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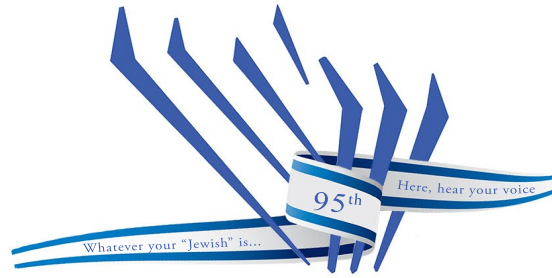
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## CONGREGATION KOL AMI

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.**

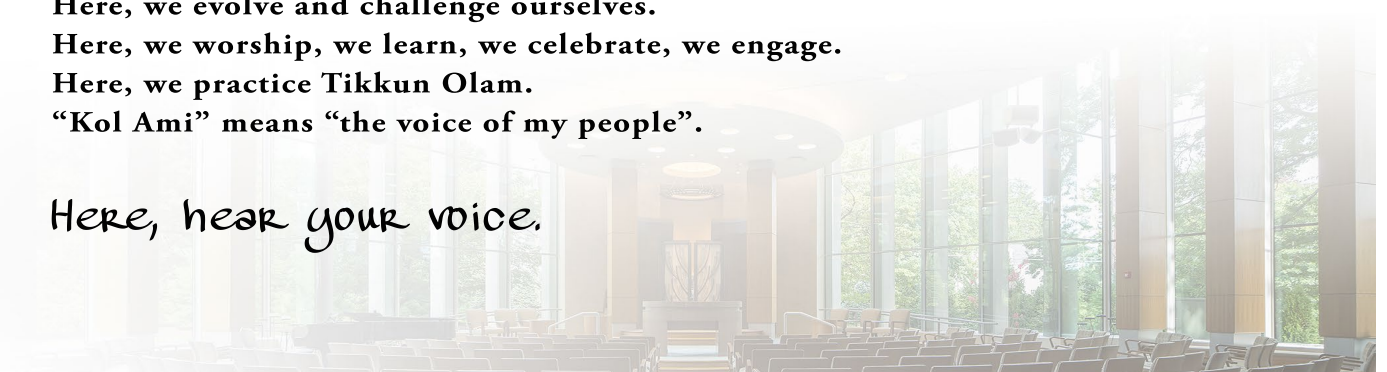
**Here, we evolve and challenge ourselves.**

**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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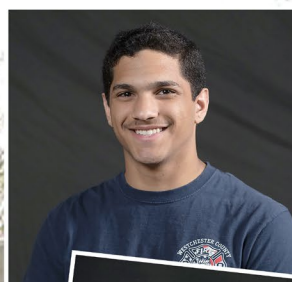
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# Worship Opportunities



## 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 February

## **Week ending February 2, 2019**

### **Parashat Mishpatim Exodus 21:1-24:18**

*The word mishpatim means “case laws.” This week’s parasha continues the presentation of Divine legislation (the Torah) and includes many decrees - comprising civil, criminal, and cultic regulations. The parasha ends with a covenant ceremony on Mount Sinai.*

## **Week ending February 9, 2019**

### **Parashat Teruma Exodus 25:1-27:19**

*Parashat Teruma describes the construction of the Tabernacle. God gives meticulously detailed instructions regarding the elements and design of the Tabernacle, particularly the Holy Ark. Each individual is asked to contribute towards its building materials and furnishings as he or she is motivated.*

## **Week ending February 16, 2019**

### **2019 Parashat T’tzaveh Exodus 27:20-30:10**

*The rituals surrounding the priests and sacrifices are described, and the obligations of Aaron and his sons are enumerated in Parashat T’tzaveh. This parashah has the distinction of being the only parashah in the last four books of the Torah in which the name of Moses does not appear.*

## **Week ending February 23, 2019**

### **Parashat Ki Tisa Exodus 30:11-34:35**

*Moses lingers on Mount Sinai for forty days. The people become agitated during Moses’ long absence and persuade Aaron to fashion a golden calf. Upon returning with the 10 Commandments, Moses sees the Israelites cavorting around the calf and he smashes the tablets of God’s law. Joined by the Levites, Moses executes a campaign to root out the offenders. Moses then pleads with God to secure divine mercy for the people. The parashah ends with a restoration of mutual faith and Moses carving a second set of tablets inscribed with Ten Commandments.*



# February Calendar



Friday, February 1st  
3rd Grade Shabbaton Sleepover



Wednesday, February 6th  
The IDF Band Performance



Friday, February 8th  
Synaplex Shabbat!

<b>Friday</b>	<b>1</b>	5:30pm 5:30pm 6:00-7:15pm 6:15pm	Shabbat in the Woods for Families with Young Children Shabbat Sheli for Elementary Aged Children Crafts, Light Supper, and Babysitting for Children Shabbat Services in the Main Sanctuary: Shabbat of Inclusion <b>3rd Grade Religious School Shabbaton Sleepover</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2</b>	<i>Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel</i> 9:00am 9:30am 11:00am  5:30pm	Coffee and Conversation Torah Study Shabbat Services  Bar Mitzvah of Mason Danzig in the Main Sanctuary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3</b>	9:00-11:00am 11:00-11:30am	Religious School Or Chadash Choir with Cantor David Rosen
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4</b>	9:15-10:45am 6:00pm 7:00-9:00pm 7:30-9:00pm	Grandparenting Class with Susan Davis 12 Step Recovery in the Chapel Mah Jongg in the Gallery Kol Ami at the Movies- "1945"
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5</b>	5:45pm 7:30-8:45pm 7:00pm	AA in the Chapel Israel in the News Kol Ami Goes to Broadway- "To Kill a Mockingbird"
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6</b>	7:45-9:00am 9:00-10:30am 10:30-12:00pm 10:00-2:00pm 12:00-2:00pm 4:00-6:00pm 6:00-6:30pm 6:30-8:30pm 6:30-8:30pm 7:00-9:30pm	Women's Roundtable Breakfast KA Reads Book Club Wise Aging: Learning to Live with Joy, Resilience, and Spirit Mah Jongg Study and Lunch in NYC with Rabbi Tom 4-6th Grade Religious School Youth Dinner 7-12th Grade Religious School 7th Grade Religious School Mikvah Trip Friends of the IDF Presents: The IDF Band
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7</b>	9:30-11:00am 11:00-12:00pm 12:00-2:00pm 5:45pm 7:00-9:00pm 7:00-10:00pm 7:30pm	Jewish Meditation in the Chapel Wisdom of the Sages with Rabbi Tom Weiner Parenting Teens Workshop with Susan Davis AA Meeting in the Chapel Purim Spiel Rehearsal in the Sanctuary ECP Trivia Night! Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8</b>	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 <b>Synaplex Shabbat!: Never Again? Changing the Path of Genocide and Mass Atrocities. Dinner Catered by Mariachi Loco. See flyer on page 26.</b>

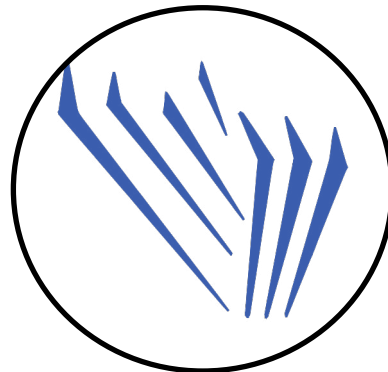
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Saturday, February 9th  
6th Grade B'nai Workshop and Brunch



Wednesday, February 13th  
ECP "Share the Love" Bake Sale



Wednesday, February 13th  
Nominating Committee Open Meeting

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9</b>	<i>Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel</i> 9:00am Coffee and Conversation 9:30am Torah Study 11:00am Shabbat Services  10:00am 6th Grade #3 B'nai Mitzvah Workshop and Brunch
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	9:00-11:00am Religious School 11:00-11:30pm Or Chadash with Cantor David 11:00-1:00pm Cooking for the Homeless
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11</b>	9:30-11:00am Blessings of a Skinned Knee with Susan Davis 11:00-12:30pm Current Events with Beth Kava 12:30-2:00pm Mussar Class 6:00pm 12 Step Recovery in the Chapel 7:30-9:00pm Oasis at Home in the Chapel 7:30-9:00pm Judaism, Real and Imagined
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12</b>	11:30-1:00pm Women in Transition 5:45pm AA in the Chapel 7:30-9:30pm Poetry Salon at Rabbi Shira's
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13</b>	9:00-11:00am ECP Bake Sale 9:30-12:00pm Kol Ami Volunteers at AFYA 10:00-2:00pm Mah Jongg 4:00-6:00pm 4th-6th Grade Religious School 6:00-6:30pm Youth Dinner 6:30-8:30pm 7th-12th Grade Religious School 7:30-9:00pm Board of Trustees Nominating Committee Open Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>14</b>	9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditation in the Chapel 11:00-12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages 5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel 7:00-9:00pm Purim Spiel Rehearsals 7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel
<b>Friday</b>	<b>15</b>	5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods for Families with Young Children 6:00-7:15pm Crafts, Light Supper, and Babysitting for Children 6:15pm Shabbat Services in the Main Sanctuary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>16</b>	<i>Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel</i> 9:00am Coffee and Conversation 9:30am Torah Study 11:00am Shabbat Services
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>	Religious School Closed
<b>Monday</b>	<b>18</b>	Offices and Building Closed for President's Day



# February Calendar



Monday, February 18th  
Offices and Building Closed for  
President's Day



Tuesday, February 19th-  
Sunday, February 24th  
ECP and Religious School Closed

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>19</b>	ECP Closed 11:30-12:45pm Cooking for the Homeless 5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel 7:30-8:45pm Israel in the News
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20</b>	ECP Closed Religious School Closed
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>21</b>	ECP Closed 9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditation in the Chapel 11:00-12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages with Rabbi Tom Weiner 5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel 7:00-9:00pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal 7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel
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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>23</b>	<i>Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel</i> 9:00am Coffee and Conversation 9:30am Torah Study 11:00am Shabbat Services
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24</b>	Religious School Closed
<b>Monday</b>	<b>25</b>	11:00-12:30pm Current Events with Beth Kava 6:00pm 12 Step Recovery in the Chapel 7:30-9:00pm Judaism, Real and Imagined
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>26</b>	5:45pm AA in the Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>27</b>	10:00-2:00pm Mah Jongg 4:00-6:00pm 4th-6th Grade Religious School 6:00-6:30pm Youth Dinner 6:30-8:30pm 7th-12th Grade Religious School 7:45pm 7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Meeting with Cantor David
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>28</b>	9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditation in the Chapel 11:00-12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages with Rabbi Tom Weiner 11:00-2:00pm Wise Aging 5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel 7:00-9:00pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal 7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel

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# February Calendar

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR MARCH:

Friday, March 1st: Synaplex Shabbat, Dr. Wendy Zierler, Scholar in Residence Weekend March 1-3

Friday, March 1st: RAC Trip to Washington, DC

Saturday, March 2nd: Texas Hold 'Em Tournament with Cantor David Rosen

Friday, March 15th: International Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, March 20th: Purim Carnival, Megillah Reading and Spiel



## February B'nai Mitzvah

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**Mason Danzig**, son of Allison and Mitch Danzig and loving brother to Spencer and Cooper, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on February 2, 2019. Mason truly embraced the concept and obligation of completing Mitzvah over the past year and has dedicated much time and energy to helping children and families in need. Mason is specifically committed to helping those coping with homelessness and has volunteered for The Coachman Family Shelter and The Children's Hope Chest in various capacities.

Mason is a 7th grade student at Lewis M. Klein Middle School in Harrison. He loves playing lacrosse, loves Indian Head Camp and enjoys spending time with friends and family.

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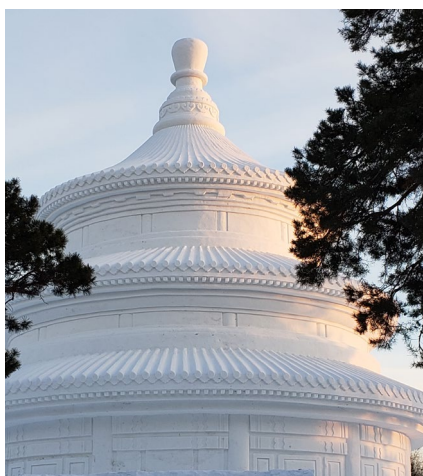




# A Message from Rabbi Milgrom

## HOT AND COLD

David and I have just returned from several weeks of travel to China and Vietnam. The trip started in the northeast corner of China and ended in the southern tip of Vietnam – a trip spanning 100 degrees Fahrenheit. We had chosen to go Harbin, China for its world-renowned ice and snow festival, the largest on this planet. Harbin is in Manchuria, near the border with Russia – and averages temperatures of -30 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter. Harbin is a relatively new city, barely a century old in a civilization that boasts a



many-millennia history. It was the base for the building of the trans-Siberian railroad, a project headed by a Russian engineer, born into a Jewish family. The early 1900's were a time of pogroms against Jews in Russia, and many Jewish families sought refuge in this new town – moving into the cold – and building up this pioneer town. Harbin became a center of intellect and culture, as Jews (comprising as much as 30% of the city by the mid-1920's) built hospitals, schools, synagogues, homes for the elderly, soup kitchens, businesses and homes. With the invasion of Japan in the 1930's, life became dangerous and then intolerable, and Jews left for Palestine, Europe and America. The Jewish community officially closed in 1965; the last Jew left in the 1980's.

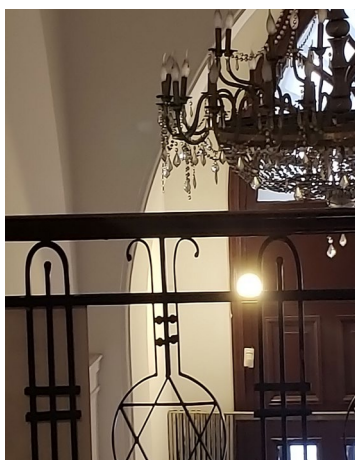
Today, Harbin honors its Jewish past. The Old Synagogue is now a concert hall, called "The Old Synagogue Concert Hall. The synagogue building is completely preserved, and the sanctuary is intact – with pews (for concert goers), bima, (a piano now on the bima), the holy ark and a mezuzah at the entrance. Lovingly preserved. The new synagogue has been renovated into a spectacular museum honoring the history of the Jews of Harbin.



And – the old Jewish neighborhood is now the center of the elegant downtown of Harbin, a beautiful pedestrian mall, lined with gorgeous buildings. Plaques on buildings honor the past of each historic edifice, home or business – many of them of Harbin's original Jewish residents. None of this would have been possible without the present support of the Chinese government nor the financial support of the descendants of these Harbin Jewish families.

In the cold of Harbin, for David and for me, we found such warmth. Harbin provided a refuge for our people and our people reciprocated, creating in Harbin a cultural and intellectual center. And all around us, a legacy of appreciation.

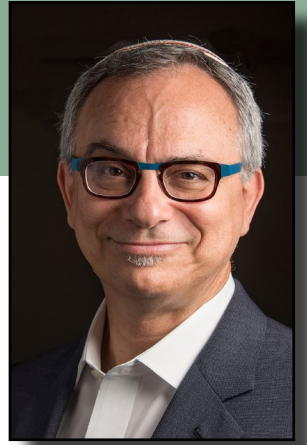
The Ice and Snow Festival, by the way? AMAZING!!  
And 100 degrees later, in the 90's of Saigon/Ho Chi Minh City – there was coldness in the heart of the humidity. More on that in the next Connection!



*Rabbi Shira Milgrom*

# A Message from Rabbi Weiner

*I'm proud to offer these wonderful words written by our Secretary, Rachel Eckhaus as her D'var Torah to the Board of Trustees last month. Although the Torah Portion is from last month, her words are as timely as ever and worth sharing. Thank you, Rachel!*



“This weeks portion is Va-y’chi ‘And Jacob Lived’. It is the final parashah in Genesis where Jacob is 147 years old and doesn’t have much longer to live. Jacob sends for Joseph to give him clear instructions about his burial. “Do not bury me in Egypt. When I am laid to rest with my ancestors, carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial-place” (Genesis 47:29-30). Jacob makes Joseph swear that he will carry out his wish to be buried in the family plot in the cave of Machpelah where Abraham, Isaac, Sara, Rebecca and Leah are all buried.

As he got closer to death, Jacob summoned all of his sons so he could give them each a blessing – thereby setting in motion the establishment of the 12 tribes of Israel. Jacob made sure his family knew what he wanted and what everyone’s role would be after he died. These conversations were the beginning of the tradition of creating an Ethical Will. Explaining what we might want for our burial and what hopes we have for our loved ones who survive us.

We should all consider writing an Ethical Will so our families understand who we really were and what we really want. The biggest question to ask ourselves when writing an ethical will is ‘what does my good death look like?’ Many of us already have a ‘living will’ which answers the questions about immediate end of life care - extreme life saving measure or not; but does your family know if you want to donate your organs or just specific ones or not at all? Do they know what kind of burial or cremation you want? Where do you want to be interred?

Your Ethical Will should also consider some of these questions:

- Are there any values or beliefs that are particularly important to you?
- Is there a spiritual component to your life that is dear to you?
- Do you have any hopes or dreams for the generations that will follow you?
- Do you want to forgive anyone or want anyone to forgive you?
- Is there a particular event that helped shape the person you became?
- Do you have any regrets?

We are so afraid of having these conversations with ourselves let alone our families – that we might leave important things unsaid, an Ethical Will might be the vehicle to say them. I have so many friends who have been left directionless when a family member is sick or suddenly dies. What a gift it would’ve been for them to have some guidance from their loved one.

I am fortunate that my parents have made their wishes abundantly clear, including prepaying for their cremation services including transport home if they were to die away from home – although that would require actually leaving Chapel Hill. There are stickers on the back of all the artwork in their house with who gets what. As much as my siblings and I made fun of our parents when they did this – there’s comfort in knowing that there will be very few unanswered when the time comes – and more importantly – no fighting within the family about what our parents intentions were.

Perhaps if we begin talking within our Kol Ami community about the process of creating an Ethical Will it will become a normal part of the life conversation. A regular part of everyone’s portfolio of documents – the legal will, the living will and the ethical will.

I wonder if Joseph and his brothers realize how lucky they were to have heard Jacob’s true final wishes before he died. How peaceful Jacob must’ve been knowing he was able to tell his family, in his own words, what his vision of the future of his family and thereby Judaism looked like. We should all be so fortunate. *—Rachel Eckhaus*





# A Message from Cantor Rosen

## Reflections on the Trip of a Lifetime

As I write this article, it has been a little over three weeks since Idan and I returned from leading a High School trip of Kol Ami Teens to Israel. For those of you that attended services on January 4th, you heard firsthand the perspective of some of our participants and saw a wonderful slide show that included some of the highlights of the trip.

For those of you who have travelled to the holy land, you probably recall and reminisce about some of your first memories there. For many, myself included, it is difficult to put into words the feelings and reactions that one has when visiting the Kotel for the first time or taking your first bite of falafel in the shuk. And yet, these memories are ones that can truly last an entire lifetime, evoking a feeling of connection or belonging that is often hard to explain.

Two of the highlights for me on this trip were of a more personal nature. One of these was when we visited Idan's home town of Afula, where we met his mother and tried what I now consider to be some of the best falafel in Israel! Afula is not a tourist destination. Instead, it was a taste of Israeli life on a more authentic level. Another highlight was on one of the evenings in Tel Aviv, where we met my cousin, Jeff, who made Aliyah to Israel ten years ago. Jeff co-founded a major digital marketing firm and gave all of us a tour of his offices while giving the kids a lecture /personal story about what it was like to make Aliyah and work as a North American in Israel.

The trip included so many highlights. From the Western wall tunnels, to the City of David, to our volunteer opportunities at Yad Sarah and Leket Yisrael, to soaking in the Dead Sea. There was very little down time (aside from sleep) during our ten day voyage. For myself, there was no greater joy than watching Israel through the eyes of our teens, who were experiencing it for the first time. The sounds, the smells, the people watching, the cultural differences were all so interesting to watch through the eyes of our next generation. But perhaps the greatest thing to observe from our teens was their realization of what it means to be a Reform Jew in Israel. As Reform Jews in America, we are part of a community and living in part of the world where we are accepted and celebrated with open arms. While in Jerusalem, we visited an orthodox synagogue and a reform synagogue and found ourselves in dialogue about the hard facts about Jewish law and government or the lack of "church and state." This discussion left our teens questioning how such a Jewish place like Israel can be so intolerant and non equitable to all forms of Judaism. It made them realize that their Judaism is truly a gift and that in many ways, it is the Judaism in the diaspora that can have the most positive influence on a progressive voice for Judaism in Israel.

Finally (and I could go on), for me there is nothing better than the action of the Shuk, whether it be at Machane Yehude in Jerusalem or Carmel Market in Tel Aviv. Both markets did not disappoint and I think all of our students would agree that this was a true highlight of their time in the holy land!

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to thank those who contributed generously to help make this trip a reality. Our teens benefited from your generous contributions and a trip like this would not be possible without your support!

Until the next time....

-Cantor David Rosen

# A Message from our Co-President



## The Progressive Paradox

- “Peace for Israel means security, and we must stand with all our might to protect its right to exist, its territorial integrity. I see Israel as one of the great outposts of democracy in the world, and a marvelous example of what can be done, how desert land can be transformed into an oasis of brotherhood and democracy. Peace for Israel means security and that security must be a reality.”
- “The whole world must see that Israel must exist, and has the right to exist, and is one of the great outposts of democracy in the world.”
- “Israel’s right to exist as a state of [with] security is incontestable.”
- “I solemnly pledge to do my utmost to uphold the fair name of the Jews -- because bigotry in any form is an affront to us all.”

Can you guess who made these statements? These are all quotes from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. But based on some views within the progressive movement that might not be the first name to come to mind. While I don’t presume to speculate on what Martin Luther King would actually say today about the present issues facing Israel, that hasn’t stopped others. On the eve of the national holiday honoring the legacy of Dr. King, the New York Times published a column by Michelle Alexander entitled “Time to Break the Silence on Palestine,” in which she asserts that “if we are to honor King’s message and not merely the man, we must condemn Israel’s actions.” While I am a frequent critic of the current Israeli government, a proponent of a two-state solution and a supporter of progressive policies, I feel compelled to call out Ms. Alexander for invoking the legacy of Dr. King to unabashedly present a one-sided, wholesale attack on Israel that comes dangerously close in several respects to espousing anti-Semitic tropes and canards.

Among other things, Ms. Alexander, for example, attributes congressional support for Israel to the so-called Israel lobby rather than allegiance to a long-standing U.S. ally that might be attributed to a set of shared democratic and strategic values in a region long devoid of them. The column further calls for a “right of return” for Palestinians, which would threaten the very existence of Israel, and supports the BDS movement. Moreover, as a past president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis wrote to the New York Times, she “conveniently omits a single reference to decades of Palestinian terrorism, the murder of countless Jewish children, some while sleeping in their beds, the bombing of restaurants and attacks on aircraft. Nor does she mention Palestinian glorification of suicide bombers by naming streets for them and lifetime “thank you” payments to their families.” I would add that she also fails to mention, among other things, the rejected peace attempts by Israel (including shortly after the 1967 War), the use of funds by Palestinians to build terror tunnels rather than schools, the withdrawal of Israel from Gaza and Egypt’s treatment of its border with Gaza. In essence, Ms. Alexander purposely ignores the complexity and nuances of the Israeli-Palestinian situation painting a deliberately distorted view. And while “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,” I struggle with why out of all the civil rights issues and injustices in this country and throughout the world did Ms. Alexander singularly cite Israeli issues in recognizing Dr. King.

I feel it is imperative that supporters of progressive causes call out anti-Semitism as quickly and decisively, and with equal vigor, that we call out racism and other forms of bigotry and hate. Calling this out does not mean you are undermining these progressive causes, it actually strengthens them. This arose in connection with the mounting accusations of anti-Semitism and anti-Israel advocacy that roiled the national Women’s March movement. As Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue announced in disassociating from Women’s March Inc., “We are not disassociating from the original goals of Women’s March. To the contrary, we are joining other progressive organizations that have also been critical of Women’s March Inc. and share the same concerns we have: that its current leadership has distorted the values and thwarted the goals articulated on that amazing January day in 2017.”

So to end with one more quote from Dr. King, we should all remember that “We may have come on different ships, but we’re all in the same boat now.”

L'Shalom, *Scott Musoff*



# A Message from our Executive Director



One of the many aspects of serving as Kol Ami's Executive Director which I enjoy is the opportunity to engage in a wide range of social justice efforts encompassing an array of issues. In 2017 the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) invited member congregations to sign a Brit Olam. This gave us an opportunity to publicly reaffirm our commitment to meaningful social just work grounded in our core Jewish values. In signing the Brit Olam, we joined a growing network of congregations working in concert to repair our world.

As a congregation, we have done an extraordinary job on social action initiatives. Two examples of how we have stood in solidarity with vulnerable populations are: our work with the Coachman Family Center and our Kol Ami Food Pantry. Many of us have come together to participate in numerous marches and lobbied at local, state, and federal levels. As a community we have also engaged in social justice work, addressing the root causes of some of the injustices we see, through advocacy initiatives in the political process.

For nearly six decades the RAC, the Religious Action Center of the URJ, has been the hub of social justice work in the Reform movement. The RAC mobilizes around federal, state, and local legislation; supports and develops congregational leaders; and organizes communities to create a world in which all people experience compassion, justice and wholeness. RAC-NY, is a statewide, locally led network of the 104 Reform Jewish communities across New York State working together to make New York a more merciful and just place. Under RAC-NY, Reform congregations across New York State are organizing powerfully and standing in solidarity with vulnerable populations and working to advance Jewish values in the public sphere.

I am proud that Congregation Kol Ami has chosen to participate in RAC-NY. On January 8th a group of Kol Ami members met with the lead organizer of RAC-NY. Subsequently, on January 13th, the same day on which we hosted the annual Interfaith Concert in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we hosted a meeting of seven Reform congregations in Westchester. This meeting was designed to build relationships with other URJ member congregations and to be educated about important issues on which we could take action. These meetings gave us an opportunity to be educated on many issues of concern - including immigration, criminal justice reform, women's reproductive rights, gun control, affordable housing, food instability, mental health, health insurance, education, LGBTQ, and the environment. We decided to narrow our focus based on three factors – **1) issues which resonate within our community and reflect our core Jewish values; 2) the opportunity to engage in a timely and impactful way; and 3) the likelihood of success based on input from New York State legislative aides. With these criteria in mind, our initial efforts will focus on bail reform, a critical criminal justice reform issue, and an immigration reform issue.**

By mid-February, we anticipate having more specific information about the issues on which we will be lobbying. We plan to gather together as a community of Reform Jews from throughout New York State to meet with our legislators in Albany in late March.

When we were asked to sign the Brit Olam in 2017, we were told that "Working individually, each Reform congregation can make positive change in our world. Working together, powerfully and as a movement, we can achieve our collective vision of the world we want—one filled with wholeness, justice, mercy and compassion." If you are interested in joining us in this initiative and meeting legislators to talk about urgent issues facing us in New York State I encourage you to call me at 914 949-4717, ext. 101.

Tzedek, Tzedek, Tirdof – Justice, Justice, shall you pursue (Deuteronomy 16:20)

Fondly, Jess



# A Message from our ECP Director

## February ECP Dates:

**2/13 Share the Love Mitzvah Bake Sale**

**2/18-22 Winter Break - ECP is closed**

*Love is something if you give it away, Give it away, give it away.  
Love is something if you give it away, It comes right back to you...*

And that's just what we're learning everyday in the ECP! February especially is filled with wonderful opportunities in the ECP to share our love.

Beginning on February 1st and extending throughout the entire month, our families will have the opportunity to donate new items for infants and toddlers including bottles, formula, baby food, shoes, and clothing. Our collection will be donated to the homeless shelters in Westchester at the end of the month. If you would like to partner with us, please drop off any of these much-needed items in the cradle outside the ECP office anytime during the month.

On Friday, February 1st we will be hosting our annual Caregiver's Shabbat for our 3's, 4's and 5's families. This is always a wonderful way to start our month of giving. All of our 3's, 4's and 5's families' caregiver's are invited to join us for Shabbat to enjoy our songs and prayers with us and of course the delicious Challah that we bake!

On Thursday evening February 7th the ECP is hosting a Trivia Evening for Adults. This will be a wonderful evening with dinner, an open bar, and a silent auction. Our main event will feature fun and interactive TRIVIA. Everyone is welcome to join in. The cost is 75.00 per person and reservations can be made through the Early Childhood Office. Please see our invitation in this month's Connection. Thanks to the incredible efforts of our four amazing co-chairs, Victoria Landau, Jen Madison, Hope Stephens, and Melissa Berman we can all look forward to a fabulous evening.

Wednesday, February 13th the ECP will be sponsoring our annual Share the Love Mitzvah Bake Sale. The Bake Sale will take place in our Auditorium from 9:00-9:30 am and the entire Kol Ami community is invited and encouraged to join us for homemade treats. The monies earned from this event are used for our Mitzvah Morning Project to be held at the beginning of June with the preschool children from The Center for Learning of New Rochelle. Last year we invited the Center's 3 and 4 year olds to come and play with us. Each of the children who came to visit received a new book, made a new friend, and enjoyed a delicious ice cream treat.

On Thursday, February 28th our 3's, 4's, and Pre-K's will participate in our tenth annual Book Swap. Each child brings in 2 books to share – they can pick one from the selection to keep and the rest of the books are donated to the shelters in our area.

February promises to be our month of sharing, caring, learning, and holiday fun!

*It's just like a magic penny, Hold it close and you won't have any,  
Lend it, spend it, give it away, It comes right back to you...*

*Be well,  
Nan*

*Building a Community of Friends, One Family at a Time*



# A Message from our Religious School



## FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL INCLUSIVE EDUCATION MONTH

Congregation Kol Ami is proud of our Yad b'Yad program, which is a part of our Religious School. Created in 2007, Yad b'Yad is a one-of-a-kind academic and life skills inclusion program for teens and young adults (ages 13-21) with learning, cognitive, and emotional developmental challenges. This program provides a curriculum that increases their "social savvy," knowledge, and integration of critical life skills.

When children reach adolescence, the gap widens significantly between those with developmental challenges and their mainstream peers. A key part of our program is to have Yad b'Yad students paired with middle and high school peer mentors to bridge this gap. Whether it's over dinner, in the classroom, as a part of our Youth Group, or on trips into the community, the bonds created by this partnering are priceless. Graduates of our program are thriving with the social skills foundation they have acquired through Yad b'Yad. Many have made successful transitions to colleges, vocational programs, independent living, and jobs.

The success of our program relies on your support!

We know there are many more teens and young adults in our area who could benefit significantly from our program...

- ...please help us to get the word out and to bring in new students
- ...please consider supporting our program financially
- ...please encourage your children to become peer mentors

This is a critically underserved group and simply put, the life skills we teach can change the trajectory of their lives. We've seen proof of this again and again.

I recently came across these special words from our congregant, Susan Ross, which beautifully capture the true spirit and meaning of inclusion.

*"I had one of the most delightful experiences at the temple, when I attended a Shabbat of Inclusion service lead by our Yad b'Yad students. With everyone looking on proudly, one sensed the spirit of unity and harmony throughout the sanctuary.*

*As we looked around the gathering and admired the closeness of the moment, we suddenly felt as one—together in friendship and peace.*

*It was then, that I felt the true glory of our temple."*

We hope you are joining us this year on Friday, February 1st, to experience this memorable service for yourself.

*Pam Pass*



# A Message from our Director of Youth Engagement

*9 high school students, 2 college students, one Youth guy and a Cantor went to Israel for 10 days...  
No, this is not a beginning of a joke.*

This is just some statistics about our amazing youth trip to Israel last December. Other stats include visiting holy places in Jerusalem and Safed, visiting both Reform and Orthodox communities, eating diverse foods: Yemenite, Ethiopian, best Falafel on the face of the earth in my hometown Afula, and lots of hummus, meeting interesting people (Some of the teens' friends who happen to be in Israel, Cantor David's cousin and my mom, brother, and nephew included) and learning much about Israel's history, security challenges, peoplehood, freedom and democracy and borders. If the last 4 items sound familiar to you, that is because in the past 8 months Kol Ami is involved with Makom, the education division of the Jewish Agency through their innovative approach to engaging with Israel, 4HQ (The 4 Hatikva Questions). Thanks to Mr. Robbie Gringras who visited us back in November to teach about this innovative approach we were able to tour Israel in the most effective way; asking questions that are deep and broad exploring our own feelings about Israel, and expanding our love to the land and people but also not avoiding the "hard" questions. As an Israeli, I got to tour the land with this fantastic group of young adults, and see it through their eyes. Pretty cool. And, I must say that if you have a chance to travel with Cantor David; just do it! You'll see (I hear there may or may not be a trip for dads in the making)...Pretty cool as well.

In other news: **the Kol Ami Orchestra is preparing for our annual concerts during Synaplex Exploration of Music on April 5th, and at the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center on April 7th.** Great Israeli music will be played, and I am extra thrilled that we will be joined by Carmel (voice) and Adi (violin). Both Adi and Carmel have shared their musical talents with us before and I thank them for all they do for our community. Todah Rabah! If you haven't heard them yet, just come and take a listen. If you did, I am certain you'll be there.

**On January 27th we hosted the monthly meeting of Mosaic of Westchester LGBTQ teen group.** We hope to raise awareness for this important initiative and make sure that it continues to grow.

**Our annual trip to the RAC in D.C will take place in the beginning of March.** Next month I will tell you more about what should be a great experience of advocating in congress.

**Our Senior Youth Group is preparing for the Purim Carnival on March 20th** (highlighted by the Costume Contest and Rock Jam Session during the Carnival). They have also planned a second **Midnight Run on 3/30** and will appreciate your donations of clothes and toiletries.

As always, I thank everyone who contacts me to share ideas, please continue to do so.

*Idan Santhaus*



# Around Kol Ami....

## #nykolami



Sisterhood Wine and Wisdom at the home of Rabbi Shira is always such a special evening!



Our Youth trip to Israel with Cantor David and Idan was full of amazing memories



January Synaplex was truly unforgettable! We felt blessed to have such amazing talent to sing and perform for our congregants and guests



# Around Kol Ami....

## #nykolami



ECP, Kindergarten, 1st Grade Shabbat was full of family memories and an appreciation night for the WPPD



Congregants went and supported women's marches and social justice issues



The Annual MLK Jr. Interfaith Concert was an afternoon full of wonderful music



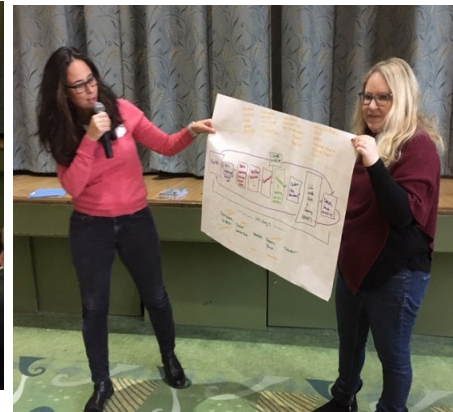
5th Graders spent an inspiring morning learning and hearing from Holocaust Survivors and Speakers







4th Grade Havdallah Hispanica was a wonderful way to end the week, and Shabbat



B'nai Mitzvah Workshop #1 for the 6th Grade Families was full of fun, exploration, and learning



Joanie Leeds and Or Chadash gave us quiet a fun Sunday family concert experience!



Everyone was in the ECP Spirit for their first ever Spirit Wear Day!  
#notjustthere4thepretzels



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THE COMBINING OF JEWISH TRADITION AND VALUES WITH MODERN IDEAS    CANTOR WHO COOKS!  
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# Nominating Committee....



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Wednesday, February 13th  
at 7:30pm  
in Room 20

Chair:  
Hank Rouda  
*Immediate Past President*

Committee:  
Rachael Arenstein  
Susan Davis  
Andrew Levenson  
Margie Lewis  
Betsy McCormick  
Jason Shuker  
Gerri Somers  
Hope Stephens



Friday, February 8th

# Never Again?

Changing the Path of Genocides and Mass Atrocities

## A Panel Discussion led by:

**Jennnifer Lemberg**, The Olga Lengyel Institute for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights

**Michael Elkin**, COO, The Conference on Jewish Claims Against Germany

**Jacqueline Murekatete**, Human Rights Activist and Rwandan Genocide Survivor

**Owen Pell**, President, The Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation

**Stephen Capobianco**, Asst. Director, The Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention at Binghamton University

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Children's Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Scholar in Residence Weekend

## Dr. Wendy Zierler

Friday, March 1st  
Saturday, March 2nd



Friday night:  
**The Pleasures of  
Shabbat Reborn:**  
An Eye Opening Look at  
the Secular Israeli  
Religious Renaissance  
in Poetry and Song

Shabbat morning:  
**Moondancing with  
Hava Shapiro**

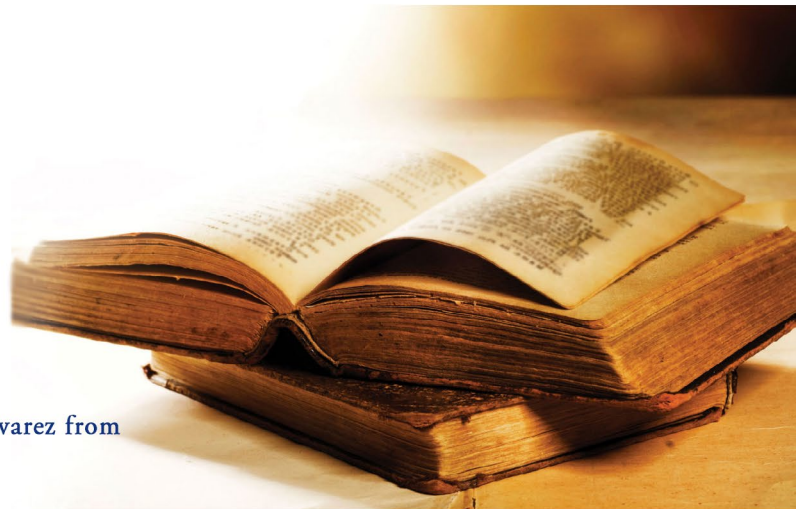
Shabbat lunch:  
**#MeToo: Crimes,  
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the Jewish Royal Family**



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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FUN STARTS AT 5:00PM**

CIRCUS THEMED CARNIVAL | PIZZA  
SANDWICHES | CIRCUS PERFORMERS  
HOTDOGS | HAMENTASCHEN | GAMES  
COTTON CANDY | COSTUME CONTEST  
ROCK BANDS ON STAGE | POPCORN

PURIM SERVICE & MEGILLAH  
READING STARTS AT 6:15PM

PURIM SPIEL IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING SERVICES. BASED  
ON THE BOX OFFICE HIT  
"THE GREATEST SHOWMAN!"

REMEMBER TO BRING CASH TO PLAY GAMES!  
\*\*ALL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE 10 FREE CARNIVAL TICKETS\*\*



# TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 2, 2019

starting at 6PM

Join Cantor David Rosen

at the home of

congregant

Gary Orentlicher

138 Hillair Circle,

White Plains

Buy-in: \$100

Event can accomodate up  
to 36 Kol Ami members

Food and soft drinks provided

BYOB

Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place finishers

Proceeds to be used to support

Kol Ami Men's Programming

RSVP to Ginny in the Clergy Office

at: [ginnyherron-lanoil@nykolami.org](mailto:ginnyherron-lanoil@nykolami.org)



We Point With Pride to.....

*Congregants Pam Millian and Rachel Freedman*



Join us as we honor  
the Westchester Jewish community's  
outstanding volunteers at the  
24th Annual Julian Y. Bernstein  
Distinguished Service  
Awards Ceremony

# Support the Kol Ami Religious School Annual Passover Candy Sale

**Order form deadline is Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Online order deadline is Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

This packet contains everything your child will need to participate in this year's Passover Candy Sale. This sale is a very important fundraiser for the Religious School and helps fund projects and programs for all of our children throughout the year.

## **To use the order form:**

- Fill it out the order form, following the instructions on the right side of the form
- Tear off the top two copies of the form and keep the bottom third copy for your records
- Make **checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami** (Please do not hand in cash)
- Return the top two forms along with the check(s) to the Religious School Office no later than **Sunday, March 3, 2019**  
(You can also place completed forms and checks in the Parent Network mailbox in the Main Office.)

## **To order online:**

- First, you must create a student ID to provide to any friends or family members that want to place orders online
- To receive a student ID (you cannot use one from a previous year),
  1. Go to [www.misschocolate.com](http://www.misschocolate.com)
  2. Click tab for online store
  3. Then click tab for student sign-up (red tab on left)
  4. Enter school code **701121**
  5. You will be given a student ID. You can follow the instructions on the website to share this ID with friends and family, or you can send this number to them personally.
- Once shoppers have your student ID,
  1. Go to [www.misschocolate.com](http://www.misschocolate.com)
  2. Click tab for online store
  3. Then click link for customer-guest sign in
  4. Follow instructions
  5. At the "checkout page" you will be asked to enter the student ID
- Online orders must be placed by **Thursday, March 7, 2019**

Questions? Please contact Sara Elkin at [religiousschoolparents@nykolami.org](mailto:religiousschoolparents@nykolami.org)

**No order is too small! Every individual order helps!**

Thank you in advance for your help and support,  
Sara Elkin  
Religious School Parent Network





# 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](mailto:mbarzel@aol.com), 914-403-7434 or  
Leslie at : [lsw20@earthlink.net](mailto:lsw20@earthlink.net), 914-686-9516

Next meeting: February 19th

Sundays 11:00am-1:00pm

To sign on or ask questions, please contact:

Nancy Marcus at [larrymarcus@aol.com](mailto:larrymarcus@aol.com)

Next meeting: February 10th

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, Feb. 20th @ 2:30 PM

Greenwich Woods

1165 King Street

Greenwich, CT

### 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:

February 13th, March 13th,

April 10th, and May 8th

Please contact **Barbara Wexler:**  
[wexlerartworks@optonline.net](mailto: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](mailto: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!

Congregation Kol Ami  
Early Childhood Program  
Serving Lower Westchester for over 50 years

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(914) 949-4717 ext. 107





# KOL AMI WOMEN'S OASIS AT HOME

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...

Living a Meaningful Life--Finding Your Happiness

**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

Please  
note the  
date  
change!

**Monday, February 11, 2019**

**7:30-9:30pm Chapel in the Woods**

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: Monday, February 11, 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](mailto:jill.sa2@verizon.net) Lauri Carey 472-8076 or [lauricarey@hotmail.com](mailto:lauricarey@hotmail.com)



# Kol Ami's Night at the Movies

Monday, February 4th at 7:30pm



The film will be: "1945"

On a summer day in 1945, an Orthodox man and his grown son return to a village in Hungary while the villagers prepare for the wedding of the town clerk's son. The townspeople - suspicious, remorseful, fearful, and cunning expect the worst and behave accordingly. The town clerk fears the men may be heirs of the village's deported Jews and expects them to demand their illegally acquired property back.

A Rotten Tomatoes TOP PICK!

**FREE ADMISSION AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY**



# 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](mailto:pwax@wjcs.com) or 914-761-0600 x. 149 to register.

*Mondays 12:30-2:00pm, next meeting on Feb. 11th*

*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](mailto:sturmersheila@gmail.com) or 914-391-1227

*Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month 11:30am-1:00pm,*

*next meeting on February 12th*

### 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 February 11th 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 February 7th*

### 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 February 7th*

**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](mailto: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 February 6th 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 February 5th*

### **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 February 11th*

### **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](mailto:DLDDingott@gmail.com)

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

### **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,  
next meeting on February 11th*

### **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 February 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 February 4th*

## 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](mailto:lisa.borowitz@cowen.com) for more information. Next meeting Feb. 4th

### **Mah Jongg Wednesdays**

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



# Life Cycles

## Congratulations

- ✧ To Rebecca and Bryan Goldberg on the birth of their son, Zachary Goldberg

## Condolences

- ✧ To Jean Rouda and family on the death of her aunt, Ruth Kirvin
- ✧ To Ronnie Cohn and family on the death of her stepfather, Murray Elman
- ✧ To Genna Farley on the death of her grandfather, Murray Elman
- ✧ To Karen Reynolds and family on the death of her father, Professor Stephen S. Winter
- ✧ To Joy Batashoff Thaler and family on the death of her father, Zane Batashoff

# Generous Contributions

### **Rabbi Shira Milgrom's Discretionary Fund**

- ✧ In honor of their granddaughter, Sasha's, Bat Mitzvah from Joan and Martin Levenson
- ✧ In honor of Sabrina's Bat Mitzvah, from Carol and Jorge Kizer
- ✧ In support and appreciation, from the Damial Foundation
- ✧ In memory of Marvin Cooper, from Joan Cooper

### **Rabbi Tom Weiner's Discretionary Fund**

- ✧ For ongoing support of youth and college programs, from David and Michelle Kroin
- ✧ In honor of Genna and Matt's wedding, from Ronnie Cohn and Rich Farley
- ✧ In support of youth program,s from Kevin and Judy McEvoy
- ✧ With gratitude for the naming of their grandson, Wiley Vaughn, from Beth and Gene Kava
- ✧ In honor of granddaughter, Sasha's, Bat Mitzvah from Joan and Martin Levenson
- ✧ In memory of Jo Landau's brother, from Barbara Block
- ✧ In honor of Max's Bar Mitzvah, from Judy and Kevin McEvoy
- ✧ In honor of Julia's Bat Mitzvah, from Sue and Rich Handel
- ✧ In memory of Richard Wach from Bonnie, Gillian and Michael Wach
- ✧ With appreciation and in memory of her beloved brother, Leon Seaman, from Jo Landau

# Generous Contributions

## **Cantor David Rosen's Discretionary Fund**

- \*In honor of Jon and Daniella's wedding, from Donna Joseph
- \*In honor of Matthew's Bar Mitzvah, from Michael and Susie Welling
- \*In honor of granddaughter, Sasha's, Bat Mitzvah, from Joan and Martin Levenson
- \*In honor of Julia's Bat Mitzvah, from Sue and Rich Handel
- \*In honor of Max's Bar Mitzvah, from Judy and Kevin McEvoy
- \*In honor of Sabrina's Bat Mitzvah, from Carol and Jorge Kizer

## **Adult Education Fund**

- \*In loving memory of her father, Harry Klein, from Marjorie Bruckman

## **Annual Fund**

- \*In appreciation, from Don Bashe

## **ECP Fund**

- \*In honor of Lauri and David Carey, from Janet and Mark Hershey

## **Fund for the Needy**

- \*In loving memory of Richard Wach, husband of Bonnie Wach, from Patty and Bert Wohl
- \*In loving memory of Leon D. Seaman, brother of Jo Landau, from Beth and Gene Kava
- \*In loving memory of Leon D. Seaman, from Ellen Bittner
- \*In loving memory of her mother, Fradel Heiss, from Marjorie Bruckman
- \*In support of families impacted by the government shutdown, from David and Maggy Weber
- \*In support of families impacted by the government shutdown, from Royce and David Battleman

## **Kol Ami Fund**

- \*In loving memory of his father, Hyman Shemer, from Raymond and Wendy Shemer
- \*In loving memory of Leon Sieman, and Vide and Lou Wiggs, from Grace Wiggs
- \*In loving memory of Boyd Adelman, father of Cori Shifrin from Elizabeth Mueller

## **Refugee Resettlement Fund**

- \*In appreciation, from Sarah Hopkins

## **Religious School Fund**

- \*In honor of Matthew Welling's Bar Mitzvah, from Susie and Michael Welling

## **Religious School Bagel Sponsor Fund**

In appreciation, from Dr. David and Amanda Cole

## **Retreat Fund**

- \*In loving memory of Murray Elman, stepfather of Ronnie Cohn and grandfather of Genna Farley, from Ellen Bittner
- \*In loving memory of Ruth Kirvin, aunt of Jean Rouda, from Ellen Bittner

## **Youth Activities Fund**

- \*In honor of Idan Santhaus, for tutoring Max Polner in preparation for his Bar Mitzvahs from Max, Candice and Richard Polner

*Thank You*



## 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](mailto: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.



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

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

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

If you would like to purchase (a) Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque(s), please provide the name of each person below as you would like it to appear on the plaque.

Enclose a check payable to Congregation Kol Ami  
for all Yahrzeit Memorial plaques purchased.

NAMES

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



## Contributions



CONGREGATION  
KOL AMI

Congregation Kol Ami is grateful for the many donations that you give both in honor of joyous occasions and in memory of beloved family and friends.

To make the logistics easier and the gifting choices clearer, a donor form is printed on the back of each monthly newsletter. Donor forms are also available in the Main Office and on our website ([www.nykolami.org](http://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	<b>Plaques and Remembrances</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rick Kraver College Youth Fund (supports special programs for our college students)	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious School Fund (supports special projects as determined by the Religious School Committee)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yahrzeit Plaques \$750
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