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Coachman Memorial Day BBQ
Sunday, May 19th

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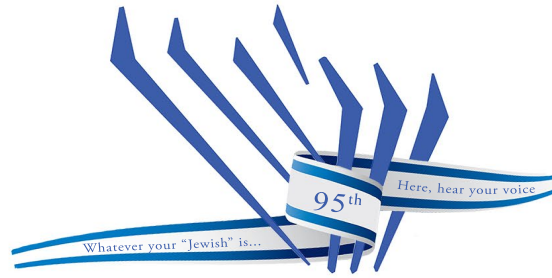
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CONGREGATION KOL AMI

Celebrating our past, living our present, imagining our future

1923-2018 • 95 YEARS

**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.**

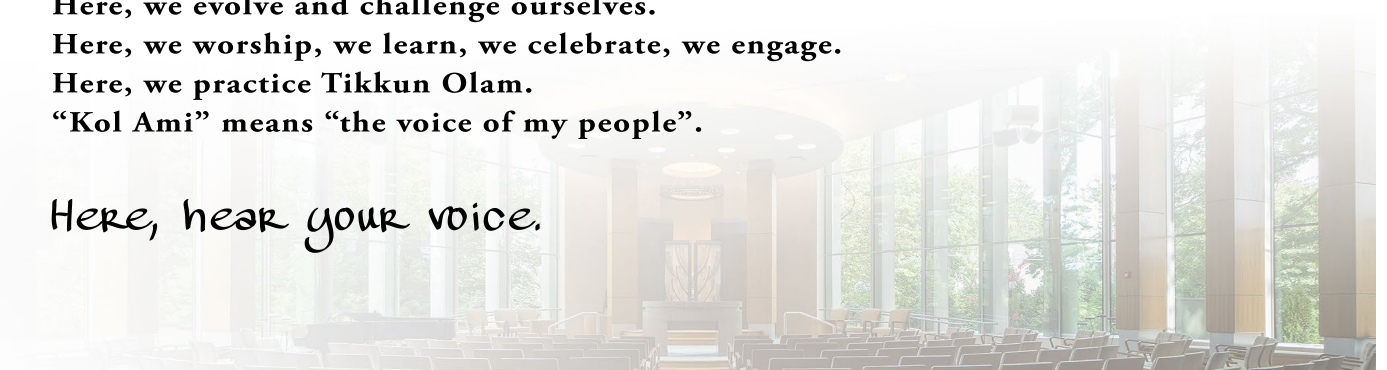
Here, we evolve and challenge ourselves.

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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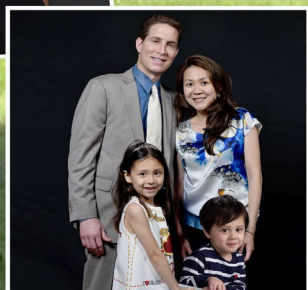
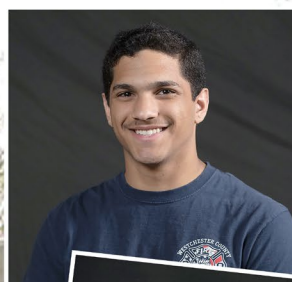
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Worship Opportunities



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 May

Week ending May 4, 2019

Parashat Acherei Mot II Leviticus 18:1-30

30 In this continuation of last week's parasha, Moses condemns the sexual practices of some neighboring peoples. The taboos for certain sexual practices are outlined in detail in this chapter.

Week ending May 11, 2019

Parashat Kedoshim Leviticus 19:1-20:27 Parashat

Kedoshim (holiness) continues with the practical and interpersonal applications of holiness. God explains to Moses what it means to be a "holy" people and describes the many ethical and ritual laws aimed to help people live lives of holiness. The laws described include some of those recorded in the Ten Commandments, such as respecting one's parents, keeping the Sabbath, and not stealing.

Week ending May 18, 2019

Parashat Emor Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Emor provides details about the lives of the priests and their families. The Israelites are commanded to bring clear olive oil for lighting the sanctuary menorah, and the ingredients and placement of the displayed loaves of sanctuary bread are explained to them. This parasha also includes the most comprehensive holiday calendar in the Torah.

Week ending May 25, 2019

Parashat B'har Leviticus 25:1-26:2

This parasha presents a vision of a society guided by God-given principles of human freedom, human dignity and concern for the most vulnerable in society. It includes laws regulating the sabbatical year (every seventh year), giving the earth a complete rest; and the jubilee year (every 50 years), in which land and vineyards must not be worked. It also provides for the granting of liberty to all Israelites enslaved during the previous forty-nine years.

May Calendar



Wednesday, May 1
Women's Roundtable Breakfast



Monday, May 6th
Kol Ami 95th Anniversary Gala



Tuesday, May 7th
Family Math Night

Wednesday	1	7:45-9:00am	Women's Roundtable Breakfast
		9:00-10:30am	KA Reads Book Club
		10:30-12:00pm	Wise Aging *New Class
		10:00-2:00pm	Mah Jongg
		1:00-3:00pm	Brandeis Program in the Chapel, Guest Speaker Diane Stinfink
		4:00-6:00pm	4-6th Grade Religious School
		6:00-6:30pm	Youth Dinner
		6:30-8:30pm	7-12th Grade Religious School
		7:30-8:30pm	Community Yom HaShoah Service led by our 8th Graders
Thursday	2	9:30-11:00am	Jewish Meditation in the Chapel
		11:00-12:00pm	Wisdom of the Sages
		12:00pm	Yom Hashoah Event in WP Garden of Remembrance
		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
Friday	3	8:30-12:00pm	ECP Pop-Up Shop
		5:30pm	Shabbat in the Woods
		5:30pm	Shabbat Sheli
		6:00-7:15pm	Crafts, Babysitting, and Light Supper for Children
		6:15pm	Shabbat Evening Services with 4th Grade Shabbat and Dinner
Saturday	4	Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel	
		9:00am	Coffee and Conversation
		9:30am	Torah Study
		11:00am	Shabbat Service
		10:30am	Bar Mitzvah for Sam Klinghoffer
		5:30pm	B'nai Mitzvah Aaron Bianchi and Dylan Kur
Sunday	5	9:00-11:00am	K-6th Grade Religious School
		9:00-11:00am	1st Grade Synagogue Tour and Mezzuzah Project
		11:00-1:00pm	Cooking for the Homeless
		11:00-11:30am	Or Chadash Choir with Cantor David
		11:45pm	Gala Online Auction Bidding Closes
Monday	6	9:15-10:45am	Grandparenting with Susan Davis
		11:00-12:30pm	Current Events
		12:30-2:00pm	Mussar Class
		6:00pm	12 Step Recovery in the Chapel
		7:00-10:30pm	Kol Ami's 95th Anniversary Gala "Broadway Lights Up Kol Ami"
Tuesday	7	10:30-12:30pm	Brandeis Program in the Chapel
			Guest Speaker: Michael Molinelli discussing NYC architecture
		5:00-8:00pm	Family Math Night (RSVP Required)
		5:45pm	AA in the Chapel

May Calendar



Wednesday, May 8th
Kol Ami Visits AFYA



Monday, May 13th
Kol Ami Suite at the Yankees



Tuesday, May 14th
Congregational Annual Meeting

Wednesday	8	9:30-12:00pm 10:00-2:00pm 4:00-6:00pm 6:00-6:30pm 6:30-8:30pm 6:30-8:30pm 7:00-8:30pm	Kol Ami Volunteers at AFYA Mah Jongg 4-6th Grade Religious School with Yom HaAtzmaut Program Youth Dinner 7-12th Grade Religious School Confirmation Rehearsal in the Sanctuary Parenting Adolescents Group
Thursday	9	9:00-11:30am 9:30-11:00am 11:00-12:00pm 5:30pm 5:45pm 7:30pm	ECP Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration Jewish Meditation in the Chapel Wisdom of the Sages Bat Mitzvah of Penelope Kraus AA Meeting in the Chapel Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel
Friday	10	5:30pm 6:00-7:15pm 6:15pm	Shabbat in the Woods Crafts, Babysitting, and Light Supper for Children Shabbat Evening Services
Saturday	11	Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel 9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 10:30am 5:30pm	Coffee and Conversation Torah Study Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah for Jared Schwartz Bat Mitzvah for Sarah Hutter
Sunday	12	Mother's Day 9:00-11:00am 11:0-11:30am	K-6th Grade Religious School Day of Chesed Or Chadash Choir with Cantor David
Monday	13	9:30-11:00am 4:30-10:00pm 6:00pm 7:00-9:00pm 7:30-9:00pm	Blessings of a Skinned Knee Group Kol Ami Goes to the NY Yankees 12 Step Recovery Group Mah Jongg Nite in the Gallery Judaism, Real and Imagined
Tuesday	14	11:30-1:00pm 5:45pm 7:00-8:00pm 8:00-10:00pm	Women in Transition AA in the Chapel Israel in the News Congregational Annual Meeting
Wednesday	15	Last Wednesday Religious School 10:00-2:00pm 4:00-6:00pm 6:00-6:30pm 6:30-8:30pm 6:30-8:30pm	Mah Jongg 4-6th Grade Religious School Youth Dinner 7-12th Grade Religious School Confirmation Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

May Calendar



Friday, May 17th
2nd Grade and 9-12th Grade
Family Shabbat



Wednesday, May 22nd
Blood Drive at Bet Am Shalom

Thursday	16	9:30-11:00am	Jewish Meditation in the Chapel
		11:00-12:00pm	Wisdom of the Sages
		5:45pm	AA Meeting in the Chapel
		7:30-8:45pm	Choir Rehearsal
		7:30pm	Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel
Friday	17	ECP Closed for Students: Staff In-Service Day	
		5:30pm	Shabbat in the Woods
		6:00-7:15pm	Crafts, Babysitting, and Light Supper for Children
		6:15pm	Shabbat Evening Services with 2nd Grade Shabbat and Dinner and 9-12th Grade Family Shabbat and Graduation
Saturday	18	Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel	
		9:00am	Coffee and Conversation
		9:30am	Torah Study
		11:00am	Shabbat Service with Baby Naming for Mila Zimmerman
		10:30am	Bat Mitzvah for Renee Marmon
		5:30pm	Bat Mitzvah for Logan Lent
Sunday	19	9:00-11:00am	Last Day of Religious School: Zimriyah and Picnic
		2:00-8:00pm	Coachman Memorial Day BBQ
Monday	20	11:00-12:30pm	Current Events
		6:00pm	12 Step Recovery Group
		7:30-9:00pm	Judaism, Real and Imagined
Tuesday	21	11:30-12:45pm	Cooking for the Homeless
		5:45pm	AA in the Chapel
		7:30-9:30pm	Poetry Salon at Shira's
Wednesday	22	10:00-2:00pm	Mah Jongg
		3:00-9:00pm	Blood Drive at Temple Bet Am Shalom
		6:30-8:30pm	Confirmation Rehearsal in the Main Sanctuary
Thursday	23	9:00-10:00am	ECP Art Show and Breakfast
		9:30-11:00am	Jewish Meditation in the Chapel
		11:00-12:00pm	Wise Aging
		11:00-12:00pm	Wisdom of the Sages
		5:45pm	AA Meeting in the Chapel
		7:30-8:45pm	Choir Rehearsal
		7:30pm	Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel
Friday	24	Kol Ami Retreat Weekend Begins	
		5:30pm	Shabbat in the Woods
		6:00-7:15pm	Crafts, Babysitting, and Light Supper for Children
		6:15pm	Shabbat Evening Services

May Calendar



May 24-26th
Kol Ami Retreat Weekend



Sunday, June 2nd
Kol Ami Goes to the Fiddler

Saturday	25	Kol Ami Retreat	Lift Your Shabbat in the Chapel
			9:00am Coffee and Conversation
			9:30am Torah Study
			11:00am Shabbat Services
Sunday	26	Kol Ami Retreat	
Monday	27	Memorial Day: Schools and Buildings Closed	
Tuesday	28	5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel	7:30-8:45pm Israel in the News
Wednesday	29	10:00-2:00pm Mah Jongg	1:00-3:00pm Brandeis Program, Guest Speaker Professor Sam Tath
		6:30-8:30pm	Confirmation Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
Thursday	30	9:30-11:00am Jewish Meditation in the Chapel	11:00-12:00pm Wisdom of the Sages
		5:45pm AA Meeting in the Chapel	7:30-8:45pm Choir Rehearsal
		7:30pm	Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel
Friday	31	5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods	6:00-7:15pm Crafts, Babysitting, and Light Supper for Children
		6:15pm	Shabbat Evening Services

LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE

JMondays June 3rd and 10th	AAA Driver Improvement Program
Sunday, June 2nd	Kol Ami Goes to the Theater: Fiddler
Friday, June 7th	Confirmation Dinner and Blessings
Sunday, June 9th	Shavuot & Yizkor Service and Reception
Friday, June 14th	Pride Shabbat



Penelope Kraus, has two sisters, Avery and Scarlett who adore her. Penelope loves sports especially Lacrosse. She loves spending time with her family and friends and especially loves traveling and tasting new foods. She is very adventurous, loving and kind. Penelope and her guests at her Bat Mitzvah will donate as a group to Heifer International to help a family start a business. Penelope has also been volunteering with special needs children at her school and with CKCC to raise funds for cancer research.



May B'nai Mitzvah



Aaron Root Bianchi, son of Lili & Peter Bianchi and brother to Quincy, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 4, 2019. He is in 7th grade at Edgemont Junior-Senior High School. Aaron likes to go bike riding and play lacrosse when he is not gaming with his friends and cousins. He has enjoyed spending the past 4 summers at KenMont Camp and also loves swimming, traveling and playing with his dog. For his Mitzvah project, Aaron has been volunteering at the Hospital for Special Surgery in the Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery Department. Aaron is very excited to share his special day with his family & friends.

Logan Jordyn Lent, daughter of Brooke Love and Thomas Lent, and sister to Peyton and Davin, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Logan is a seventh grader at Highlands Middle School in White Plains. She enjoys playing tennis, lacrosse and the violin. Logan is on both her school's lacrosse team and the White Plains Lacrosse travel team. Recently, she played her violin in the White Plains Citywide Orchestra Festival. Logan takes great pride in giving back all throughout the year. She continues to be involved with volunteer activities for the Coachman Center, Cooking for the Homeless and with her school's community service club. Logan is excited to share her special day with family and friends.



Dylan Kur, daughter of Deena and Benjamin Kur and sister to Riley Kur, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 4, 2019. She is a student at the Rippowam Cisca School in Bedford, NY. During the school year, Dylan is involved in dance, singing and acting classes, basketball and track, in addition to her school work. Dylan also enjoys music, skiing, and her dogs Taco and Ruby. For her Mitzvah project, Dylan hosted a cupcake baking class with her sister Riley to raise money for the Maria Fareri Children's hospital. The money was donated at a ceremony at the hospital and will be used towards supplies and equipment to help sick children. Dylan is very excited to share her special day with family and friends.

Sam Klinghoffer, son of David and Robin and brother of Leo, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 4, 2019. He is in the 7th Grade at Ardsley Middle School. During the school year, Sam plays on the modified lacrosse team as well as rec basketball. Other interests include skiing, bike riding and watching the Yankees. For his Mitzvah project, Sam was an Assistant Coach to the Ardsley Recreation 4th grade Basketball team. He helped to run practices and assisted the Coaching staff in teaching plays. Sam is very excited to share his special day with family and friends.



Sarah Hutter, daughter of Dana Ross and Adam Hutter, and younger sister to Sam, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 11, 2019. She is a seventh grade student at Ardsley Middle School, and will be returning for her fifth summer at The Sports Academy at Brookwood Camps. This year, Sarah played on the modified Volleyball team, and participated in a travel volleyball league. Other interests of Sarah's include cooking and baking, fashion, makeup, shopping, spending time at the mall, and spending time with family and friends. For her Mitzvah project, Sarah has begun volunteering at Gigi's Playhouse, doing projects and social activities alongside children with Down Syndrome. Sarah is very excited to share her special day with family and friends.

Jared Schwartz, son of Michael and Jessica Schwartz and big brother to Aaron and Eden, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 11th. Jared is currently a 7th grader at Louis M. Klein Middle School in Harrison. Jared has attended religious school at Kol Ami since 2nd grade. Jared, a huge basketball fan, spent his first season playing on the 7th grade modified basketball team at LMK as well as playing for CYP and the Kol Ami team. He aspires to be on his high school team and eventually on the NY Knicks! Aside from Basketball, Jared spent time volunteering with the tween program at The Edenwald Cottages in Pleasantville, with underprivileged youth. He found this experience very eye opening and fulfilling. For his Mitzvah Project, he asked his guests to contribute items such as crayons, bubbles, playing cards and Play-doh to help preoccupy hospitalized children at Hassenfeld Children's Hospital. Jared can not wait to head back to Camp Watitoh in the Berkshires for his 4th summer. He is very excited to share this special day with his family and friends





A Message from Rabbi Milgrom

Recently I had the pleasure of visiting the Delancey Street Program in Brewster, NY with some of our 9th Graders and their families. Delancey Street is considered the country's leading residential self-help organization for substance abusers, ex-convicts, homeless and others who have hit bottom. The average resident has been a hard core drug addict, abusing alcohol, and has dropped out of school and institutionalized several times. Here they take ex-convicts and ex-addicts and they teach each other how to be teachers, general contractors, truck drivers, movers, chefs, and furniture makers.

They do it with no staff, no professional help, and no government funding. For over 40 years now they have developed this model of social entrepreneurship, of education, of rehabilitation and change. It is so exciting to see and so full of hope. As they say at Delancey Street "Enter with a history, leave with a future." Read below some amazing reflections of some of the participants who went on the trip.

Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Thank you for arranging the visit to Delancey Street Foundation. Our experience at Delancey Street was the fitting culmination of Kol Ami's educational programs about the criminal justice system, following our Synaplex presentations by the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester and Hudson Link. And what could be a better time to learn about redemption than the period in the Jewish calendar when our focus is on the same. I was struck that our visit evolved into a series of I-Thou encounters, a recognition of the humanity in the other, as we heard, without passing judgment, the personal stories of residents. I was also impressed by the safe and beautiful haven their residence provides, but that their surroundings do not obviate the grueling work involved in recognizing failures, overcoming personal demons, and learning the social-emotional, academic, and workforce skills that allow them to reintegrate into society. For our 9th Graders present, it was not just about connecting to our curriculum, but what a wonderful opportunity for each of them to learn a life lesson; none of us need forever be defined by our mistakes, although they may shape us. But instead, through determination, hard work, resilience, grit, and seizing second chances, we can overcome failure; if the residents of Delancey Street can rise above their pasts, how much more so can our students recover from what may seem to be an overwhelming obstacle such as a bad grade or a social faux pas. -Sheryl Brady

One thing that I experienced and was a reality check for me was interacting with the first of the convicts (The one who had been in jail 9 times). It was my first chance to really talk to one of the people living in the house, and it showed that my perception of criminals was off, that sometimes, not only the people failed, but the system as well. Then when interacting with Joel, another one of the convicts, it was interesting and powerful to hear his regret, how he wished he could go back and change his actions. Overall, I think my main takeaway from all of this was an altered perception of felons. If one had described these people's crimes to me, I would think badly of them, but instead, by actually meeting them, I was able to form a connection with the people, not the crimes, and see the good where others would not. -Jonah Dichter

Dear Rabbi Shira,
We are grateful to you for organizing this trip. Micah said that "it was amazing to see and hear about it first hand. It is interesting to think that this is happening all around us." I was inspired by the power of one person to change the world at the same time that the Delancey Street model also showed the power of a community to affect change.
-Rachael, Noam and Micah Arenstein

To have seen difficult lives turned completely around through peer support and community was remarkable and heartwarming. The motivation and commitment to a better life was everywhere: in the men's faces and voices as well as the wooden craftsmanship throughout the castle. It felt like the impossible is always possible as long as we retain our humanity. There is not always a need for complex technology or high-end professionals, you just need people helping people.
-Debra and Eliana Asher

Delancey Street Foundation brings hope, and light and a dream of a better world
-Barbara Wexler

For photos from our trip, see Page 24



A Message from Cantor Rosen

“KOL ARTS” COMES TO KOL AMI!!

Dear Kol Ami Congregants,

I am writing to you about a wonderful program that will be offered this coming fall. “Kol Arts” is a multi-arts based program that will offer top notch instruction by highly qualified teachers and instructors of music and the arts. What makes Kol Arts unique is that in addition to one-on one instruction, we are able to offer group/ensemble based classes to help foster musical and/or dramatic performance.

The curriculum is designed to invite and encourage the novice, challenge the advanced and educate all through a supportive environment. Also included is a “Community Arts Hour,” which will be the jewel of the program bringing generations together to experience the arts. New families will join as the word spreads that Kol Arts offers an inclusive, welcoming environment from kids and adults of all ages.

The instructors at Kol Arts are extremely accomplished in their field of expertise having graduated from renowned music and art conservatories and performed on world stages from Lincoln Center and Broadway to Carnegie Hall.

Attached is a link to a brief survey which will help determine the interest and types of classes and programs to be offered. Please return the survey no later than Friday, May 10th. This is a tremendous opportunity for our community and the greater Westchester community at large.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N5XD3ZG>

We are happy to welcome Naomi Graf as the Director of Kol Arts. Naomi received her Bachelor of Music from the Juilliard School of Music and Masters of Music in Viola performance from the Yale School of Music. Naomi has been teaching and creating community arts programs in Westchester for many years.

Rates and scheduling will be available following the data we collect and we encourage you to pass along the link to family and friends outside of the Kol Ami community.

Please stay tuned for details and I hope you will take advantage of all that Kol Arts has to offer! For more information, please contact Naomi Graf at: kolarts@nykolami.org

Wishing you a happy and warm spring!

Cantor David

-Cantor David Rosen

A Message from Rabbi Weiner



Helping the Pendulum Swing

“A few weeks ago as I was walking out of the library at Columbia University, bumped into a professor of mine from the school of social work. She was standing there thumbing through the New York Times with a look of intense distress on her face. I said hello and asked her what she was doing. She said, “I’m trying to force myself to read the paper. Lately, and for the first time in my life, I haven’t been able to read the newspaper. Everything in the world is so depressing, I can’t even look at the Times.”

“At a recent gathering of college students, there was a common thread running through their conversations. Many of them expressed a great sense of frustration, feeling that even though they could identify the problems of today’s world, they feel hopeless and helpless, having no idea how to even begin to solve them.”

“Many kids seem to feel that their tomorrow has been taken away from them. And even though their present might seem ok, an unsure tomorrow drastically diminishes the quality of their today’s. Why bother planning for a future that might not even happen?”

Those thoughts are from an article I wrote for another synagogue bulletin in April of 1985! And yes, they do sound quite familiar and current. Yet they were as real then as are the issues of our own present. Just as the fear of nuclear attack was quite real in the 1950’s and 1960’s. Just as the very scary threats of the late 1960’s and early 70’s that we were already destroying our environment, the world’s supply of oil was dangerously low, the population was exploding and we were running out of food.

I would imagine that all generations of modern times can recall the times when the world as we have known it was on the precipice. “There is nothing new under the sun.”

I write this here to remind us that things do change. The pendulum does truly swing in both directions. There are times of progress, healing, fixing, repairing, changing attitudes, and improvement. That does not mean that our current problems are not huge and scary; it means that we should work all the harder to lift each other up, believe and hope and dream in the better future, and then work like hell with all our hearts and souls to make it happen, “soon and in our own day.”

Rabbi Tom Weiner

A Message from our Co-President



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Celebrating our past, living our present, imagining our future



As I write this article, we are preparing for our incredible 95th Anniversary Gala on the evening of Monday, May 6th. In addition to honoring our Past Presidents, who have set the foundation and paved the way for our Congregation, we will be treated to incomparable entertainment by Broadway performers and our very own Cantor David and Alex Hopkins. We have much to celebrate and much to look forward to in the years ahead, and it is not too late to participate in this unforgettable night!

As you may know, our Gala also serves as our annual fundraiser to support our operating budget. Without your participation, through tickets, raffles, auctions and direct donations, we would not be able to provide the incredible music, services, education, programming, holiday celebrations, and other events that make Kol Ami uniquely special.

This year, our auction is online only, and the gavel is falling soon. **The auction closes at 11:45 pm on Sunday, May 5th** — the night before the Gala. Be sure to bid now on amazing experiences ranging from dinner and time with our Clergy to premier tickets to see the Yankees play to a beautiful Cartier watch to a fun-filled sailing trip. . . and so much more. [Place your bids by clicking here.](#)

Scott and I are beyond grateful for the support of our members and thank each of you for helping to sustain our community. Though budgeting may seem to be a routine exercise in number-crunching, it touches upon all aspects of the synagogue and congregational life and requires everyone involved to set priorities and goals. The process challenges us with difficult choices and at times differing opinions, but it is an example of collaboration at its best.

The result of this great collaboration is the proposed budget that will be presented for a vote at our **Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 14th at 8:00 pm**. I urge each of you to join us that evening. As Kol Ami members, we all have the responsibility to ensure that our congregation continues to thrive, and your approval of the budget will allow us to do just that. Our Annual Meeting also is a great opportunity to hear from our Clergy and leadership about our past year and what awaits us in the year ahead. We will honor those trustees whose terms are ending and welcome our new trustees whose terms will begin in July. If you are unable to attend in person, please have your vote counted by returning your proxy to the office.

Scott and I look forward to seeing you on May 6th and again on May 14th!

L'Shalom, Susan Kohn Arovas

A Message from our Executive Director



On April 8th I travelled to Albany, NY with Rabbi Shira and Lori Abrams and Ronnie Cohn, our Be The Light for Social Justice Co-chairs. With 90 others from across New York State, we gathered for the first time as the Religious Action Center – NY (RAC-NY) representing 100 reform temples and more than 100,000 Jews in New York who share our progressive Jewish values and beliefs. We were on a mission to lobby on an issue about which we care deeply; the Greenlight Initiative which is the name given to the legislation which would enable all New Yorkers to obtain driver's licenses.

Our key messages included:

- Providing undocumented New Yorkers the opportunity to obtain driver's licenses makes their lives easier, our communities safer, and increases the economic productivity of the entire state.
- Under the current law, a simple traffic stop could result in arrest or deportation, forcing hundreds of thousands of our neighbors to live in near-constant fear as they go about their daily lives, including driving to work, taking their kids to school, seeing a doctor or buying groceries.
- Access to driver's licenses would reduce the number of uninsured and untrained drivers on the road, making it safer for all New Yorkers. Data from some of the 12 states who have already enacted this law shows significant decreases in uninsured drivers and hit and run accidents. Prominent law enforcement leaders across the state support this law for safety reasons.
- RAC-NY is focused on Driver's licenses for ALL New Yorkers because it's a Jewish issue, and it's the right thing for our safety, our roads, and our neighbors.

The background of this issue is troubling and complicated. Approximately 750,000 undocumented New Yorkers are unable to get a driver's license even though they are of the legal age to drive. Many undocumented New Yorkers live in places with limited or no public transportation, and are forced to drive unlicensed and uninsured, without the training passing a New York State road test would afford them. Undocumented New Yorkers were able to obtain a driver's license until 2002, when the law was changed to require a social security number in order to receive a license. Access to driver's licenses would help family farms and other businesses function more efficiently by reducing the barrier of travel for all New Yorkers, allowing individuals to reach their jobs more easily. Seniors who rely on home health aides to age in place need their aides to be able to get to them reliably and some of those aides don't have access to public transportation or a license. Expanding access to driver's licenses would result in \$57 Million in additional revenue annually and \$26 Million in onetime fees, according to the Fiscal Policy Institute. This revenue comes from driver's license fees, registration, car insurance fees, and taxes from the purchase of cars and additional gas. Twelve states plus Washington, DC and Puerto Rico have passed this legislation and have seen benefits. One study in New Mexico showed that uninsured drivers dropped by over 20%, and a 2-year study in California shows a significant drop in hit and run accidents. When undocumented drivers have the ability to get a license and insurance, they do so and make everyone around them safer.

Our shared Jewish values mandate taking a stand. Welcoming the strange is a core part of Jewish tradition, mentioned at least 36 times in the Torah. Leviticus commands, "The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love them as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." (19:33-34). While undocumented New Yorkers are not strangers, but rather us, our neighbors and members of our communities, we draw inspiration from the Torah's teaching of welcome towards those originally from other places in our calls for equitable access to driver's licenses. Our own people's history as "strangers" reminds us of the many struggles faced by immigrants today, and we affirm our commitment to create the same opportunities for today's immigrants that were so valuable to our own community not so many years ago.

While in Albany, I had the honor to meet with Assemblywoman Amy Paulin. Other members of our contingent met with Assemblywoman and Kol Ami congregant Shelley Mayer. Both of these Assembly members are already co-sponsors of the bill so we thanked them and urged them to be active leaders in the effort to move this legislation through committee and ensure its successful passage in the Assembly and Senate. We also met with senior staff members of State Senator and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

Our work has just begun. We are seeking other coalition partners such as AAA, law enforcement personnel, immigrant justice groups, and children's associations which seek to protect children. In addition, we hope to engage more reform Jews to help spread the word as it is important that our political leaders hear from folks other than just the immigrant community. Will you join us?



A Message from our ECP Director

May ECP Dates:

May 6	4's Bring Your Favorite Gal to School Day
May 7	5's Conferences 5:00-8:00pm
May 7	Family Math Night for 3's and 4's and 5's 6:00-7:30pm (advanced reservations are a must)
May 9	2's Conferences 5:00-8:00pm
May 17	ECP Closed for Staff In-service
May 20	3's Bring Your Favorite Gal to School Day
May 23	ECP Art Show and Breakfast 9:00-9:40am
May 27	ECP closed for Memorial Day

After our huge Passover celebration we didn't miss a step and began preparing for another wonderful tradition in the ECP, our Annual Trip to Israel on Yom Ha'atzmaut! Our staff and families alike always look forward to our Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration with great anticipation and this year will be no different. On May 9th after a "rigorous security check" and a most enjoyable "plane ride" the children will have the opportunity to put messages into the wall at the Kotel, stomp on grapes in our vineyard, make orange juice, plant trees, milk a cow, take a picture with a camel, learn how things float in the Dead Sea, fish in Eilat, participate on an Archaeological dig, make a stained glass window, relax at our very own Dead Sea spa complete with mud baths, taste the delicious foods of Israel, learn about the animals who live in the desert, and make their own pita! Of course the morning will not be possible without the able hands of our ECP Staff, Rabbi's Shira, and Tom, Cantor David, Jess, Cindy Musoff our ECP Chair, and our many parent volunteers. So, a special thank you to all who will make this morning so special for our 3's, 4's and Pre-k's.

This month our 4's and 5's will again participate in our annual Israeli Dance Festival. This year Temple Beth El of New Rochelle will be hosting the Festival. This wonderful annual event involves 5 other Jewish Early Childhood Programs from the Westchester and New York City area. It's a wonderfully rich morning of Dance and celebration lead by our wonderful teacher Shmulik Gov-Ari.

Our 3's, and 4's this month will host a Bring your Favorite Gal to School Day. It will feature a morning of crafts, a special snack, and a dance session with everyone's favorite Shmulik! The 4's will be hosting their special visitor morning on Monday, May 6th and the 3's have their guests coming Monday, May 20th.

Our ECP Annual Art Show and Artists Breakfast will take place on Thursday morning May 23rd from 9:00-9:45. The children work all year on this event and this year our 4's will be showcasing a few special pieces including their versions of "Picasso, and Chihuly". We invite all of our families to join us for breakfast and a special "viewing" of the children's work. It goes without saying that this is always a special morning.

Building a Community of Friends, One Family at a Time

Nan Blank

A Message from our Religious School



Why should we send our kids to Religious School? Our children are busy and stressed. They have a lot of activities and hours of homework. Performances. Games. Clubs. Practices. On any given day there are a lot of demands on their time. And yours.

What does including Religious School to their busy lives do for them?

Look no further than our school vision.

In the world of our children, Judaism can offer what is available to them in almost no other place in their lives—a sense of rootedness in an eternal tradition, a way to celebrate life's monumental and simple moments and the knowledge that they are needed, precious and irreplaceable in bringing the world to greater goodness.

The curriculum of the Kol Ami Religious School integrates the child's world with Jewish learning. Jewish wisdom and values, its music, dance and art, its lessons of history and courage are the building blocks of learning. A knowledge of Hebrew reading and comfort and joy in prayer are important elements of our school. Jewish history, from the Torah to the present, becomes a vehicle not only to hear the stories of our people, but also to learn that being Jewish gives us a framework of ethics and values to help us to live a better life. Our curriculum teaches Jewish blessings (brachot) and prayer (tefillah) as ways to appreciate the wonder of this world and to give thanks for God's gift of life.

Rootedness. Tradition. Values. History. Stories. Wonder. Compassion. Ethics.

Your child will gain all of this here in our Religious School in a joyful, rich and vibrant environment every Sunday and every Wednesday. Our value is beyond measure.

Registration is Open for 2019-20

SAVINGS ~ As an added incentive to register early, we are offering an early bird special. With a non-refundable \$250 deposit per student (every child must be registered for 2019-20), you will lock in a lower rate.

There are two easy ways to register:

- 1: Online on our website - <https://congregationkolami.formstack.com/forms/rsregister>
- 2: During Religious School hours in the café - we will have laptops in the Religious School lobby for your convenience.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like more information @ pampass@nykolami.org

Pam Pass



A Message from our Director of Youth Engagement

What is the Midnight Run?

From the organization website: *Midnight Run is a volunteer organization dedicated to finding common ground between the housed and the homeless. Midnight Run coordinates over 1,000 relief missions per year, in which volunteers from churches, synagogues, schools and other civic groups distribute food, clothing, blankets and personal care items to the homeless poor on the streets of New York City. The late-night relief efforts create a forum for trust, sharing, understanding and affection. That human exchange, rather than the exchange of goods, is the essence of the Midnight Run mission. Midnight Run is not a solution to homelessness. Our goal is to forge a bond between housed and homeless people by establishing a foundation of sharing and caring from which solutions may evolve. Through Midnight Run, volunteers come to see people on the streets as real people, not a commodity. And homeless men and women interact with mainstream adults and teenagers whose commitments and concerns go beyond their own lives and families.*

Last month I participated in my fourth Midnight Run. Together with 22 of our teens we fed some 60 people in Manhattan. For me, helping others in an important mission like that is fulfilling yet not so easy. Our Midnight Run guide last month told us that he is currently homeless. Here we all are, on a bus full of food, clothes, enthusiasm and positive energy with this middle aged man who is kind to us and to the people on the street and knowledgeable. He told me about recent legislation regarding homelessness and shared his political views and theories – quite interesting. At the end of the night we said goodbye, took a picture together and separated. We all went back home, and he? He took a bag of sandwiches and disappeared into the night.

From this experience I learned some surprising facts (this list of thoughts and observations is in no particular order). The people we met were always polite, kind and appreciative. The people we met all have cell phones provided to them by various organizations (while I haven't seen those cell phones I was told that is the way organizations communicate important information to people who live on the street). There are young people who live on the street – perhaps veterans.

I think of Midnight Run as the most intense way to help people on the streets. Imagine: it's just a bit above the freezing point (below that the city requires people to go to shelters), and you are on the street talking to people, giving them a respectful attention knowing you helped them make it through the night. Very powerful.

Our teens have been doing this for years now, and from the four times I have joined them I can attest that they are representing our community in an admirable way. I am proud of them each time. Our next Run will be in the winter.

In other news; the Youth Department updates are now on a weekly basis. If you are a student in grades 6 – 12 your parents are getting all the relevant information about events (like Midnight Run) by email.

I hope to see you all on Friday May 17th for our Youth Shabbat. If the weather permits, all high school and college students are invited to a camp fire + Pizza by the Garden.

Idan Santhaus

SYNAPLEX!

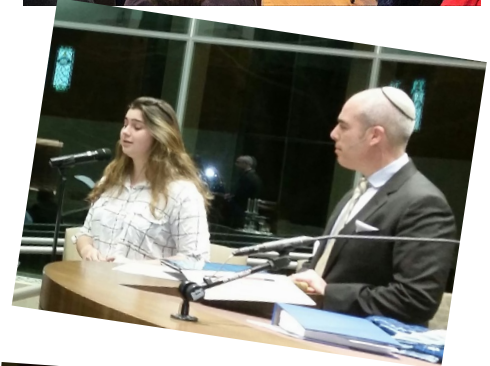
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Around Kol Ami....

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Kol Ami Congregants travel to Albany to support the Greenlight Initiative



Our clergy get in the Passover Spirit at our annual ECP Passover Play



A fun evening of making homemade gefilte fish for Passover!



Another successful Midnight Run for our Kol Ami Youth Group

Around Kol Ami....

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Our final Synplex Shabbat of the 2018-19 Season was spectacular with guest speakers from Hudson Link for Higher Education and Prison Reform



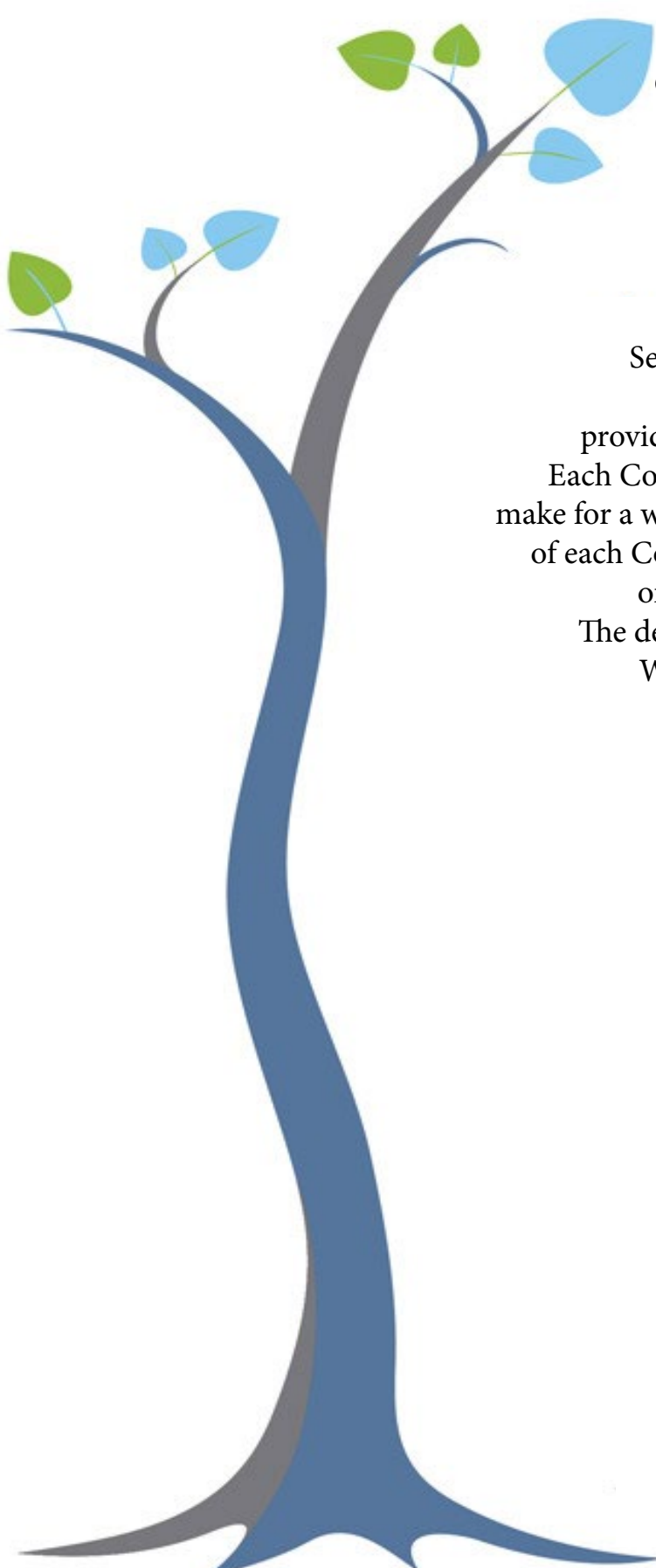
Rabbi Shira and some of our 9th Grade students and families visit the Delancey Street Program in Brewster, NY.



Civil Rights icon Claudette Colvin receives our 1st Kol Ami "Be The Light For Social Justice" Award



Send our 2018 Confirmands a Greeting!



Confirmation will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2019
On that day, our 10th Grade Religious School Students
will participate in the Shavuot Confirmation Service,
dedicating themselves anew
to the values of our faith.
We rejoice with them and their families
on this special occasion.

Sending a personal, simple greeting is a tradition for this
milestone, delivering good wishes of the sender and
providing the warmth of being remembered to the recipient.
Each Confirmand will receive a booklet of greetings which will
make for a wonderful keepsake. The link below contains the names
of each Confirmand and the option to create a personal greeting
or choose from several pre-made greetings if you prefer.
The deadline for sending these greetings is Friday, May 24th.
We hope you will participate in this meaningful project.

Please visit:

<http://www.nykolami.org/confirmation2019>

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

2019 Confirmands

Joshua Braun
Caroline Gilmore
Victoria Hagen
Nate Karl
Jaime Kaufman
Daniel Kesler
Eva Medina-Weiner
Marina Rosenthal

MEMORIAL DAY BBQ

Sunday, May 19th at 5pm



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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

If you are able to help with set-up, serving, games for children, or clean-up, please contact:
or Lisa Hochman at:
lisahochman@mac.com
or Alison Adler
in the Main Temple Office

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

RSVPs are ESSENTIAL so we can be sure to have enough food for everyone.

Adult Name(s): _____

Children's Name(s) _____
and Age(s): _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

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Yes, I will bring a nut free dessert or side dish

indicate item here _____



Did You Know?

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

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

May 24 - 26th

Did You Know?

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

Did You Know?

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

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

Have additional questions or concerns?

Contact Genna Farley Fleming (genna.farley@gmail.com), Erik Klein (elkleintime@gmail.com), or Eric Staffin (estaff154@gmail.com) or the Retreat Committee at Retreat@NYKolAmi.org

Register before May 14th by clicking [here!](#)

SAVE THE DATE

May 24th-26 (Memorial Day Weekend)

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During the Kol Ami 26th anniversary retreat
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**6-12TH GRADERS ARE WELCOME TO GO
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- Encounter the intersection of the Civil War and Civil Rights memorials and memories
- Visit important historical sites including Confederate Monuments in Charlottesville and Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson and the Hemings Family
- Hear stories of student activists from Moton High School – the first student walk-out and student birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement laying the way for Brown vs. Board of Education
- Meet Jewish & Black Civil Rights activists who came together to protest at Glen Echo park a segregated amusement park in the 1960's
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October 27-29th
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Mark Your Calendar! Give the Gift of Life Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 22, 2019
3:00-9:00pm at Temple Bet Am Shalom

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

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

Students returning from College are welcome.
Give the GIFT OF LIFE.

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

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

There are also some restrictions based on past travel.

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

*Blood Drive Chairman David Klein
761-7659*

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



Come One, Come Two, Come Three, Come All!
Kol Ami ECP's Annual

Family Math Night

With Amy Goldstein
Our Math Magic Teacher

For Families with Young Children 3 years- K
Tuesday evening, May 7th 6:00 - 7:30

Join us for Pizza and Salad at 6:00 -- Followed by a Program Introduction at 6:15
Games from 6:30-7:30

RSVP by Friday, May 3rd
For Planning Purposes

RESERVATIONS ONLY -- No Walk-ins Please!

To: nanblankenykolami.org

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

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



What Is Our Responsibility to Future Generations?

A Story from the Talmud.....

One day, Choni the Circle Maker was walking along his path, when he saw a man planting a carob tree. Curious, Choni asked the man, "This tree, how long will it take for it to bear fruit?"

The man responded dutifully and honestly, "Seventy years." Choni was appalled. Seventy years? That's a really long time for a tree to grow. Why would anyone plant a tree that wasn't even going to bear fruit in his lifetime? When Choni asked the planter this question, the man responded, "My grandparents planted a carob tree so that I would be able to reap its fruit. Now I shall do the same for my grandchildren."

Choni, perplexed by the man's perspective on the future, did what anyone would do after such a confusing conversation: He sat down for a nice meal and then settled in for a quick nap. His "quick nap," however, morphed into a 70-year deep sleep. When he woke up, he saw a young man plucking fruit from a fully grown carob tree. Rubbing his eyes, he sauntered over to the man. "Hey," he said. "did you plant this tree?"

The man shook his head. "My grandfather planted it for me, knowing that 70 years later, it would be something I could cherish and use."

Choni's story not only teaches us that we have a responsibility to make the world as good a place as we can while we are alive, but also that it is our responsibility to plant carob trees: to grow them and take care of them for the generations to come. The story instills in the Jewish people the importance of having respect and compassion for the people who will be the future.

Please consider making a provision for Kol Ami in your estate plans so that in 70 years our grandchildren will know that we were caring for them.

For more information please contact
Judi Brown gojustjudi@gmail.com
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Yom Hazikaron

Israel Memorial Day Ceremony
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 6:45pm to 7:30pm
JCC of Mid-Westchester, 999 Wilmot Road



Please join the Westchester Jewish community as we commemorate and cherish the Israeli Defense Forces soldiers and victims of terror who gave their lives for the State of Israel.

ALL WELCOME

FREE ADMISSION

For more information and to RSVP,
please contact Westchester Jewish Council
Helene Schonbrun, helene@wjcouncil.org or
Nadav Shachmon, Israel@wjcouncil.org or
(914) 328-7001.





AAA Northeast will conduct its Driver Improvement Program at Congregation Kol Ami on Monday, June 3rd and Monday, June 10th from 6:30-9:30pm each day. Participants in this accident prevention course, approved by the State Department of Motor Vehicles, are eligible for a three-year, 10% discount on liability, collision and personal protection insurance premiums, as well as a reduction of up to four points off their driving violation records.

The charge to participate is \$30 per person and checks must be made payable to AAA Northeast. The class can accommodate up to 40 participants. First come, first served.

AAA Northeast Driver Improvement Program at Kol Ami
Monday, June 3rd & Monday, June 10th

Clip and return to the Temple Office no later than May 24th.

Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

_____ # Participants x \$30

Total \$ _____



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All Hanukkah and Shabbat candles
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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: May 21st

Sundays 11:00am-1:00pm
To sign on or ask questions, please contact:
Nancy Marcus at larrymarcus@aol.com
Next meeting: May 5th
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
The Osborn
Theall Rd, Rye NY
May 29th at 3:30PM
(Please note the later time)

AFYA and Kol Ami

Our work down at the warehouse continues 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:
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!



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\$900
(June 25-August 8)**

Look at Me, I'm 3!

**9:30-12:00pm
(Weds until 1:00pm)
\$2,200 (June 24-August 9)
or \$670 for each
2 week session**

4s Stay for More!

**9:00-1:00pm
\$2,700
(June 24-August 9)
or \$800 for each
2 week sessions**

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

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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 May 6th

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 May 14th

Women's Oasis at Home

Please check back for future 2019-2020 dates

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 May 2nd

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 May 2nd

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 May 1st 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 May 14th at 7:00pm*

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 May 6th*

Kol Ami Book Club

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

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

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 May 13th*

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 May 2nd*

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 May 6th*

Rabbi Shira's Poetry Salon

Gather in the home of Rabbi Shira Milgrom for Modern Hebrew Poetry in Translation

Meets the next meeting on May 21st

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 May 13th

Mah Jongg Wednesdays

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

Life Cycles

Condolences

- ✧ To Lois Laemle and family on the death of her mother, Mae Kalus
- ✧ To Gene Cukierwar and family on the death of his mother, Rachel Cukierwar
- ✧ To Maxine Helman and family on the death of her father, Ron Helman
- ✧ To Debbie Lewis and family, on the death of her mother, Rose Fogel

In Memorium

- ✧ Sam Weinberg

Generous Contributions

Rabbi Shira Milgrom's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In honor of Daniel's Bar Mitzvah from Elissa and David Strauss
- ✧ In memory of Myron Benjamin from Amy Gamon
- ✧ In appreciation from Lillian Green
- ✧ In honor of Madiha Tubman from Nancie Ellis and Geoffrey Domm

Rabbi Tom Weiner's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In appreciation for the trip to India from Lisa Borowitz
- ✧ To support the college directory and program from the family of Marian and Monroe Heidecorn
- ✧ In memory of Jeanne McIntosh from Michael McIntosh
- ✧ In honor of Daniel's Bar Mitzvah from Elissa and David Strauss

Fund for the Needy

- ✧ In loving memory of Sam Weinberg from Peggy & Edward Krupnik

The Kol Ami Fund

- ✧ In loving memory of her husband, Dick Lewis from Harley Lewis
- ✧ In loving memory of her sister, Blanche Drobnis from Pearl Cohen
- ✧ In loving memory of my aunt & uncle, Elaine & Sam Weinberg from Gloria and Weinberg Gordon

Music Fund

- ✧ In loving memory of Jeanne McIntosh from Maria & Steven Salzinger
- ✧ In loving memory of Jeanne McIntosh from Sarah & Jake Rosenwasser

Adult Education Fund

- ✧ In loving memory of Mae Kalus, mother of Lois Laemle from Linda & Milt Persily

ECP Fund

- ✧ In loving memory of Jeanne Austin McIntosh, from her cousins, Carol Ann Kingsley Artes & Tom Artes
- ✧ In honor of Jeanne McIntosh's late aunt, Eleanor Kingsley, (a pre-school teacher) from the Artes family

Flower and Landscaping Fund

- ✧ In appreciation of Jean Pollak's friendship, from Nina & Phil Blumenfeld

Religious School Fund

- ✧ In appreciation of the Religious School and our Purim basket from Robin Cohn

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 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.

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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



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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.

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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.

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<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
<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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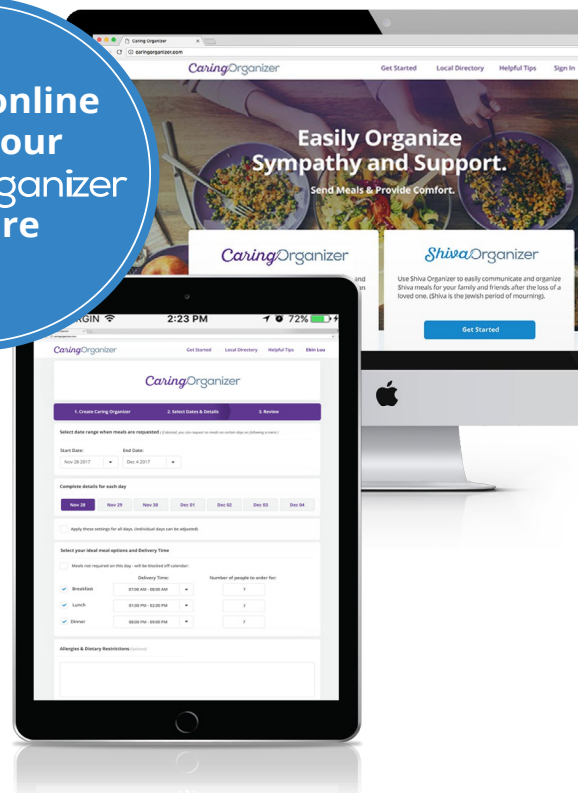


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