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Celebrating our past, living our present, imagining our future

#### 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 identitiesare 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.



#### 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!



# Shabbat Sheli

Fridays at 5:30pm for 5-9 year olds

featuring Family Yoga with Jen Benalt (parents are welcome too!)

6:00pm Crafts, Light Supper and Babysitting

# Starting September 6, 2019

7 abat "The Original Un-plug"

Before family vacations, and get-away weekends, there was Shabbat. Before therapy, crisis intervention, and stress management, there was Shabbat. Before television, cell phones, the gym, and the internet there was Shabbat. Before late night hockey games, play dates, and date nights, there was Shabbat.

Time set aside for rest and quiet, for joy, and for family and friends. A deep breathe at the end of a hectic week.

Shabbat offers each of us the gift of a fresh perspective with which to view our lives, our world, and ourselves. Join us for our many Friday Shabbat opportunities at Congregation Kol Ami 5:30pm Shabbat in the Woods 5:30pm Shabbat Sheli 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:15-7:15pm Childcare and Crafts

11:00am Saturday Morning Lift

Monthly Special Synaplex Shabbats including Guest Speakers, Catered Dinner,

and Children & Teen Programming

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# **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!



# High Holy Days 2019 Worship Opportunities

#### Rosh Hashanah Eve Sunday Evening, September 29th

Celebrate as One Community 7:30pm - 9:00pm Potluck Dessert Oneg to follow

#### Rosh Hashanah Day Monday, September 30th

Early Service	8:45am - 11:30am
Grades K-6: Early Service	8:45am - 11:30am
Late Service	12:15pm - 3:00pm
Grades K-6: Late Service	12:15pm - 3:00pm
Family Service	3:30pm - 4:15pm
Family Reception	4:15pm - 5:00pm
Community Tashlich	5:30pm

#### Second Day Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday, October 1st Service 10:00am -12:00pm Reception to follow

#### Yom Kippur Eve (Kol Nidre) Tuesday, October 8th

Early Service 6:00pm - 8:00pm Late Service 9:00pm - 11:00pm Please Note: For the Kol Nidre Services, the sanctuary doors will be closed promptly at 6:00pm and at 9:00pm and will not re-open until the cello solo is completed.

#### Yom Kippur Day Wednesday, October 9th

Early Service8:45am - 11:30amGrades K-6: Early Service8:45am - 11:30amLate Service12:15pm - 3:00pmGrades K-6: Late Service12:15pm - 3:00pmAfternoon Service (Chapel)3:15pm - 4:30pmFamily Service3:30pm - 4:15pmMemorial & Neilah Service5:00pm - 7:00pmCommunity Break Fast7:00pm



Your High Holy Days tickets now include entry to either the early or late services on both holidays. The choice is yours! There will be sufficient seating at every service.

#### The High Holy Days and Your Children at Congregation Kol Ami

At Kol Ami, we would like your family to be able to worship together and enjoy age-appropriate prayer. Accordingly, we offer many different formats for prayer on the High Holy Days. All children are welcome to accompany you to adult Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services and they will require tickets. Please use the information below to help you make the best choices for your children's participation. Services will be shown on closed circuit television in the Gallery if your child is not able to sit quietly in our main sanctuary services.

#### **Family Service**

Family Service (3:30 to 4:15 PM) offers parents and children of all ages an opportunity to participate in High Holy Days worship together. We keep the service short enough so that it is appropriate for young children. At the same time, we include enough of the traditional liturgy and observance to provide a meaningful Jewish spiritual experience for adults and their children. This service does not require tickets.

#### **High Holy Days Youth Services**

High Holy Days Youth Services this year will be available for two different groups of students: students in grades K-3 and students in grades 4-6 which will coincide with our Adult Early and Late Services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Our Youth Services create dynamic, meaningful and age-appropriate holiday experiences for our students. Services will be led by our most creative Religious School staff with participation by our Rabbis. Please note that students not attending one of the special services for their age groups are encouraged to worship with their families.

#### **Infrared Listening Devices**

If a member or guest requires an Infrared Listening Device, they may be picked up at the door prior to the service.

#### Atmosphere

As the sanctuary is a place of prayer and meditation during the High Holy Days, we ask that families respect the mood of spirituality and dignity at all times. Kindly refrain from conversation during the course of worship. Families are asked to be responsible for their children's behavior throughout the services. Unless you are a First Responder, please turn off your cell phone before entering the sanctuary.

#### High Holy Days Food Drive Sponsored by Women of Reform Judaism

Bags will be handed out during Rosh Hashanah. Please Return them filled on Yom Kippur. Non-perishable food items only. Please - no glass containers. Remember the hungry at this time of year.





# Let's Start a Sweet New Year Together!

We look forward to welcoming in the New Year as one community at our Erev Rosh Hashanah Service from 7:30-9:00pm on Sunday, September 29th

Please bring your favorite nut-free dessert to our congregational oneg. The oneg will immediately follow our Erev Rosh Hashanah Service.

Please place your dessert on a disposable plate and when you. arrive for services, place your dessert on the table in the Gallery. Thank You!



#### Week ending September 7, 2019 Parashat Shoftim Deuteronomy16:18-21:9

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

#### Week ending September 14, 2019

#### Parashat Ki Teitze Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

Parashat Ki'Teitzei contains the greatest number of mitzvot of any single Torah portion, 72 in all, dealing with diverse subjects. These laws cover a wide variety of situations including family, animals, property, interaction with non-Israelites, and commerce. The portion concludes with a warning to remember how the Amalekites attacked the weary Israelites in the desert.

#### Week ending September 21, 2019

#### Parashat Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

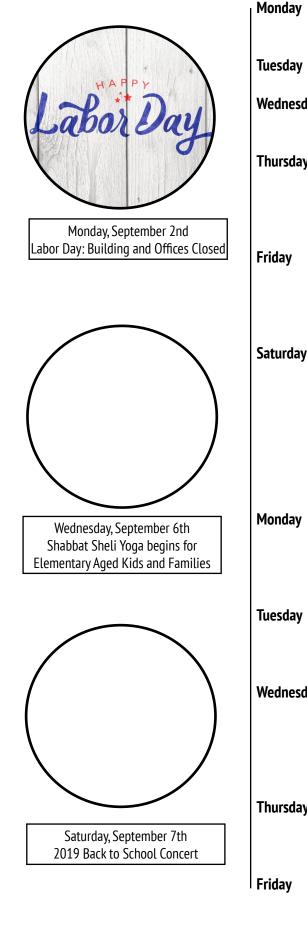
Ki Tavo addresses the time when the Israelites will settle in the Land of Israel. The Israelites are instructed to express their gratitude to God for their bountiful harvests and freedom from slavery by tithing ten percent of their crops for the Levite, the stranger, the orphan, and the widow. They are also told that if they obey God's mitzvot faithfully, they will receive every blessing imaginable; and if they do not fulfill their brit with God, many curses will descend upon them.

#### Week ending September 28, 2019

#### Parashat Nitzavim Deuteronomy 29:9-14, 30:11-20

In the final address by Moses to the Children of Israel, we are reminded that each and every one of us is a member of the Covenant. From our ancestors at Sinai to this very day, each of us is the heir to this sacred tradition. The words found in chapter 30, verses 12-14 can be found in our Ark in the main sanctuary. We are exhorted to "choose life," to love God, to walk in God's ways, and to keep God's commandments in this parashah. By doing so, we open our hearts to God and to each other.

# September Calendar



Monday	2	Labor Day Building and Offices Closed			
Tuesday	3	5:45pm	AA Meeting the Chapel		
Wednesday	y 4	9:00-10:30am 10:00-2:00pm	KA Reads Book Club Mah Jongg		
Thursday	5	9:30-11:00am 12:00-2:00pm 5:45pm 7:30pm	Jewish Meditation in the Chapel Parenting Teens Group AA Meeting in the Chapel Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel		
Friday	6	11:30am 5:30pm 5:30pm 6:15pm	ECP Ice Cream Social for Students and Parents Shabbat in the Woods Shabbat Sheli Yoga Kabbalat Shabbat Services and Trustee Installation		
Saturday	7	Lift Your Shabba 9:00am 9:30am 11:00am	it in the Chapel Coffee and Conversation Torah Study Shabbat Services		
		10:30am 5:30pm 7:00-10:00pm	Bat Mitzvah for Julia Kroin B'nai Mitzvah for Ella Gumowitz and Jasper Dorr Final Concert of the 2019 Summer Concert Series		
Monday	9	9:00am 11:00-12:30pm 6:00pm 7:00-10:00pm	ECP Pre-K Begins Current Events 12 Step Recovery in the Chapel Mah Jongg Nite in the Gallery		
Tuesday	10	11:15am 5:45pm 8:00-9:30pm	Women in Transition AA in the Chapel Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Shira		
Wednesday	y 11	9:00am 10:00-2:00pm 7:00-8:30pm 7:30-8:30pm 7:30-9:30pm	ECP Begins for all students Mah Jongg Parenting Adolescents Group 7th Grade Electives Orientation Elul Series led by the 5 Synagogues of White Plains		
Thursday	12	9:30-11:00am 5:45pm 7:30pm	Jewish Meditation in the Chapel AA Meeting in the Chapel Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel		
Friday Page 12	13	5:30pm 5:30pm 6:15pm	Shabbat in the Woods Shabbat Sheli Yoga Kabbalat Shabbat Services		

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Saturday, September 21st Guest Speaker: Marc Leepson author of "Saving Monticello"

	Saturday	14	Lift Your Shabba 9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 10:30am 5:30pm	t in the Chapel Coffee and Conversation Torah Study Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah for Sam Labovitz Bar Mitzvah for Aidan Schmeider
	Sunday	15	9:00-11:00am 12:30-2:30pm	First Day of Religious School K-6th Grades Cooking for the Homeless
	Monday	16	12:30-2:00pm 6:00pm 7:00-9:00pm 7:30-9:30pm	Mussar Class 12 Step Recovery in the Chapel Mah Jongg Nite in the Gallery <b>Women's Oasis at Home in the Chapel</b>
	Tuesday	17	5:45pm 7:00-9:30pm	AA in the Chapel Sisterhood Staplefest in the Gallery
	Wednesday	18	10:00-2:00pm 4:00-6:00pm 6:00-6:30pm 6:30-8:30pm	Mah Jongg 4th-6th Grade Religious School Youth Pizza Dinner 7th-12th Grade Religious School
	Thursday	19	9:30-11:00am 5:45pm 7:30pm	Jewish Meditation in the Chapel AA Meeting in the Chapel Al-Anon in the Chapel
	Friday	20	5:30pm 5:30pm 6:15pm	Shabbat in the Woods Shabbat Sheli Yoga Kabbalat Shabbat Services
Saturday	21	Lift Your Shabba 9:00am 9:30am	t in the Chapel Coffee and Conversation Guest Speaker: Marc Leepson "Saving Monticello" followed by luncheon	
			11:00am	Shabbat Services
	Sunday 22	22	9:30pm	Selichot Service at Westchester Reform Temple
	Monday	23	9:00-11:00am	K-6th Grade Religious School
		-	11:00-12:30pm 12:30-2:00pm 6:00pm 7:00-10:00pm	Current Events Mussar Class 12 Step Recovery Mah Jongg Nite in the Gallery

# September Calendar



Sunday, September 29th Erev Rosh Hashanah



Monday, September 30th Rosh Hashanah Day One

Tuesday	24	5:45pm 8:00-9:30pm	AA in the Chapel Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Shira
Wednesday	25	10:00-2:00pm 4:00-6:00pm 6:00-6:30pm 6:30-8:30pm	Mah Jongg 4th-6th Grade Religious School Youth Pizza Dinner 7th-12th Grade Religious School
Thursday	26	9:30-11:00am 11:00-2:00pm 5:45pm 7:30pm	Jewish Meditation in the Chapel Wise Aging AA Meeting in the Chapel Al-Anon Meeting in the Chapel
Friday	27	5:30pm 5:30pm 6:15pm	Shabbat in the Woods Shabbat Sheli Yoga Kabbalat Shabbat Services
Sataurday	28	Lift Your Shabba 9:00am 9:30am 11:00am	t in the Chapel Coffee and Conversation Torah Study Shabbat Services
Sunday	29	<b>Erev Rosh Hasha</b> No Religious Sch 7:30-9:00pm 9:00pm	
Monday	30	<b>Rosh Hashanah</b> 8:45am 12:15pm 3:30pm 4:15pm 5:30pm	<b>Day One</b> Early Service Late Service Family Service Family Reception Community Tashlich Service

October 9th: Yom Kippur Day

**October 12th:** Sukkah Decorating with the Kol Ami Sisterhood **October 13th:** Erev Sukkot and Religious School Sukkot Festival

October 17th: ECP Evening "Smores and Spirits in the Sukkah"

October 20th: Erev Simchat Torah Service, Celebration, and Torah Scribe Julie Seltzer

October 14th: Sukkot Services followed by Oneq



# A Message from Rabbi Milgrom

When God Calls...

When God calls to Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3) to return to Egypt and speak to Pharaoh, Moses resists the Divine errand, saying "I am not a man of words — Io ish d'varim anochi." How ironic and beautiful is it that the last book of the Torah opens with: "These are the words [d'varim) that Moses addressed to all Israel on the other side of the Jordan." And follows is the WHOLE book of Deuteronomy. The books of Deuteronomy is called D'varim — words. These are a lot of words for the person who claimed who was not a person of words — not ever.

We are in the weeks preceding the High Holy Days – weeks and days that will urge us to do the work of repentance, turning to God and to our truest selves. The prophet Hosea counsels us, "Take words with you and return to God – K'chu imachem d'varim v'shuvu el Adonai."

Rabbi Larry Hoffman writes, "The last book of the Torah goes by this name: the whole Torah ends with Devarim, "Words" — a fact that could hardly have been lost on Hosea, come to think of it. "K'chu imachem d'varim: not 'Take just any words with you,' but 'Take Deuteronomy with you,' when you return to God." The book of Deuteronomy can be seen as the last testament of Moses. These are the words Moses spoke as he looked across the divide at the end of his life; this is Moses telling his life story. Rabbi Hoffman continues, "Every single day, actually, we look across the divide at the end of our life, but the widst of the divide is deceptive, looking like a mile when it may be only an inch...There is nothing to fear if we have figured out the words that constitute the story of who we are, if we have grappled with our own Deuteronomy in the making."

This year at Kol Ami will be blessed with storytelling - finding ways to tell our own stories even as we deepen our connection to the sacred stories of our people. With wishes for a year rich in connection: to ourselves, to one another and to the Source of All Connection.

### Rabbi Shira Milgrom

# A Message from Rabbi Weiner

#### Strength in our Community From Intermarriage

In the early '90s when interfaith couples asked me to do their weddings, I wasn't yet ready. Back in the day that was still the norm of the Reform Movement, not to officiate at interfaith weddings. I followed that norm. After a number of years serving a community and having wonderful young couples honor me by asking me to officiate at their weddings, I finally had to ask myself what I was accomplishing by saying "no"? Two things became clear to me: 1) My saying "no" was never going to change any couple's mind about getting



married. No matter how well I knew and loved them, no matter how otherwise respectful they were to me, they were in love and were going to get married! 2) When an interfaith couple came forward and told me that they had decided to raise Jewish children and be active in the Jewish community, how could my response – to the non-Jewish partner in particular - be anything but, "Wow, thank you! You don't have to be doing this. How can I and the synagogue help?"

These many years later, the decisions of the Reform community to be welcoming are showing some very positive and encouraging results.

Recently Leonard Saxe, Professor of Contemporary Jewish Studies at Brandeis wrote about this very topic in The Jerusalem Post. He said, "The US Jewish population has actually been steadily increasing. In 2013, the Pew Research Center estimated the US population of Jewish children and adults at nearly seven million. By 2018, that number had grown to almost 7.5 million. Even though more Jews today identify as secular, rates of participation in Jewish religious life have remained remarkably stable."

"One reason is that children of intermarried parents are increasingly being raised as Jews (nearly 80%). Among adult millennials who come from interfaith families, almost 60% identify as Jewish – a sharp increase over older generations. These Jewish young adults and their families are an important part of the Jewish fabric of life in the United States. Their integration is, in part, a result of the US Jewish community responding positively and creatively to the challenges posed by intermarriage."

"One of the turning points in how US Jewish communities view intermarriage was a 1978 speech by the then-head of the Reform movement, Rabbi Alexander Schindler. He argued that rather than "sitting shiva" (mourning) for those who intermarry, we should instead focus our efforts on kiruv (outreach) and providing Jewish education to the children of intermarried parents. The Jewish community was urged to welcome, not reject intermarried families."

Saxe attributes some of this success to two strategies he has observed in the Jewish community. The first is building community. "Research indicates that intermarried young couples want to feel a sense of community, in particular, Jewish belonging. Community building should be integral to all programming targeted at young couples." Indeed, building community is one of the strengths and top priorities of Kol Ami. In so many ways we are wonderful community builders. But still, we have so much more to do.

The other strategy that has helped so much in the successful integration of interfaith families "is the potential importance of cross-generational engagement. Our latest study highlights how connected young adults are to their parents, and perhaps contrary to popular stereotypes, how satisfied non-Jewish partners are with their relationships with Jewish in-laws. These positive connections open the door to fostering intergenerational contact around Jewish cultural, ritual and social life." Such intergenerational work is another great strength of ours here at Kol Ami, but only because we keep it as a continuing and challenging priority.

Yes, there are the many ways that Jewish life is easier with two Jewish partners. But the reality of our exciting and dynamic world is that many of our amazing and wonderful young Jewish people fall in love with and marry amazing and wonderful non-Jewish young people. The more positively, thoughtfully and lovingly we are in welcoming these couples into our families and synagogue, the stronger our people will be.

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Rabbi Tom Weiner



# A Message from Cantor Rosen

#### Kol Ami Welcomes Student Cantor Emma Maier and Carmel Mena

One of the blessings of our synagogue's proximity to New York City is that we have a strong relationship with the primary institution responsible for educating the next generation of Reform Rabbis, Cantors, Jewish Educators and Communal Service Leaders. Hebrew Union College Jewish Institution, first opened its campus doors in 1922 on the upper West Side and eventually moved to its current location at West 4th street and Broadway on the footprint of NYU campus. While the college has changed greatly over the years, one thing that has remained consistent is that cantorial and rabbinic students are required to fulfill part-time internships while they receive their seminary

education. These internships vary in length and hours and are aimed at giving the students a well rounded and essential experience before they graduate and serve congregations and organizations in full-time capacities. This year, we are blessed to welcome Emma Maier to the Kol Ami Community. Emma will be a part of our High Holy Days services this year as well as lead services sporadically throughout the year. She will also work with a number of B'nai Mitzvah students as they prepare for this important moment in their lives.



Emma is a second year cantorial student and has aspired to become a cantor since her Bat Mitzvah. Born and raised in Los Angeles and educated at Jewish day schools, Emma was a member of Wilshire Boulevard Temple's youth choir from elementary school through high school. She was also a member of HaZamir: The International Jewish High School Choir. A graduate of Brandeis University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies (NEJS), Emma has served as a cantorial soloist in Los Angeles at both Wilshire Boulevard Temple and Sinai Temple. She has also worked as an intern at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, studying and researching ritual and the relationship between American and Israeli Jewry. She is honored to have had the opportunity to perform in choirs and as a soloist at numerous venues -- including Lincoln Center, the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, the National Library of Israel, the Metropolitan Opera, St. Peter's Basilica, and Carnegie Hall. Emma is looking forward to getting to know the members of the congregation and is grateful for the opportunity to be in a spiritual, musical, and Jewish community together. **Please join us for services on Friday Sept. 6th for the Board of Trustees Installlation and a chance to welcome Emma.** 

We are also blessed to welcome back a familiar face to Kol Ami for the High Holy Days. Carmel Mena was one of our Israeli shinshinim last year. For those of you that were lucky enough, you had the opportunity to hear her sing at services or display some of her musical talents throughout the year. Carmel was born in a small village in the northern part of Israel. Having just finished her year of service in Westchester, Carmel worked as an emissary to various Religious schools and congregations, including Kol Ami. For the past five years, Carmel took part as a singer and a soloist in HaZamir, an international Jewish choir. In addition, she participated in a specialty program for high achieving students in the Jerusalem Academy of Music. This past summer, Carmel worked at URJ Eisner Camp Institute for Living Judaism as a camp counselor and song leader, striving to influence the next generation of Jewish kids through music and her love for Isarel. Carmel will begin her service in the Israeli army following the holidays.



We are fortunate to have the opportunity to welcome both Emma and Carmel and I know all of you will give them a warm welcome when you have the chance to meet them!

I would also like to take take this opportunity to thank Shira Adler for her many years of service to our congregation as our assistant High Holiday cantor. We will miss her beautiful voice and I know that many of you have developed wonderful relationships with Shira over the years. I know that Shira and her family will remain a part of the Kol Ami community for many years to come.

L'shana Tova! -Cantor David Rosen

# A Message from our Co-President

There are great benefits to having experience in a position. Familiarity with responsibilities and the community one serves often results in greater understanding of those responsibilities and that community, leading to more effective leadership. On the flip side, experience and familiarity can lead to complacency and general acceptance of the way things are, instead of the way things should or can be.



As Scott and I enter our third year as Co-Presidents, we do not plan on flipping the autopilot switch and sitting back to enjoy the ride. Our Kol Ami community has inspired and awed us, and we intend to pursue an ambitious agenda to see that Kol Ami continues to think and act creatively, meaningfully, and boldly in our pursuit of serving our congregants, the Jewish community, and the world around us.

This month, the last month of our Jewish calendar, is a good time to survey the possibilities. There is a place for each of us to lend our hands and our voices to support the many important efforts within our congregation, and I am excited to highlight a few here.

**Member Relations** - Our congregation simply would not exist but for our members and the community we form together. You are the defining factor of a synagogue community — for what would a congregation be without congregants? I believe it is the responsibility of our leaders to make sure that our members find a place of belonging, connection, and support at Kol Ami. We always have strived for this, but Scott and I continue to look for new ways to do better. Expect to see more from us and our Member Relations Committee, led by Board member Melanie Gluck, in the coming months, and we are eager to hear from you.

**Youth/Religious School** - Jewish education was the driving force in our synagogue's founding, and our commitment to educating and supporting our youngest members remains one of our highest priorities. We are blessed to have vibrant school and youth programs, including our Early Childhood Program, our Religious School, and our youth groups, and are blessed further to have the leadership of Nan Blank, Pam Pass, and Barak Stockler, respectively, in those programs. The new school year is upon us, and we are excited for the promise it brings. There is a place for each of us in the lives of our children and their families. Scott and I look forward to supporting our school and youth activities and invite you to do the same.

**Be the Light for Social Justice** - One of the first acts our Board of Trustees took after Scott and I became Co-Presidents was to adopt the Union for Reform Judaism's Brit Olam, Covenant with the World, in which we agreed, among other things, to act in solidarity with vulnerable communities and build relationships across lines of difference in our local communities. In the past two years we have fulfilled our brit in compelling ways through the work of our *Be the Light Task Force*, led by Ronnie Cohn and Lori Abrams. In the year ahead, we look forward to taking an active role in supporting reproductive rights, addressing climate change, and ensuring immigration laws and rights are being upheld justly. We hope you will join us as we seek to repair our world and work toward a more just society.

As we approach the New Year, let's think outside the box and roll up our sleeves. Please reach out to me with your ideas, questions, needs, and thoughts. I can't wait to see what we can accomplish together.

#### L'shalom, Susan Arovas

# A Message from our Executive Director

#### Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the past year, from a professional standpoint I am profoundly grateful for your continued warm embrace, your willingness to share ideas and suggestions, and your enthusiasm to "roll up your sleeves" on new projects. I hope I have supported you on your path to a meaningful Jewish journey as much as you have helped me with mine. On a personal note, this year we experienced the devastating loss of Dave's Dad and the incredible high of being present

year we experienced the devastating loss of Dave's Dad and the incredible high of being present when Alex proposed to Sarah. Robby continues to thrive in his professional career and Dave and I continue to enjoy being empty-nesters with a myriad of adventures, lots of travel and another wonderful family vacation at the beach. We appreciate the support we received from our incredible community during this year's good times and difficult ones.

As the High Holy Days rapidly approach, I am looking forward to welcoming everyone as we celebrate the New Year together in our beautiful sanctuary. As always, our office staff is busy filling ticket orders, answering questions and welcoming our new members. Led by Paul Mauro, our Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, our custodial staff is hard at work refreshing our buildings and cleaning classrooms and hallways to get ready for the opening of the Religious School and our Early Childhood Program. Once again, our Temple calendar is full of wonderful opportunities to worship, study and celebrate, engage as a community, and practice Tikkun Olam.

I am excited to share with you important information regarding our High Holy Days services and program offerings to help you make the upcoming holiday season inspirational for you and your family.

#### EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE- PRAYING TOGETHER AS ONE COMMUNITY

Our congregants and guests will worship together as one community at our Erev Rosh Hashanah service which will start at 7:30pm. Following services, we will have a Community Potluck Oneg in which members are encouraged to share their favorite dessert. We invite you to linger and visit with our Temple family at this time.

#### MEET OUR TORAH SCRIBE

This year we will be writing a beautiful new Sefer Torah (Torah scroll) for Kol Ami! We have retained Soferet Julie Seltzer, one of only five female Torah scribes in the world. On September 30th, the first day of the New Year, you will have an opportunity to meet Julie and learn more about our Torah project.

#### LIVE STREAMING OF OUR SERVICES

We will be live streaming our services so that members who are not able to attend services in person are nonetheless able to participate. We will be streaming the following High Holy Day Services: Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah Day Early Service, Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Early Service, Yom Kippur Day Early Service and Yom Kippur Memorial and Neilah Service. Details and passwords will be provided in advance of the services.

#### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPORT

Once again we will set-up an emergency medical support area in our Gallery. Congregants who are medical professionals will be "on call" to provide immediate, on-site support and to help determine if a call to 911 is appropriate.

#### SAFETY AND SECURITY

As we do each year, we will be working with the White Plains Police Department to implement our plan for security and traffic arrangements for all High Holy Days services. The Temple facility is carefully screened and surveyed before the building is opened to the congregation and guests and will be under constant police surveillance during this time. We ask that you report any suspicious individuals or activity to any of the police officers, ushers, Temple staff, or members of our Board of Trustees.

#### MEMBER TICKETS, GUEST TICKETS, RECIPROCAL TICKETS

Again this year, only two ticket formats will be printed-one for members and one for guests. These tickets are color-coded and not transferable. For each service you attend, please show your tickets to an usher. You will receive a member

Dave, Sarah, Alex, Robby and I wish you Shana Tova Tikatavu. May this New Year be a sweet one for you and all those you love.



ticket for each family member, including children who have not yet reached the age of 26. These tickets may be used to attend either Early or Late Services. Ticket requests for guests, or reciprocal tickets, must be arranged with the Temple Office. If you know anyone who is not a member who is interested in attending High Holy Days services at Kol Ami, please ask them to contact me (914-949-4717, ext. 101) for guest ticket information.

#### USHERS

Please keep in mind that our ushers are Kol Ami members who give their time to ensure that our services proceed smoothly. Treat them with courtesy and respect. Either Emily or I will be available during every service. If a problem arises, please ask for our assistance.

#### PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED MEMBERS AND GUESTS

In considering your needs, we encourage you to attend the early services. Since there is not a preceding service, you may arrive earlier and face less congestion and easier access to handicapped parking spaces. All entry to the sanctuary will be through the front door. No one will be admitted through the Religious School entrance.

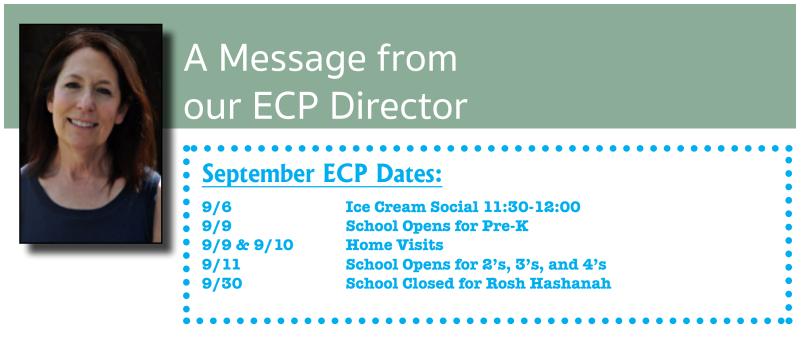
#### MEMORIAL AND NEILAH SERVICES

Because the Family Service takes place in the main sanctuary immediately prior to the Memorial and Neilah Services, we need at least thirty minutes to reset the sanctuary for these concluding services. If you are planning to attend the Memorial and Neilah Services, please to not arrive prior to 4:30pm. Our ushers have been instructed not to open the doors until such time.

#### **CELL PHONES**

All cell phones should be left at home or in your car. If you are required to carry a phone or pager, please set it on vibrate mode.

-Jess Lorden



I am so happy to welcome our entire ECP community. I hope all of our families enjoyed a wonderful and relaxing summer. Our Temple staff under the direction of Jess Lorden and Paul Mauro has worked tirelessly with me and my assistants Lisa Cohen and Tracey Schweber over the summer months to get our school ready for our September opening and everything is sparkling.

We hosted two wonderful family programs this summer that many of our families enjoyed. Movie night featured Toy Story to a sell-out crowd! Pizza and ice cream rounded out the evening and a wonderful time was had by all. Our Shabbat in the Woods service and family picnic was another wonderful event with many families enjoying an evening with friends. The weather was glorious and everyone enjoyed our music entertainer Bobby Doo Wah.

We will begin our school year on Friday, September 6th with our Annual Ice Cream Social and classroom visiting. Monday we will begin getting to know all of the children during our home visits. Our Parent-Teacher Evening is slated for Thursday, October 3rd at 7:30pm.

Our Annual Family Photo Day for families in our Temple community is scheduled for Sunday, October 6th from 9:00-4:00. Picture So Perfect Studio, an extremely talented husband and wife team specializing in family photography will be with us again this year. Please refer to the flyer in this month's Connection for more information. Pre-registration is required by calling the ECP office at 949-4717 ext. 107 or by emailing Nan Blank at nanblank@nykolami.org. EVERYONE IN OUR ENTIRE KOL AMI COMMUNITY AND BEYOND IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.

Mark your calendars for Monday, September 30th and join us at our Rosh Hashanah Family service at 3:30 followed by our Annual Family Oneg. On Wednesday, October 9th join us again for our Yom Kippur Family service at 3:30pm.

This year we will be hosting a Sukkot in the Woods Holiday Service, crafts and supper in our Sukkah for all Families with Young Children on Monday evening, October 14th beginning at 5:30. Please see our flyer in this month's Connection for more details. Please let us know if you'll be coming by either being in touch with the ECP office at 949-4717 x107 or by emailing Nan Blank at nanblank@nykolami.org. Again, everyone is welcome to attend.

Please remember all Kol Ami families and friends of families with young children not presently enrolled in our Early Childhood Program are welcome to join us at every program the ECP sponsors. Please refer to the Temple's website and monthly Connections for updates on all of our activities.

My family joins me in wishing everyone in our Kol Ami family L'Shana Tova, may you enjoy a year of sweetness and good health and may you be inscribed in the book of life.

Nan Blank

Building a Community of Friends, One Family at a Time

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Growing up, I always knew when Rosh Hashanah was coming much sooner than most. It wasn't the cleaning and cooking, the plans to be with family and friends. It was when I would hear my dad (z"l) blow his shofar in our basement. Every morning during Elul, my dad would call out the sounds with his shofar, reminding us to prepare mentally for the joy and contemplation ahead. They weren't the loud, sharp, crisp sounds like in shul. These came from far away, a reminder that this was a longer journey than it might seem, requiring much preparation. Pack up, stretch, get into shape...get ready to travel, to search, to reevaluate, to remember, to find renewal and reinvigoration. Get ready to begin anew once more, just like we will with the Torah a few weeks later on Simchat Torah, where endings and beginnings merge.

On a much more practical level, as soon as the school year ends, preparation for a new one begins. Since May, Rabbi Shira and I have been discussing and planning, learning and creating. As in our lives, we don't throw everything away and start completely new. We build on much of what we have which is good and nourishing and meaningful and necessary and see where we can do better, what new piece of knowledge excites us and adds to the robust understanding of our Jewish selves. We look for opportunities to share the richness of our heritage, traditions, and history, presented in ways where our children take away more knowledge and heighten their passion for their Jewish roots. So as we begin anew, amid the flurry of back to school tasks there is a sense of excitement. Personally, I'm thrilled to see both familiar and new faces on Sunday September 15, as I welcome you in my new role as Religious School Director--another area where there is an ending and an exciting new beginning all at once, with a comforting sense of continuity.

The excitement I had when hearing my father's first blasts of his shofar in our basement is present now as we begin our new adventure. Wishing all a wonderful new journey down a beautiful, familiar road.

L'Shana Tova U'metuka, may it be a sweet and meaningful year.

Pam Pass



# A Message from our Director of Youth Engagement

Dear Kol Ami Community,

It is with much pleasure that I have joined Kol Ami as the new Director of Youth Engagement. I am very familiar with Kol Ami - for those that know and remember me, I grew up here. I attended Kol Ami from Pre-K all the way through 12th grade; during this time I was a madrich for the school for about 5 years as well. So I am unbelievably happy to be able to come back here and serve the community that was so impactful and amazing to me. In my time since 12th grade I have been very happy to maintain my connection to Kol Ami while attending college by running the kids portion of the Family Retreat, so you might recognize me from there as well. I recently graduated from college, SUNY Geneseo, with a degree in Applied Physics.

Coming back now I am very pleased to see the kids that I helped to teach on Sundays now become Bar and Bat mitzvah and join the High School program here. I am looking forward to getting to know the 7th graders as I teach them and to working with the 7th-12th graders in various programs as well. This year we will be having a brand new retreat for the 7th and 8th graders!

I know that transitions can be hard for some people but I promise to make this as easy of a process as it can be. I will be continuing much of what Idan started and maintained in his time here. I hope that you will all join me in continuing the amazing programs here at Kol Ami. I also hope you will join me and participate in the new activities that I hope to bring here. I have a passion for LGBTQ+ inclusion, diversity and equity, sustainability, activism, and Israel and you will see these as themes from me throughout the year.

My office, The Youth Lounge, is always open and welcome to anyone. Please don't hesitate to reach out in person, email, or by phone if you have any questions or if you just want to chat. I look forward to spending time with you all and getting to know everyone as well.

Barak Stockler





Samuel Ranen Labovitz, son of Jen Josephs and Jon Labovitz, and brother to Sophie and Mia, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on September 14, 2019, the day before his 13th birthday. He is entering eighth grade at Sleepy Hollow Middle School and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Sam enjoys acting and musical theater, basketball, and is studying for his third-degree black belt in karate. For his Mitzvah project, he volunteered (and continues to volunteer) on the Science Barge in Yonkers, a self-sustaining urban farm on the Hudson River that uses 100% renewable energy. On the barge, Sam educates visitors about the value of sustainable food production, maintains hydroponic farms, and plants and harvests crops, which he then distributes to families in underprivileged neighborhoods. Sam is honored, proud, and excited to lead the Kol Ami community in prayer on the 14th.



Julia Kroin, daughter of Michelle and David Kroin, and sister to Sam and Teddy Kroin, will be called to the to Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on September 7, 2019. Julia is entering 7th grade at Rye Country Day School. She just finished a fantastic summer of hiking and biking in New England and is looking forward to a great year at school. This year, Julia will continue to play the bass and electric guitar in her rock band. She will also play competitive tennis. In her spare time, Julia also enjoys skiing and reading and she loves animals. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Julia decided to focus on the needs of the Kol Ami community and has begun to provide a helping hand to the clergy and to temple administrators in various projects. She plans to continue working with Kol Ami well beyond her Bat Mitzvah and looks forward to traveling with members of the Congregation, as well as Rabbi Tom, to Israel this December. Julia is ecstatic to share her special day with friends and family.



Ella Gumowitz, daughter of Yvonne and Jonathan Gumowitz and sister to Max Gumowitz, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on September 7, 2019. She is entering 8th grade at Highlands Middle School in White Plains. Ella attended sleep-away camp for the very first time this year at Camp Walden and loved it. During the school year she plays the viola and is an avid lacrosse and volleyball player. She also enjoys music, skiing, and taking care of her menagerie of pets (3 dogs and a cat). For her Mitzvah project she has donated her time teaching young neighborhood children lacrosse skills.



Jasper Dorr, son of Lori Weiser and Robert Dorr and brother to Scarlett Dorr is becoming a Bar-Mitzvah on September 7, 2019. Jasper is entering the 8th grade at Scarsdale Middle School. This upcoming year he will be playing soccer for the Scarsdale travel team as well as a club team, NYPFC. He also enjoys playing rec basketball, golfing, skiing and spending time with friends and family. Jasper has decided to help other children overcome their fear of dogs by sharing his own experience in overcoming his own very real phobia. He is partnering with a company called Frolic, which was instrumental in helping Jasper work through his own fear. Jasper has been hard at work preparing for his Bar-Mitzvah and is excited to share in this special day with his family and friends.



Let your house be open wide. —Pirkei Avot 1:5

Please join us and participate in Shabbat morning services

#### on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 10:15 AM

when my son

# Samuel Ranen Labovitz סעליג רנן

will become a bar mitzvah and lead our community in prayer for the first time.

# Coffee and danish will be served prior to the service in the atrium beginning at 9:15 AM.

With deep love and gratitude for the Kol Ami community, who has helped us reach this day,

Jen Josephs



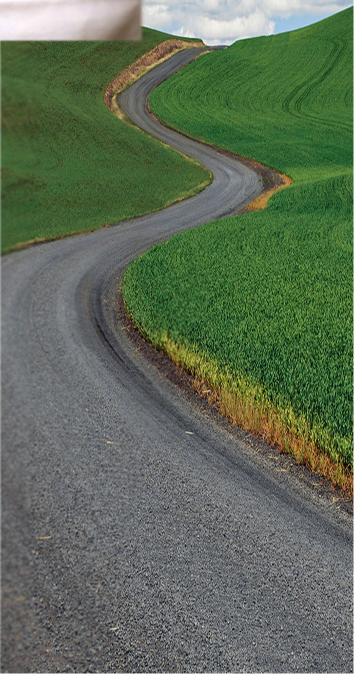
### The road to learning never endsannouncing a new Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah Class!

Two year program beginning in the Fall 2019

Led by Rabbi Shira Milgrom

If interested or any questions, please contact Rabbi Shira at 914-949-4717, ext. 114 or Shiramilgrom@nykolami.org

# Tuesdays 8:00-9:30pm



# Around Kol Ami.... #nykolami



Our Yankee Suite Experience was amazing! A beautiful night!



Kol Ami Goes to Broadway saw the new production of Fiddler in Yiddish









The 2019 Confirmation Class led us in Shabbat services

Our Summer Senior Staff Outing to Governor's Island gave us lots of time together to brainstorm ideas for the year to come!





The Early Childhood Program had a visit from some important local heroes.

If you have pictures you would like to share, please email them to emilycampbell @nykolami.org

# Around Kol Ami.... #nykolami



Congregants attend summer session rallies and important Social Justice initiatives Shabbat Sheli Yoga for Elementary aged kids and their families began in June and will continue again this Fall every Friday

















Some of our 95th Gala Auction Winners enjoyed their summer experiences with an Alex Hopkins Concert, Private Boat Ride, Shabbat Dinners in the home, and Yankee Tickets!







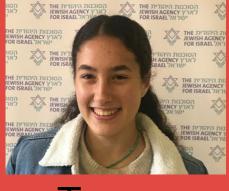
# KOL AMI SEPTEMBER 2019 YOUTH UPDATES:

First Day of Religious School September 18th

# High Holidays Rosh Hashanah - September 30th Yom Kippur - October 9th

# Sukkot Festival October 13th

# As our year starts please take note and welcome this years **Shinshinim!**



Tamar



Please email barakstockler@nykolami.org for more information

# Back to School!7pm

# Saturday, September 7th

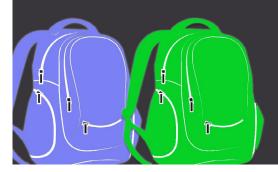
Erik Klein | J and the B-sides

**Craig Sidley | The Night Before** 

Jason Kofman | The Adult Ed Jazz

A welcome back concert with three bands led by our talented Kol Ami congregants!

Bring your chairs, blankets, and your picnic dinner, grab a hamburger or hot dog from us, or purchase food and ice cream from Food Trucks.



Suggested concert donation: \$15.00 to support Kol Ami's Friends of the Arts

# Wednesday, September 11th at Kol Ami 7:30-9:30pm

An evening about the immigration crisis facing Americans

#### White Plains Jewish community comes together for Elul study before the High Holy Days

#### Share and Learn with Rabbis from Congregation Kol Ami The Hebrew Institute Temple Israel Center

**Bet Am Shalom** 

<u>Plus, community activists</u> <u>Carola Otero Bracco</u> *Executive Director of Neighbors Link* <u>Isabel E. Villar</u> *Founding Director and Executive Director of El Centro Hispano,* <u>Vanessa H. Merton</u> *Professor, Immigration Justice Clinic at Pace University of Law* 

- 7:15pm Refreshments
- 7:30pm Welcome
- 7:45pm Small Group Discussions
- 8:30pm Panel Discussion in the Sanctuary

"The Shofar blew... and I felt awakened"



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# Save the Dates for 2019-2020

November 15th December 6th January 24th February 7th March 20th April 24th May 8th

# Selichot



7:00 p.m. program Westchester Reform Temple Followed by dessert and service

Together with friends from other local congregations, we will welcome Middle Eastern vocalist and composer, **Galeet Dardashti**, who will perform her acclaimed work, Monajat. Monajat (a Persian word meaning dialogue with God) re-imagines the Selichot ritual with an acclaimed ensemble of musicians, an electronic soundscape, and dynamic live video art. Using Persian melodies and Hebrew texts, the work pays homage to Dardashti's grandfather, a master Persian classical vocalist. Through electronics, she defies time and performs with her grandfather.

Following the program join for a Selichot service, as we reflect on the meditative themes of Selichot and prepare ourselves for the spiritual renewal of the Days of Awe.

<u>List of Participating Congregations:</u> Congregation Kol Ami, Community Synagogue of Rye, Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, Jewish Community Center of Harrison, Temple Israel of New Rochelle, Westchester Reform Temple



Do you have a student in college or grad school?

We want to stay connected with them! They will receive invitations from Rabbi Tom to get together (both at college and locally), as well as holiday gifts from Kol Ami.

### <u>Click here</u> to fill out the online form

The form just takes a moment... the connection lasts a lifetime.

# Adult Education

### Gather and Study

#### **Mussar Classes**

This workshop will introduce Mussar practice through tikkun middot (repairing ourselves from the inside out). Facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax, Spiritual Care Coordinator, WJCS. See flyer on page 55 to register. *Mondays 12:30pm, next meeting on September 16th* 

#### Women in Transition

Are you experiencing/anticipating life changes? Join an interactive discussion group on retirement, aging, down sizing, relationships with adult children, and health/well being. 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 September 10th

#### Women's Roundtable Breakfast

Join Kol Ami's remarkable, multigenerational women for learning and friendship with Rabbi Shira Milgrom. *Next meeting on Nov 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. Also, occassional guest speakers, both from within and outside Kol Ami, will be invited. *Meets every other Tuesday from 7:30-8:45pm*, *next meeting on October 29th at 7:30pm* 

#### **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 September 9th* 

#### Women's Oasis at Home

Examining cultural and developmental issues as women age with experts and educators. See flyer on page 36. *Next meeting on September 16th* 

#### Wisdom of the Sages

Lively discussions of the world and our lives based on some of the most provocative and fascinating texts of Jewish learning, with Rabbi Tom Weiner. *Meets on Thursdays 11:00am-12:00pm next meeting on October 24th* 

#### Jewish Mindful Meditation

Join us in learning mindful meditation. No meditation experience necessary. Led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW, certified meditation teacher, and the WJCS Parners-in-Caring clinician for Kol Ami. *Meets Thursdays from* 9:30-10:45am next meeting on September 5th

#### Kol Ami Book Club

Come whether you've read the book or not; the discussion is always lively. For more information contact Doris Dingott 914-289-0869 or DLDingott@gmail.com Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 9:15am in Room 20 next meeting on September 4th

#### Reality: Science, Religion, or Both?

Meets on Monday evenings from 7:30-9:00pm. Explore another year of fascinating topics with Paul Davis. *Meets every Monday at 7:30pm in Room 20, next meeting on October 28th.* 

#### **Parenting Teens Workshops**

Discussion of a range of parenting issues related to adolesence, including physical and emotional development, trust and control issues, and staying connected in the midst of the turmoil and separation. *Meets the 1st Thursday of the Month at Noon, next meeting on September 5th* 

#### **Grandparenting Workshops**

Exploring inter-generational experience and Jewish wisdom as we share the challenges and opportunities of grandparenting. with Susan Davis, LCSW. *Meets the 1st Monday of the Month at 9:15am,next meeting on October 7th.* 

# Kol Ami Sisterhood \Rightarrow >



# 2019-2020 Calendar of Events

Staplefest (HHD Bags)	Tuesday	9/17/2019	7:00pm	Gallery
Sukkot Decorating & Potluck Lunch	Sunday Afternoon	10/13/2019	12:30-3:00	Gallery
Boutique planning meeting	Tuesday	10/22/2019	7:00pm	TBD
Wine & Wisdom	Saturday (Havdallah)	11/16/2019	4:00-6:00pm	Offsite/TBD
Holiday Boutique	Sunday	12/8/2019	All Day	Everywhere
Latke & Lattes	Saturday (Havdallah)	12/21/2019	4:00-6:00pm	Gallery
Pickle Making	Sunday	1/5/2020	1-3pm	Auditorium
Purim Basket Sales	Late February	-	-	-
Ladies Night Out	Sunday	3/1/2020	5:00pm	Offsite/TBD
Passover Tasting	Tuesday	3/31/2020	7:00pm	Gallery
Membership Dinner	Tuesday	5/19/2020	7:00pm	Gallery
Women Vote Celebration Trip	Friday - Sunday	6/5-6/7/19		Seneca Falls

#### **PICKLE MAKING**

January 5th

Open to the entire congregation \$36.00 per participant

Join Gefilteria founders Liz Alpern and Jeffrey Yoskowitz (also Chief Pickle maker) as we learn to art of fine pickling!

#### Kol Ami Sisterhood

Co-Presidents Sheryl Brady Rachel Eckhaus Stacey Matusoiw

Email: Sisterhood@nykolami.org

#### 100 Years of Women's Right to Vote Mark your calendars June 5 ~ June 7, 2020

We are going on a road trip to Seneca Falls, NY to celebrate!

*Friday*: Shabbat Services with Rabbi Shira and a 4 course wine pairing dinner at Belhurst Castle, Geneva, NY

*Saturday:* National Womens Hall of Fame, Learning Lunch with Shira, Women's Rights National Historical Park, Seneca Falls, NY Dinner lakeside on Cayuga Lake.

Sunday: Cheese tasting at Muranda Cheese Company, Waterloo, NY

Weekend accomodations at Del Lago Resort, Geneva, NY. Transportation by carpool. Total trip cost \$500.00 payable to Sisterhood.

Online registration will open in November.

# AT HOME ANEW ANEW Jewish PRESENTS PROBENTS

#### Examining cultural and developmental issues women face as they age

Learn from experienced educators about how we can live our lives to the fullest, even as life changes in ways we expect and sometimes in ways that surprise us.

Supplemental viewpoints will come from the book *Women Rowing North*, by Mary Pipher, who writes, "We will experience a joyous time of our lives. If we have planned carefully and packed properly, if we have good maps and guides, the journey can be transcendent."

**Monday, September 16, 2019** 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Chapel in the Woods with Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW, Partners In Caring Certified Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Instructor and Wise Aging Facilitator

**Monday, November 18, 2019** 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Chapel in the Woods with Ruth Rosenblum

**Thursday, January 30, 2020** 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Chapel in the Woods with Rabbi Shira Milgrom

**Monday, March 16, 2020** 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Chapel in the Woods with Rabbi Pamela Wax, Spiritual Care Coordinator, WJCS

#### Think with us, share with us, eat with us, be with us - here at Kol Ami

Mail to: Congregation Kol Ami 252 Soundview Avenue White Plains, NY 10606			
ame Address			
Email Address   Phone			
Four sessions \$60 (Individual sessions \$18). Book included with registration fee			
Session 1: Monday, September 16, 2019 Session 3: Thursd	ay, January 30, 2020		
Session 2: Monday, November 18, 2019 Session 4: Monday	y, March 16, 2020		
For further information contact Jill Abraham 393-7282 or jill.sa2@verizon.net Lauri Carey 907-9120 or lauricarey@hotmail.com			

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### A Civil Rights Journey Where Black and Jewish journeys intersect

October 24th (evening) - October 27th (noon) with Rabbi Shira Milgrom and Abbe Marcus

### A trip from Charlottesville to DC

### Highlights from an incredible itinerary

#### Thursday, October 24th

7:00pm Meet at the Courtyard Marriot in Arlington, VA Dinner, music and gathering in the hotel with Greg Greenway along with black and Jewish teens from Operation Understanding, who work and study together to build bridges between the two communities.

#### Friday, October 25th

- Walking tour of Jewish History of Charlottesville and Confederate monuments
- Lunch and travel to Moton High School Tour of Moton High School, the 1951 site of the first student-led protest that helped build the case for Brown vs Board of Ed. A Museum Educator will guide us through this incredible history, and we will meet with two of the original students!
- Worship at Shabbat Services at Congregation Beth Israel with the Jewish Southern Historical Society and the Charlottesville Community
- Dinner at Bashir's with Alan Zimmerman, President of Beth Israel

### Saturday, October 26th

- Heming's Family Tour of Monticello, the historical home of Thomas Jefferson
- Lunch at Cafe Monticello with time to enjoy the grounds and gift shop
- Visit to the University of Virginia to meet Dean Groves, Dean of Students, and hear how the events of the Unite the Right Rally unfolded on campus and our current political climate
- Afternoon of relaxation and group Havdalah at the hotel

\$1250 (\$500 non-refundable deposit per person) 3 nights hotels Most meals

#### Sunday, October 27th

Tour Glen Echo Park
Meet with Emmy-award winning filmmaker Ilana Trachtman and three
original protestors from the segregated park from the 1960 "Summer of Protest"
spearheaded by an interracial group led by black students from Howard
University and Jewish neighbors

- And on/off bus tour with DC in Black to historical black neighborhoods
- Trip ends at the African American Civil War Monument

RSVP to Ginny Herron-Lanoil at GinnyHerron-Lanoil@nykolami.org



### **Unique Cooking and Dining Experience with Kol Ami!**

Part culinary classroom, part dinner party, the new ZWILLING Cooking Studio offers a fun way to test your cooking chops. Everyone is a top chef in the Zwilling professional kitchen. A hands-on cooking class will teach you valuable techniques that you can use at home for years to come.

### Sunday, November 17, 2019 5pm to 8:30pm Zwilling Cooking Studio, Pleasantville, NY \$99 per person (Space is limited to 40 Chefs)

Guests will participate in a hands-on cooking class where the group will be divided into smaller teams. Under the guidance of the Zwilling's Cooking Studio team we will prepare and cook parts of the menu, which we will then enjoy together.

We will be enjoying a small plates menu consisting of: Hummus, pita chips and olives upon arrival, Root Vegetable Soup, Seared Branzino, Steak Bites, Tuna Tataka, Crema Catalana (a Spanish dessert), Coffee/Tea service and all soft drinks included. Please bring a bottle of wine to share. There will be no corkage fee for up to 20 bottles of wine.

# Email Alison Adler at alisonadler@nykolami.org or stop by the Main Office to reserve a spot today! Payment must accompany registration.

### Need a break from your usual work day?!

# STUDY IN THE CITY

### Join our Clergy for a relaxing lunch and discussion topics!



New York City

November 6th Cantor David in Scarsdale at 29 Cooper Road

### November 13th

D.M. Calerdar Blitz

Rabbi Tom in NYC at Loeb & Loeb, 345 Park Avenue



January 8th Rabbi Tom in White Plains at Milber, Makris, Plousadis & Seiden 709 Westchester Avenue, Suite 300

Westchester

### March 4th

Cantor David in NYC at The Claims Conference 1359 Broadway, Suite 2000

### Please RSVP \$18pp/per session (come for one or all sessions)

TO GINNY HERRON-LANOIL, AT GINNYHERRON-LANOIL@NYKOLAMI.ORG OR 914-949-4717 EXT. 114 PLEASE BRING PAYMENT WITH YOU TO THE SESSIONS.

MISSION

DUNDER MIFFLIN

# Family Photo Day

## Sunday, October 6th, 2019

9-4pm in 30 minute sessions (Rain or shine. If needed due to rain, indoor photos are done with lighting and backdrop)

\$200 sitting fee with your donation you will receive a 30 minute photoshoot by talented experts from Picture So Perfect Studios, and a link to ten fully edited photos for you to keep.

It's easy to reserve your spot! Sign up by calling 914-949-4717 ext. 107 or by emailing Nan at nanblank@nykolami.org.

> Payment must accompany registration to reserve your time slot.

THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS WELCOME!

# Sukkot

# in the Woods

A service in Story & Song for Young Families

Join us Monday evening, October 14, 2019 at 5:30pm in the Atrium for a Sukkot in the Woods Holiday Service

Followed by Crafts and Dinner in our Sukkah at 6pm

Let us know if you will be coming! By calling the ECP Office at 949-4717 x 107 or by emailing Nan at nanblank@nykolami.org

# Everyone is welcome!



# **Everything** You Need to Get Ready for Rosh Hashanah Available Now in the Gift Shop

Please visit Kay in the office when the shop is closed.

The Jewish holidays are just around the corner and Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset on Sept 29th. Stop into the Sisterhood Gift Shop to purchase holiday items, as well as Hostess gifts, for when you are visiting friends and relatives.



### **Need a Special Gift?**

Please contact Judy McEvoy at jkmcevoy@optonline.net, I can order one for you.

# Sunday December 8, 2019 9am-3pm







# Kol Ami Holiday Boutique



Boutique to support our Women of Reform Judaism

Women of Reform Judaism Kol Ami Sisterhood

Jewelry, clothing, handbags, Judaica, candles, skincare, kitchenware and more! Over 40 vendors.

Basket Raffle, 50/50 Raffle Bake Sale (to benefit the Religious School)

New addition this year! Our B'nai Mitzvah/Special Occasion

> 252 Soundview Avenue White Plains, NY 10606



### Coachman Corner Spreading Tikkun Olam in our Community

Once again our congregational community has come together to give Coachman students a wonderful start to the new school year! Thanks to your generosity we collected and donated 87 spiral notebooks, 34 back packs, 27 composition notebooks, 10 binders, 9 writing pads, 32 folders, 16 packages of dividers, 18 boxes of crayons, 6 boxes of

magic markers, 16 packages of colored pencils, 1 lunch box, 32 highlighters , 20 packs of

post-it notes, 3 scissors, 4 staple removers, 1 pencil sharpener, 4 packages of index cards, 15 glue sticks, 2 rolls of tape, 5 rulers, 18 erasers, 246 pencils, 234 pens, and 2,880 sheets of looseleaf paper!!

# Throughout 2019-2020, there will be many opportunities to participate, give back, have fun and make a difference!

Please make note of the following dates:

Sunday October 20: Party for babies & toddlers at the Coachman (12-2pm) Saturday November 23: Thanksgiving at Kol Ami (5 – 7pm) Sunday December 15: Holiday Party at Kol Ami (1:30 – 3:30 pm) Sunday February 2: Mid-Winter Party at Kol Ami (12 – 2pm) Sunday March 29: Early Spring Party at Kol Ami (12 – 2pm) Sunday May 31, 2020: BBQ at Kol Ami (5 – 7pm)

Stay tuned for more information about collection drives for the following:

- Baby & Toddler supplies
- Winter Coats
- Holiday gifts
- Hygiene Kits for teens

### Let us know if you are interested in participating in projects to benefit the Coachman Family Center.

Coachman Committee Co-Chairs: Allison Danzig - allisondanzig@yahoo.com Lisa Hochman – lisahochman@mac.com

### Friends of the Arts at Kol Ami

### Supports:

Summer Concert Series Concerts and Community Wide Events Congregational Recording Projects Explorations in Jewish Music for Synaplex Shabbatot Shabbat Shira Musical Program The Kol Ami Orchestra Collaborative Concerts with the Kol Arts Program Enhancing Stage Productions and Audio Support

> Become a Friend of the Arts at Kol Ami Suggested levels of giving \$180, \$500, \$1,800, \$3,600

All donations of \$180 or higher will include:

- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Name recognition in all print publications relating to the arts
- Invitations to private receptions throughout the year
- $\cdot$  Priority seating for specific events when applicable

Flexible payment options are available for congregants. Please call Madiha Tubman at 914.949.4717 ext. 102

Friends of the Arts at Kd Ami

Music nourishes our souls

By becoming a Friend of the Arts at Kol Ami you will contribute to the growth of musical programming that nourishes our souls

# WE POINT WITH PRIDE TO ...

An article on AgeBuzz about some of Kol Ami's amazing women

### Aging And Amazing: Older Adults In Our Modern World by Connie Zuckerman

#### August 7, 2019

It started with an impression of mine: While there's much in the aging literature about the "invisibility" of older people in our culture, my own experience of being out in the world suggested a slightly different story: Today's older adults are engaged, interested in the world around them and contributing to the well-being of their loved ones and their communities, just without a lot of fanfare. The older people I have met are not looking for celebrity or publicity; rather, they're too busy going about their business and being integral to their communities to waste their time looking for the spotlight. They're vital and vibrant, even if outdated stereotypes would suggest otherwise. In fact, I coined a phrase- "aging and amazing"-



to capture my impression that, behind the curtain, there are innumerable older individuals living lives of meaning and value and that it would be wonderful to tell their stories and share their acquired wisdom.

I discussed this with my friend Jess Lorden (herself an amazing woman, who left a successful corporate law position to start an "encore" career as the executive director of a synagogue) and she responded very enthusiastically. In fact, she knew many such women she wanted to introduce me to! At Congregation Kol Ami in White Plains, NY, there's a wonderful group of older congregants who hum about the building, contribute to volunteer efforts and support and sustain both the synagogue and their broader communities with pluck, drive, and intelligence. And to my good fortune, I was lucky to meet many of them through 2 focus group sessions held at the synagogue in late 2018 and early 2019. For that, I am truly grateful to Jess, and to Shira Milgrom, the wonderful Co-Rabbi at Congregation Kol Ami.

Among the amazing women we met: an 88-year-old meditation teacher, an 81-year-old nurse who's a first responder for rape victims in the emergency room, an 85-year-old retired educator passionately involved in, and lobbying on behalf of, the League of Women Voters and a 72 -year-old retired intellectual property attorney who now teaches math at a university and who's become an internet sensation for her strength and drive at a local Crossfit gym. None of these women would describe themselves as "amazing"- they're too modest and too busy going about their lives to boast about themselves. But their work and wisdom are critical to the communities they serve, and their experiences in life- both the ups and the downs- provide valuable lessons for us all as we grapple with what it means to be growing older in today's world.

To read the full article go to: https://www.agebuzz.com/aging-and-amazing-older-women-inour-modern-world-by-connie-zuckerman/



# HIGH SCHOOL TIKKUN OLAM TRIP



# WINTER BREAK • FEBRUARY 16-23, 2020

### WE WILL BE TRAVELING TO PUERTO RICO!

Space is limited. To guarantee a spot, please send a \$500 deposit to the Youth Office made out to: Congregation Kol Ami and fill out the permission slip at www.nykolami.org/ygforms

> Scholarships are available. For More Information Contact: Rabbi Tom Weiner at RabbiTom@nykolami.org Barak Stockler at BarakStockler@nykolami.org





### 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 Evelyne Klein aspencup@aol.com

# In the Community

#### 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: October 15th

Sundays 11:00am-1:00pm To sign on or ask questions, please contact: Nancy Marcus at larrymarcus@aol.com Next meeting: September 15th

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 Kol Ami Singers

Accompanied by Paul Schwarz, we sing at local nursing homes and assisted living fcilities. Join us as we bring a little sunshine to the residents and make a difference in their lives. For information, call Murray Shapiro 914-946-7789

> The Kol Ami Singers Wednesday, Sept 11th at 2:30pm King Street Rehab 787 King Street Rye Brook, NY 10573

### 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:

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.

## 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 September 9th

### Mah Jongg Wednesdays

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

# Kol Ami Cares



Providing support and opportunities for connection and caring in difficult times

KACares, through its bank of volunteers, assists our congregants in a myriad of ways:

- We call bereaved families and help, lead or
   participate in shiva setup and services.
  - We visit sick and injured members in the hospital, in rehab, and at home.
- We connect with our homebound members through visits and phone calls.
- We offer transportation to members who no longer drive or have difficulty attending services and special events.
  - We deliver meals to members recovering from illness or surgery who are unable to cook for themselves or their families.

If you or someone you know can benefit from our assistance or if you would like to be added to our list of volunteers, please contact us immediately.

Betsy McCormack at Betsyrmc@gmail.com 914-960-9390 Ginny Ruder at Ginnyruder@gmail.com 914-589-5283

# Life Cycles

### Congratulations

\* To Alyson & Brad Schmier on the birth of their daughter, Sage Rose Schmier
\* To Deborah Hemel and Doug Stone on the birth of their daughter, Leah Stone
\* To Andrea & Adam Russin on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Joelle Russin
\* To Hadas Jacobi and Alex Lynch on the birth of their daughter, Eliana Leigh Lynch
\* To Jess & David Lorden on the engagement of their daughter, Sarah to Alex Jo
\* To Robin Cohen & family on the marriage of her son Adam to Franzi Trettor
\* To Rachel Lissy and Errol Windham on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Windham
\* To Elina Bilman and Alvaro Alfonzo-Larrain on the birth of their daughter, Elysa Gisele Alfonzo-Larrain

### Condolences

\*To Dan Schuchat & family on the death of Dan's mother, Berthe Schuchat \* To Bob Sandler & family on the death of Bob's sister, Joan Marx \* To Don Bashe & family on the death of Don's mother, Margaret Bashe \*To Linda Radner & family on the death of Linda's husband, Melvyn (Mel) Radner \*To Marc Kremer & family on the death of Marc's father, David Kremer \*To David Lorden & family on the death of David's father, Cornelius J. (Connie) Lorden Jr. \*To Amelie Kraus & family on the death of Amelie's grandmother, Anita Pereire \*To Patty Wohl & family on the death of Patty's cousin, Ginny Schweinfest \*To Fran Ehrlich & family on the death of Fran's mother, Mildred Dreier \*To Gary Lewis & family on the death of Gary's mother, Betty Lewis. \*To David Landes & family on the death of David's mother, Betty Landes \*To Grace Wiggs & family on the death of Grace's cousin, Richard I. Wiggs \*To Stephen Wagner & family on the death of Stephen's father, Irving Wagner \*To Steven Knecht & family on the death of Steven's father, Marvin Knecht \*To Marc Tuckman & family on the death of Marc's father, Marshall Tuckman \*To Jim Marell & family on the death of Jim's brother, David Marell \*To Stephen Weisglass and family on the death of Stephen's mother, Shirley Weisglass \*To Ivy Barr & family on the death of Ivy's mother, Riki Spiegel To Allison Danzig and family on the death of Allison's father, Stephen Wiener

### In Memorium

### \*Melvyn (Mel) Radner

## Generous Contributions

### Rabbi Shira Milgrom's Discretionary Fund

\*In honor of the marriage of their daughter Evelyn to Aaron from Randy Stein and Jack Berger
\*To support the Be the Light Claudette Colvin event from Ronald and Julie Carran
\*In memory of her husband, Ralph Maslow, from Mattie Abler
\*In gratitude for Rabbi Shira's Poetry Salon from Beth and Gene Kava
\*In memory of Cornelius Lorden, Jr. from Marian Steinberg
\*In gratitude from Rabbi Shoshana Perry
\*Thank you to Beth Kava for a wonderful year of Current Events Classes from Barbara Block
\*In memory of Cornelius Lorden, Jr. from Bernice Gale
\*In memory of her mother, Mildred Dreier, from Fran Ehrlich
\*In memory of Cornelius Lorden, Jr. from Leslie Goldfarb-Weisglass
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In memory of Irving Wagner from Marty and Anne Rotberg

In memory of their son, Peter, from Morley and Mary Ellen Kaye
In memory of Dick Lewis from Harley Lewis
To support programming from Alan and Claudia Barson
In honor of Hannah's Bat Mitzvah from Victor and Meredith Cohen
To support programming from Nat and Betsy Bohrer
To support programming from Susan and Kenneth Wallach
In honor of their wedding from Genna and Matt Fleming
To support programming from Nancy Marahn
To help support youth programs from Scott and Carla Howard
To help support youth programs from Liz and Mike Stuntz

### Cantor David Rosen's Discretionary Fund

\*In gratitude for a great year of wonderful music from the Adult Choir
\*In honor of Ethel and Murray Shapiro from Maura Lehr
\*In memory of Joan Marx from Bernice Gale
\*In memory of her sister, Jeanie Ballard, from Barbara Block
\*In memory of her husband from Gloria Egles

### **Fund for the Needy**

\* In honor of Kay Osborne, and the special care she takes of us, from Susan and Ken Gordon
\* In honor of Scott & Cindy Musoff from Shari & Todd Wallman
\* In honor of Ethel & Murray Shapiro from Ellen & Bill Blumstein
\* In honor of Victor & Nell Wyler's anniversary from Janet & Mark Hershey
\* In honor of Susan & Paul Davis' 50th wedding anniversary from Janet & Mark Hershey
\* In loving memory of Cornelius J. (Connie) Lorden from Murray & Ethel Shapiro
\* In loving memory of Connie Lorden from Beth & Gene Kava
\* In loving memory of Connie Lorden from Jennifer Lemberg & Paul Lucek
\* In loving memory of Shirley Weisglass, mother of Stephen Weisglass from Jess & David Lorden
\* In appreciation of Barbara Wexler's friendship from Phil & Nina Blumenfeld

## Generous Contributions

### The Kol Ami Fund

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### **Synaplex Circle**

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- \* Stephanie Levine (for your kindness to Abbe Goodman)
- \* Nancy Merahn
- \*Jess and Dave Lorden

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I Kol Ami Fund (our general fund)	<ul> <li>Kol Ami Cares Fund</li> <li>(supports activities of the Caring</li> <li>Community Program)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Refugee Resettlement Fund</li> <li>Social Action Fund</li> </ul>
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Rick Kraver College Youth Fund (supports special programs for our college students)	<ul> <li>Religious School Fund (supports special projects as determined by the Religious School Committee)</li> </ul>	Yahrzeit Plaques \$750
<ul> <li>Early Childhood Program Fund (supports teacher education and student scholarships)</li> </ul>	Retreat Fund	<ul> <li>Tree of Life Leaf \$180</li> <li>(Available in Gold, Silver and Copper)</li> </ul>
Flowers and Landscaping Fund	<ul> <li>Scholarship Fund for the Confirmands (10th graders)</li> </ul>	Giving Opportunities
<ul> <li>Fund for the Needy (provides assistance to those in need)</li> </ul>	Petschek Music Fund	<ul> <li>Sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush or</li> <li>Sponsor a Friday Night Shabbat Oneg</li> </ul>
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