

# THE CONNECTION

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Supplement Issue

Congregation Kol Ami 252 Soundview Avenue White Plains, NY 10606 [www.nykolami.org](http://www.nykolami.org) #nykolami

## THE BIG NIGHT IN.

*Live From Kol Ami*

HONOR OUR HEROES • FUND OUR FUTURE

APRIL 29, 2021 • 7:00PM

### Honor a Kol Ami Pandemic Hero

To fund our future, we ask that you make a meaningful contribution as an expression of gratitude to your favorite Kol Ami Pandemic Heroes; whether they give of themselves at our Temple or in their own communities, we are all part of the Kol Ami family.

### Dinner Options Order by April 26th

Purchase a pre-ordered New York deli box and enjoy a mouthwatering oversized sandwich from Ben's Deli.

### Become A Sponsor Of The Big Night In

As a sponsor, you will receive a New York style Ben's Deli box dinner, will have the opportunity to honor your favorite Kol Ami Pandemic Heroes with a special greeting featured during the evening, and will be invited to a private Talk Back Session with our Broadway Stars.



ONLINE AUCTION  
OPENS  
APRIL 25TH!



**CLICK HERE**

to register for the 2021 Virtual Gala  
or to Honor a Kol Ami Pandemic Hero



*Take a moment*

to send our 2020 and 2021 Confirmands a greeting and special blessings for our Shavuot Service on Sunday, May 16th.

Click [here to send a digital greeting.](#)

10th Grade: Elyssa Banker, Tommy Chesnut, Sophie Ginsberg, Daniel Hagen, Talia Klein, David Litvak, Leo Pushkin, Marc Rosenthal, Amanda Scherer, Zoe Schuldenfrei, and Noa Shiloach

11th Grade: Eliot Adler, Jeremy Adler, Micah Arenstein, Noam Arenstein, Justin Arrick, Lucy Barest, Jillian Bernstein, Jonah Dichter, Ben Jeske, Lindsay Kaufman, Aaron Klein, Sophie Klein, Allie Kremer, Lily Moskowitz, Marisa Niedelzka, Hannah Paccica, Sandy Schuchat, Jason Siglag, Noah Tirschwell, and Eliana Zitrin

# Presidents Letter

Dear Fellow Congregant:

The Annual Meeting of Congregation Kol Ami will take place on Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 10:00am on the front lawn at Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606. As being part of our community is more important than ever, to the extent that you are comfortable, the Congregation is encouraged to participate in the Annual Meeting by joining together in person where attendees will be required to wear a facial covering and will physically distanced at all times. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will also conduct the meeting via Zoom technology and by phone. A meeting reminder, emailed to congregants on May 22nd, will include final details of the meeting.

To join the Zoom meeting click below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81274993829?pwd=R29ab3U5SDk0bE5nTEVMS3AzQUNFUT09>

Meeting ID: 812 7499 3829 Passcode: KolAmi2021

To participate by phone, please dial 1-646-558-8656, passcode:95102322259#

## Agenda

Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting and January 29, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

Rabbis' & Cantor's Reports

Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws

President's Report

Committee Reports (on file in the Office)

Old Business

Treasurer's Report and Approval of 2021-2022 Budget

New Business

Election of Trustees

Election of Officers

Blessing of Trustees and Officers

Benediction & Adjournment

The Nominating Committee's Report of Nominees for Trustees and Officers is included in this edition of the Connection. Also included are summaries of the Temple's Operating Fund: Treasurer's projection of revenues and expenses for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, and proposed Budget for 2021-2022 as recommended by the Board of Trustees.

Please note that attending and voting by proxy is permitted per our By-Laws. This year, in particular, your proxy vote is essential to ensure we have a quorum for our meeting. Please download a proxy form from our website ([www.nykolami.org](http://www.nykolami.org)) or contact Alison Adler at [alisonadler@nykolami.org](mailto:alisonadler@nykolami.org) to obtain a proxy. All proxies should be submitted to the Secretary of the Congregation, Liz Mayeri, at [BoardSecretary@nykolami.org](mailto:BoardSecretary@nykolami.org). The deadline for submission of all proxies is 9:00am on Sunday, May 23, 2021. **Even if you submit a proxy, you may change your mind and revoke your proxy at any time by sending an email to [BoardSecretary@nykolami.org](mailto:BoardSecretary@nykolami.org) stating that you want to revoke your proxy. If you revoke your proxy prior to the commencement of the meeting, you will not be counted towards the quorum, and you will not be permitted to participate in the congregational votes unless you attend either in person or virtually. If you revoke your proxy after the commencement of the meeting, you will be counted towards the quorum, but you will not be permitted to participate in the congregational votes unless you vote in person or virtually.**

At the Annual Meeting, we will thank and honor the following Trustees who are leaving the Board: Jonathan Litt and David Okun. On behalf of the Officers and Trustees, we urge you to attend the Annual Meeting on May 23rd .

L'Shalom,



Hank Rouda  
President

# CONGREGATION KOL AMI

## BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2021-2022

### Officers to be Elected

(For a one-year term expiring in 2022)

President, **Hank Rouda**

Secretary, **Elizabeth Mayeri**

Treasurer, **David Seif**

Vice President, **Michael Elkin**

(For a three-year term expiring in 2024)

Vice President, **Judy Sarch**

(To complete the term expiring in 2022)

### Continuing Officer

Vice President, **Andrew Levenson**

(Term expiring in 2023)

### New Trustees to be Elected

(For a three-year term expiring in 2024)

**Suzanne Lasser    Steven Mustacchi**

### Trustees to be Elected for an Additional Term

(For a three-year term expiring in 2024)

**Melanie Gluck    David Seif    Gerri Sommers**

### Continuing Trustees

(Term expiring in 2023)

**Rachael Arenstein    Charlene Bodner**

**Kevin Cohen    Michael Elkin**

**Jennifer Lemberg    Andrew Levenson**

**Judy Sarch    Erika Vujnovich**

**Michael Zweig**

### Continuing Trustees

(Term expiring in 2022)

**Stephen Brady    Danielle Gecht    Bonnie Hagen    Eric Klein**  
**Elizabeth Mayeri    Jeff Rothschild    Gary Orentlicher    Leslie Weisglass**

### Retiring from the Board

**Jonathan Litt    David Okun**

### Nominating Committee

**Susan Kohn Arovas, Co-Chair**

**Scott Musoff, Co-Chair**

**Jason Eisenberg    Helene Ginsburg**

**Patricia Grossman    Michelle Kroin**

**Jennifer Lemberg    Gary Orentlicher**

**Charles Pollak**

# Financial Reports

**CONGREGATION KOL AMI**  
**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET**  
**By Revenue Source**  
**2021- 2022 Budget with Comparisons to Current and Prior Years**

	2020-2021 Approved Revenue Budget	2020-2021 Projected Revenue*	2021-2022 Proposed Revenue Budget
<b>Revenue from dues and fees:</b>			
Membership Dues	\$1,847,468	\$1,771,569	\$1,852,075
Religious School Fees	\$353,014	\$281,694	\$320,615
Early Childhood Program/Parenting Fees	\$1,033,805	\$1,088,058	\$1,280,989
Early Childhood Program - After-school clubs	\$102,325	\$0	\$0
Early Childhood Program Fees-Summer Program	\$14,400	\$0	\$84,556
Total Early Childhood Program	\$1,150,530	\$1,088,058	\$1,365,545
<b>TOTAL REVENUE FROM DUES AND FEES</b>	<b>\$3,351,012</b>	<b>\$3,141,321</b>	<b>\$3,538,235</b>
<b>Revenue From Other Sources:</b>			
Investment Income	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
High Holiday Guest Tickets	\$45,000	\$3,330	\$4,000
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fees	\$51,250	\$51,250	\$61,250
<b>Fund Raising</b>			
Annual Fund	\$175,000	\$193,000	\$190,000
Kol Ami Fund	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$10,000
Fall/Spring Fundraiser	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Advertising (connection, phone book, website)	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$3,000
Other Income	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Other Fees For Use of Facilities	\$170,000	\$40,000	\$115,000
Japanese School	\$142,736	\$125,016	\$145,591
Income from Catering	\$5,500	\$2,500	\$10,000
Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
Memorial Book	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,000
Safety and Security Fee	\$211,325	\$185,000	\$238,448
<b>TOTAL REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES</b>	<b>\$933,311</b>	<b>\$732,596</b>	<b>\$888,789</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$4,284,323</b>	<b>\$3,873,917</b>	<b>\$4,427,023</b>
Milgrom/Elcott Gala excess funds usage	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$30,000
Transfers from Funds	\$23,719	\$23,719	\$10,283
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$4,358,042</b>	<b>\$3,947,636</b>	<b>\$4,467,306</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,358,042</b>	<b>\$4,027,377</b>	<b>\$4,467,306</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$79,741)</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Notes:**

\*as of Mar 25th, 2021

# Financial Reports

**CONGREGATION KOL AMI**  
**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET**  
by Expense Program  
2021- 2022 Budget with Comparisons to Current and Prior Years

	<b>2020-2021 Approved Expense Budget</b>	<b>2020-2021 Projected Expenses*</b>	<b>2021-2022 Proposed Expense Budget</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
ADMINISTRATION	\$831,829	\$832,809	\$913,133
ADULT EDUCATION (net of supporting revenue)	\$6,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
BAR/BAT MITZVAH COMMITTEE	\$38,270	\$34,525	\$45,721
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$871,908	\$770,191	\$889,681
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM	\$1,036,260	\$904,466	\$1,068,052
ECP SUMMER PROGRAM	\$23,503	\$1,083	\$54,285
MEMBERSHIP / NEW MEMBER NETWORK	\$4,000	\$1,850	\$3,300
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (net of revenue from family dinners)	\$419,258	\$368,449	\$393,747
UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM DUES	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
WORSHIP (net of funding from Syn. Circle, Sisterhood, families)	\$108,900	\$135,821	\$122,925
WORSHIP SALARIES	\$841,161	\$828,581	\$867,986
YOUTH ACTIVITIES (net of supporting revenue)	\$71,383	\$57,032	\$65,380
OTHER COMMITTEES AND PROGRAMS (net of Rabbi's funding) (2)	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
ENERGY EQUIPMENT PROJECT (CON EDISON)	\$78,570	\$78,570	\$13,096
CONTINGENCY RESERVE	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$4,358,042</b>	<b>\$4,027,377</b>	<b>\$4,467,306</b>

\*as of Mar 25th, 2021

# Proxy Form

## Congregation Kol Ami

Proxy for use at the Annual Meeting of Members  
May 23, 2021, and any adjournments thereof

By this proxy, I appoint Hank Rouda, with the right to select a substitute if he cannot be present, as my proxy to cast my vote as a member of Congregation Kol Ami at the Annual Meeting or at any adjournments thereof, as follows:

- In favor of Approving the Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting
- Against Approving the Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting
- Abstain on Approving the Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting
  
- In favor of Approving the Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws as recommended by the Board of Trustees
- Against Approving the Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws as recommended by the Board of Trustees
- Abstain on Approving the Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws as recommended by the Board of Trustees
  
- In favor of Approving the 2021/22 Budget as approved by the Board of Trustees
- Against Approving the 2021/22 Budget as approved by the Board of Trustees
- Abstain on Approving the 2021/22 Budget as approved by the Board of Trustees
  
- In favor of Electing the Trustees as proposed by the Nominating Committee
- Against Electing the Trustees as proposed by the Nominating Committee
- Abstain on Electing the Trustees as proposed by the Nominating Committee
  
- In favor of Electing the Officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee
- Against Electing the Officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee
- Abstain on Electing the Officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee
  
- Permit the voting on other matters as the proxy holder deems appropriate in their best judgment
- Do not permit the voting on other matters as the proxy holder deems appropriate in their best judgment

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please print full name legibly – This is very important! We will not be able to count your vote unless we can read your name.

### **Important voting rules you should know:**

Each member has one vote. A husband and wife, or life partners, who are both members each has one vote. If you want to vote by proxy, you should sign and date this proxy card and return it so that it is received by the Secretary of the Congregation, Liz Mayeri, at [BoardSecretary@nykolami.org](mailto:BoardSecretary@nykolami.org) no later than 9:00am on May 23rd. Each voter must sign his or her own proxy. For example, a husband and wife who both want to vote by proxy must each sign a separate proxy.

You may revoke this proxy at any time by sending an email to the Secretary of the Congregation, Liz Mayeri, at [BoardSecretary@nykolami.org](mailto:BoardSecretary@nykolami.org), stating that you want to revoke your proxy. If you revoke your proxy prior to the commencement of the meeting, you will not be counted towards the quorum, and you will not be permitted to participate in the congregational votes. If you revoke your proxy after the commencement of the meeting, you will be counted towards the quorum, but you will not be permitted to participate in the congregational votes.