daylight are diminishing, is the perfect opportunity to reflect on a couple of Jewish heroines who served as beacons of light in our history and whose stories are tied to this season.

As you read this article, our Shabbat parasha is Vayeishev, which includes the story of Tamar, daughter-in-law of Judah (Joseph's brother), widow of his first-born son. Determined not to leave her fate in the hands of male relatives, Tamar takes matters into her own hands and assumes extraordinary risks to secure the family's future and perpetuate the line of Judah by getting pregnant by her father-in-law. She gives birth to two sons, one of whom will be a forefather of King David, thus creating a legacy that saves Judah's household and protects Israelite destiny, lighting the way for our future. I encourage you to read Genesis 38 for all the details!

Our second heroine is Judith, with whom many of us are unfamiliar. Judith's story, a Jewish story, is written in the Book of Judith, the fourth book of the Apocrypha, but is not part of the Jewish Bible. Although set in the Babylonian period, in the sixth century B.C.E., her story is thought to have been written at the time of the Maccabees, and has been understood in the context of the story of Chanukah, leaving a legacy of faith and courage, of overcoming a larger force, that changed the course of history. (In oral tradition, Judith often became the aunt or daughter of Judah Maccabee.) Judith is a brave and pious young Jewish widow whose town of Bethulia is under siege by Assyrian emperor Nebuchadnezzar's top general, Holofernes. If Bethulia falls, the entire country would come under Assyrian control. Another Jewish woman who takes matters into her own hands, Judith dresses in beautiful garments, enters the enemy camp, seduces the general with salty cheese and wine, and when he succumbs to the effects of the alcohol, beheads him. She sneaks out, taking the head with her and hangs it on the town's walls. In the morning, the "headless" enemy is routed, and the town, the people, and the country are saved. Light is also a theme in this story as when Judith returns to her village, the people greet her carrying lamps and torches; there is a huge collection of fires to celebrate her victory.

In paying tribute to our foremothers, Tamar and Judith, the Kol Ami Sisterhood focuses on light and legacy at this season as well, with our Latkes and Lattes event on December 1. In addition to the delicious food and drink, we will share favorite recipes for latkes, share stories of memorable Chanukahs in our pasts, and light the candle of Havdalah.

But light and legacy are not one-time occurrences for our Kol Ami Sisterhood. The support and care that we provide for one another and the positive influence that we have on the Temple and our community create a lasting legacy. We invite you to share in the warmth of our light and be a part of Sisterhood.

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

Next meeting: December 18th

Sundays 11:00am-1:00pm

To sign on or ask questions, please contact:

Nancy Marcus at larrymarcus@aol.com

Next meeting: December 9th

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 for each session: 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

The Kol Ami Singers

Wednesday, Dec 5th at 2:30 PM

The Knolls (Formerly Westchester Meadows)

55 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, N

AFYA and Kol Ami

Our work down at the warehouse continues on December 12th, when volunteers from Kol Ami work at the foundation to sort medical supplies on a monthly basis. We meet at 9:30 am in front of the religious school entrance on:
December 12th, January 9th, February 13th,
March 13th, April 10th, and May 8th

Please contact **Barbara Wexler:**
wexlerartworks@optonline.net if you
would like to participate.



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.



I CAN DO THAT

Do you have a
few hours to
help our
Kol Ami
Community?

We are looking for volunteers of all ages who can help with a small project once a year, once a month, or as much time as you choose!

Early Childhood

- ☐ **Book Fair:** Nov 9-16th
- ☐ **Yom Ha'atzmaut:** May 9th
- ☐ **Purim Carnival:** March 21st
- ☐ **Library Day:** Reading to children on Monday or Wednesdays mornings

Religious School

- ☐ **Youth Dinner:** Wed. 6-6:30pm
- ☐ **Traffic Duty:** Sun. 8:30-9:15am
Sun. 10:30-11:15am, and Wed.
3:45pm, 6:15pm, and 8:45pm
(with free coffee and a bagel on Sundays!)

Synaplex

- ☐ **Set-Up:** On Fridays once a month to help set tables for Shabbat Dinner: 12-2pm

Food Pantry

- ☐ **Pantry Helper:** Sunday mornings for clients who want to come pick up food
- ☐ **Pantry Stocker:** One Thursday a month to help sort/shelve delivered items

Temple Office

- ☐ **General Help:** To help on occasion with mailings, and projects (no clerical skills req.)

Gardening

- ☐ Help grounds be more beautiful with general care of beds and flowers

Judaica Shop

- ☐ **Retail:** Friday Mornings 8:45-12:00pm. Involves sales and general care of the space. Additional times during holidays

If none of the above fits with your time, or interests please let us know. There is plenty of other things in our community to do! Just indicate an AM or PM preference. ☐ AM ☐ PM

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please fill out the form and return to the temple office, or contact Maggy Weber
(914) 260-0986 Volunteer@nykolami.org. Maggy looks forward to working with you!

Congregation

Kol Ami Early Childhood Program

Celebrating Over 50 Years of Experience!



Now Registering for the 2019-2020 School Year

First Friends: A Toddler Program

2, 3, 4 & 5 Day 2's • 3, 4 & 5 Day 3's • Full and Half Day 4's

Extended Day Program for 2's, 3's, 4's, and Pre-K's

A Step-Ahead Program for children turning 5 in the Fall

Summer Camp for 2's, 3's, and 4's

Building a Community of Friends, One Family at A Time

Nan Blank, Director

252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains • 914-949-4717 x107

Nothing takes the place of a personal visit! Call for a tour today.



Camp Kol Ami

**If winter is almost here....
summer can't be far behind!**

Camp at Kol Ami has been providing continuity, consistency, and community for young children and their families for over 50 years.

- ⇒ 6 Weeks of Theme Filled Fun
- ⇒ Staffed by Our ECP Teachers
- ⇒ Daily Specials including Music, Nature, Soccer, Yoga, and Gardening
- ⇒ Shaded Outdoor Playspaces
- ⇒ Lots and Lots of Water Play!
- ⇒ Air Conditioned Indoor Playspaces

**A PERFECT summer experience
for your 2-4 years olds**

Incoming 2s
(accompanied by a parent or caregiver)
9:30-11:00am
Tues/Thurs or Wed/Fri
\$775 (June 25-August 1st)

Look at Me, I'm 3!
9:00-12:00pm
(Weds until 1:00pm)
\$1,875 (June 24-August 2nd)
or \$675 for each 2 week session

4s Stay for More!
9:00-1:00pm
\$2,325
(June 24-August 2nd) or
\$790 for 2 week sessions

Spend your Summer with your ECP Friends! Camp at Kol Ami is always a good idea!....
Contact: Nan Blank, ECP Director 914.949.4717 ext 107, nanblank@nykolami.org



Thinking about a Pre-K Year?

Our A Step Ahead! Kindergarten Readiness Program may be just right for your child

Congregation Kol

Early Childhood Program

building a community of friends one family at a time

Full Day Program

Created for Children Turning

5 years old in the Fall

Teacher Guided Learning, with

a 3 Teacher Team who combine

Masters in Special Education N-6,

Early Childhood Certification,

and Social Work

STEM Learning

Child Initiated Individual and

Small Group Learning

Extensive Outdoor Classroom

and Garden Program

Designed to encourage your

child's academic, as well as

social and emotional growth

Nothing takes the place of a tour.
Come and see what we are all about!

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KOL AMI

WOMEN'S OASIS AT HOME

Living a Meaningful Life--Finding Your Happiness

Guided by the powerfully spiritual, best-selling book,
**"When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough:
The Search for a Life That Matters"** by Harold S. Kushner...

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

7:30-9:30p.m.

at the Home of Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Thursday, December 13, 2018

7:30-9:30pm. (location to be determined)

Rabbi Fredda Cohen, Westchester Chaplain for the
New York Board of Rabbis,
and educator at Bet Am Shalom Synagogue

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

7:30-9:30pm (location to be determined)

Rabbi Pamela Wax, Spiritual Care Coordinator, WJCS

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

7:30-9:30pm (location to be determined)

Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Register for the Oasis at Home Series today ● Refreshments will be served at each session.

Please print this flyer and return it with a check payable to Kol Ami.

Mail to: Congregation Kol Ami 252 Soundview Avenue White Plains, NY 10606

Name _____ Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

☐ Four sessions \$60 (Individual sessions \$18)

☐ Session 1: Tuesday, October 9, 2018

☐ Session 3: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

☐ Session 2: Thursday, December 13, 2018

☐ Session 4 Tuesday, April 2, 2019

For further information contact

Jill Abraham 472-5806 or jill.sa2@verizon.net Lauri Carey 472-8076 or lauricarey@hotmail.com



NEW PARENTING WORKSHOP

Parenting High School Teens

Facilitated by Susan Davis, LCSW

**Beginning Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 7:00-8:30pm
Congregation Kol Ami, Room 20**

Join us for monthly discussions on a wide range of parenting issues related to teenagers in high school. Our first meeting is Wednesday, January 9, 2019. Future dates to be determined at the first meeting.

These discussions are open to mothers and fathers of teens in grades 9-12.

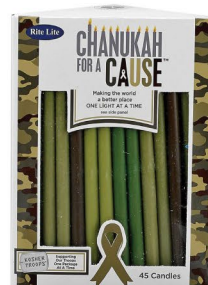
Members and non-members are welcome.

THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP AT KOL AMI

IN THE SHOP NOW

Hanukkah 2018 begins the evening of Sunday, December 2

See Alison or Kay in the office
to purchase something if the shop is closed



Candles for a Cause

Support Kosher Troops and Sharsheret
(Women Facing Breast Cancer)

WE ALSO HAVE A LARGE VARIETY OF OTHER CANDLES TO CHOOSE FROM

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 Dec. 10th
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 December 11th

Women's Oasis at Home

Living a Meaningful Life: Finding Your Happiness

This year our sessions will be guided by the powerfully spiritual, best-selling book by Harold S. Kushner,

When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough

Next meeting on December 13th 7:30pm-9:30pm

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 December 6th

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

next meeting on December 6th

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

Women's Roundtable Breakfast

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

Next meeting on December 5th at 7:45am

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 Tuesday from 7:30-8:45pm,
next meeting on December 4th*

Current Events with Beth 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 December 3rd*

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 December 5th*

Judaism: Real and Imagined

How Jews and Judaism have been portrayed in literature, arts, cinema, and popular media. Led by Paul Davis and in partnership with the Purchase College Jewish Studies program.

*Meets Mondays 7:30pm,
first meeting on December 3rd*

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.

*Meets the 1st Thursday of the Month at Noon,
next meeting on December 6th*

**** NEW ADDITIONAL GROUP Meeting on
Wednesday, January 9th 7:00pm ****

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 December 3rd*

Fun and Games!

Mah Jongg Mondays

Every other Monday at 7:00pm in the Kol Ami Gallery. Please email Lisa Borowitz at lisa.borowitz@cowen.com for more information. Next meeting Dec. 3rd

Mah Jongg Wednesdays

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

The Art and Practice of *Mussar*



Mussar is a contemplative Jewish practice of refining one's *middot*, qualities of heart and behavior. We will study texts, practice various techniques for cultivating these virtues, and return each month to share our soul's journey.

9 Mondays: Oct. 15, Nov. 12*, Dec. 10,
Jan. 7, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 6, June 10

Time and Cost:

12:30-2:00 PM

Suggested fee: Congregation Kol Ami members, \$120; \$150 for non-members

Location:

Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Ave., White Plains

*On Nov. 12 we will meet at WJCS Headquarters, 845 N. Broadway, White Plains

Facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax
Spiritual Care Coordinator, WJCS

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Contact Rabbi Pamela Wax
at pwax@wjcs.com or 914.761.0600 x149.



Jewish Spiritual Healing Center

The WJCS Jewish Spiritual Healing Center is dedicated to promoting the spiritual, intellectual, physical and mental health of Westchester's Jewish community by infusing our many programs and services with the intrinsic power of Judaism's history and tradition.

We provide the community with opportunities that foster health and healing for the mind, body and spirit within a Jewish context.



Jewish Spiritual Healing Center

is funded through UJA Federation of New York and the generosity of individual donors.



845 N. Broadway
White Plains, NY 10603
914.761.0600

Strengthening Lives. Shaping Futures.

Life Cycles

Congratulations

- ✧ To Genna Farley and Matt Fleming on the occasion of their wedding

Condolences

- ✧ To Jonathan Goldstein and family on the death of his mother, Elaine Goldstein
- ✧ To David Coonin and family on the death of his mother, Wendy Stone Coonin
- ✧ To Charles Chesnut on the death of his mother, Joan Chesnut
- ✧ To Rob Abrams on the death of his uncle, Jerry Frankel
- ✧ To Anne D'Orazio on the death of her mother, Mary Elliott

Generous Contributions

Rabbi Shira Milgrom's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In appreciation of excellent and powerful High Holy Day sermons from Susan Gordon
- ✧ In honor of bar mitzvah of grandson, Matthew Welling, from Michelle Schoenfeld
- ✧ In gratitude to Rena and Alan Steinfeld for the gift of their time from Amy Winkler

Rabbi Tom Weiner's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In appreciation of a beautiful High Holy Day season from Myra Oltsik
- ✧ In appreciation of excellent and powerful High Holy Day sermons from Susan Gordon
- ✧ In appreciation of a beautiful service for Andrew's bar mitzvah from Maren and Scott Lewis
- ✧ In support of youth scholarship from D. Benioff and A. Peet

Cantor David Rosen's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In appreciation of a beautiful service for Andrew's bar mitzvah from Maren and Scott Lewis

Kol Ami Cares Fund

- ✧ In honor of Jess Lorden's birthday from Connie and Art Zuckerman

Generous Contributions

Torah Project

- *In honor of Lisa Borowitz's birthday from Maggy and David Weber
- *In honor of Martin Kahn's birthday from Maggy and David Weber

Youth Leadership Fund

- *In appreciation from Karen and David Cole

Fund for the Needy

- *In honor of Ellen Bittner's, "Special Birthday" from Patty and Bert Wohl
- *In appreciation of Michael Elkin's friendship from Patty and Bert Wohl
- *In honor of Jess Lorden's birthday from Patty and Bert Wohl
- *In honor of Martin Kahn's birthday from Patty and Bert Wohl
- *In appreciation of Lisa Borowitz's friendship from Patty and Bert Wohl

Kol Ami Fund

- *In loving memory of her mother, Florence Winnick, from Stacey and Robert Pushkin
- *In honor of Gary and Margie Lewis from Betty Lewis
- *In loving memory of her father, William Stern from Janet and Mark Ackerman
- *In loving memory of her mother, Rose J. Rutfield from Pearl Cohen
- *In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Sasha Levenson from Dr. and Mrs. David Ackerman
- *In loving memory of Vladimir Serebro, father of Boris Serebro from Susan Goodman and Friends

Synaplex Circle

- *In appreciation from Jim and Margery Arsham

Petschek Music Fund

- *In memory of Edward Ross Aranow from Vicki A. Feiner

Barbara Gruber Scholarship Fund

- *In honor of Adult Bat Mitzvah of Anita Fassler from Mimi & Stan Rogowsky
- *In honor of the marriage of Ellen Kurtz's daughter Rachel Johnson to Jake Ramsey from Ilene & Glenn Miller

Thank You



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 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

<input type="checkbox"/> Kol Ami Fund (our general fund)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kol Ami Cares Fund (supports activities of the Caring Community Program)	<input type="checkbox"/> Refugee Resettlement Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Social Action Fund
<input type="checkbox"/> Audrey Greenberg Scholarship Fund (provides ECP tuition assistance for families in need)	<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Council Fund <input type="checkbox"/> WRJ Sisterhood Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities Fund (supports youth-related programs, scholarships and trips)
<input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Gruber Scholarship Fund (provides scholarships for high school graduates).	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi Shira Milgrom's Discretionary Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Leadership Fund (supports scholarships to young people to develop leadership)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cantor David Rosen's Discretionary Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi Tom Weiner's Discretionary Fund	Plaques and Remembrances
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