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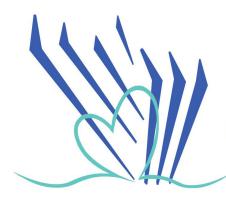
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A Jewish journey is about history. Where you are going, and where you have been. It is about times, and places, and people. It is about quiet moments with oneself and with God. It is about joyous moments spent with others.

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

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

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

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

Here, our members- of every age and with diverse backgrounds and 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.

Weekly Worship Opportunities



5:30pm Friday Shabbat by the Woods: A weekly Shabbat service in story and song for families with young children led by Rabbi Shira Milgrom. Register to join us in person at nykolami.org/register or join us via Zoom. Meeting ID: 891 1651 2442. Password: 8FFCbw



6:15pm Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service: Our weekly Kabbalat Shabbat service in our Main Sanctuary with Rabbi Tom Weiner, Rabbi Shira Milgrom, and Cantor Danny Mendelson. Join us in person by registering at nykolami.org/register Our weekly Kabbalat Shabbat is also streamed on our website, FaceBook, and Youtube pages.



10:00am Saturday Shabbat Lift and Service: Join Rabbi Shira Milgrom and fellow congregants for community, Torah study, and Shabbat services.

Join for all or part of the morning. Bring your curiosity!

Join us in person by registering at nykolami.org/register or join us via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 816 7405 8864 Password: 6fkXyb.

Dial-in: 1-646-876-9923.

Weekly Torah Portions

SEPTEMBER 2021

Week ending September 4, 2021 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.

Week ending September 11, 2021 Parashat Vayeilech Deuteronomy 31:1-30

Since God has prohibited Moses from entering the land God has promised to the Israelites, Moses prepares the people for his death and tells them that Joshua will succeed him as their leader. This parasha continues by assuring the Israelites that they will be successful in re-conquering the Land of Israel and that God "will not fail you or forsake you."

Week ending September 18, 2021 Parashat Ha'azinu Deuteronomy 32:1-52

Ha'azinu is known as a shir - a song or poem. This parasha reiterates the agreements made between the Children of Israel and God. It reminds the people of the things God gave them in the wilderness, of the things that happened to them when they disobeyed God, and that God wants to protect them even though they do transgress. The message warns and instructs, while at the same time it gives hope as the people are about to enter into "The Land" under the new leadership of Joshua.

Week ending September 25, 2021 (Shabbat Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot) Parashat Ki Tisa Exodus 33:12–34:26

On the Shabbat during Sukkot, we are reminded of the ageold desire to know God. Moses implores God to let him see God. While God will not allow Moses to see God's face, God tells Moses, "I will make My goodness pass before you..." The Torah then sets forth the thirteen attributes of God, among them that God is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in kindness.

OCTOBER 2021

Week ending October 2, 2021 Parashat B'reishit Genesis 1:1-6:8

Our first parashah in the Torah cycle, begins with the creation of the world. God creates the world in seven days, concluding with the first Shabbat. In a second version of the creation story, Adam is created from the dust of the earth rather than as a result of a divine breath. Adam and Eve are expelled from the Garden of Eden for eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Their son Cain kills his brother Abel. Adam and Eve have another son named Seth, from whom Noah descends.

Week ending October 9, 2021 Parashat Noach Genesis 6:9-11:32

In this parashah God expresses disappointment with human corruption and decides to destroy all life on earth in a flood. God finds favor in Noah's character and spares his family. God commands Noah to build an ark for himself, his family, and the pairs of animals who will join Noah and his family on the ark. A rainbow symbolizes the first covenant between God and the people.

Week ending October 16, 2021 Parashat Lech L'cha Genesis 12:1-17:27

The story of our ancestors begins in earnest in Lech L'cha. Abram is promised he will be the father of a great multitude if he follows God's call. Abram and Sarai leave their home in Haran for Canaan, along with Abram's nephew Lot. As a sign of God's covenant, Abram and Sarai receive new names, Abraham and Sarah. When it seems Sarah is unable to conceive a child, Sarah gives her handmaid, Hagar, to Abraham to bear a son for him. Then, sensing Hagar's arrogance at becoming pregnant, Sarah asks Abraham to send Hagar away. Abraham is ninety-nine years of age when God promises him (and Sarah) a son of their own. It is through this son, Isaac, that the covenant will be fulfilled.

Week ending October 23, 2021 Parashat Vayeira Genesis 18:1-22:24

Parashat Vayeira opens with Abraham receiving a visit from messengers who bring predictions of Isaac's birth. When God threatens to destroy the settlements of Sodom and Gomorrah because of the wicked behaviors occurring there, Abraham stands up to God to protest that annihilation. This parashah also includes the long-awaited birth of Sarah's and Abraham's son, Isaac. The final scene in this parashah tells the story of the "Binding of Isaac" where God tests Abraham, instructing him to sacrifice his son Isaac.

Weekly Torah Portions

Week ending October 30, 2021 Parashat Chayei Sarah Genesis 23:1-25:18

The first words of this parashah translate as "the life of Sarah," but it begins with her death. Abraham purchases land in which to bury his wife, and then sends his servant to the village of his brother to acquire a wife for his son Isaac. The servant observes Rebekah, who offers water to him and to his camels to drink. Rebekah follows Abraham's servant back home and becomes Isaac's wife. Abraham dies at the age of 175 years, and Isaac and Ishmael bury him with Sarah in the cave of Machpelah.

NOVEMBER 2021

Week ending November 6, 2021 Parashat Toldot Genesis 25:19-28:9

Isaac marries Rebekah, and after 20 childless years they become parents to twin boys, Esau and Jacob. The brothers are quite different from one another and are at odds with each other well into adulthood. Rebekah favors Jacob, whereas Isaac seems aligned with Esau. Rebekah and Jacob conspire to deceive Isaac into giving the blessing due his firstborn son, Esau, to Jacob. The sibling rivalry between Esau and Jacob reaches a feverish pitch, and becomes a recurring theme in Genesis.

Week ending November 13, 2021 Parashat Vayeitzei Genesis 28:10-32:3

Vayeitzei, meaning "and he went out," refers to Jacob's journey to Haran, his mother Rebekah's birthplace, to escape his brother Esau's wrath over stealing his blessing. On his journey, Jacob dreams of a ladder reaching from earth to heaven, and is given the same promise that God gave Abraham and Isaac, i.e., that he will inherit the land and be blessed. Jacob meets Rachel at the well and works for her father (his uncle Laban) for seven years in order to marry her. Jacob, who deceived his brother Esau, is himself the victim of deception. Laban substitutes Leah (his older daughter) for Rachel. Jacob must serve Laban an additional seven years in order to wed his intended spouse Rachel. Jacob eventually has a total of twelve sons and decides to return to his homeland.

Week ending November 20, 2021 Parashat Vayishlach Genesis 32:4-36:43

Jacob is now ready to return home after fleeing twenty years earlier, and realizes he will have to reconcile with his brother Esau. On the way, Jacob once again has a dream and encounters a divine messenger. After the dream, Jacob is renamed Israel, meaning "struggles with God." Our narrative leaps forward in time to the moment when Jacob's children are now adults and his daughter, Dina is raped. Two of Jacob's sons Simeon and Levi avenge the crime.

Week ending November 27, 2021 Parashat Vayeishev Genesis 37:1-40:23

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



A Message from our Rabbi Tom Weiner

"Celebrating a World Founded on Chaos"

A rabbinic colleague, Ari Hart, recently described Rosh Hashanah using these interesting and peculiar words, "Rosh Hashanah: Celebrating a World Founded on Chaos." How is that something to celebrate?

First, we have to acknowledge that it comes from a very logical reading of Torah. After all, Rosh Hashanah is indeed the celebration of Creation, the Birthday of the World. And indeed the opening verse of Torah clearly claims, "When God began to create the world, the universe was made up of chaos, confusion and darkness." So, yes, in the Torah, the world was created on a foundation of chaos!

If I may paraphrase Rabbi Hart's retelling of an ancient teaching, one of the ancient sages taught, "It may sound crazy. But from what materials and matter did God create the world? From the primordial "chaos, confusion and darkness that pre-existed Creation." That was all that existed! That's what God had to work with.

Well, my friends, here we are at Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the year 5782. And our task this year, as it is every year, is to re-create our world and ourselves anew so that we can move forward with blessing. And what "building materials" do we have in abundance to begin this task? We may wish that we had at our disposal an abundance of health, peace, harmony, and goodwill. But let's face it, just like God at the very beginning, what we now have before us are instead pandemic, strife, disharmony, and an abundance of ill-will.

In Genesis, God took that chaos, and transformed it into a pristine and blessed Creation in which peace, blessing, good will and harmony were all possible. So let's take comfort and be inspired by God's example to do what many other generations before us; to take control of the chaos and re-form its powerful energies into the curing of pandemic, the healing of our tired and frustrated souls, and the ability to reach out to others and see beyond their "otherness".

As the year 5782 unfolds before us may we be able to look out and exclaim, as God did on the third day of creation, "This is very good."

Rabbi Tom Weiner



A Message from our Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Rosh Hashanah 2021 Second Chances

In his book Love Medicine and Miracles, Dr. Bernie Siegel describes a moment in his kitchen when the garbage disposal got stuck. He calls out to his wife, "What do I do now?" "Press the re-set button!" she calls back. Bernie then turns to God, "God, why didn't you give us a re-set button?" "I did," says God. "I gave you pain and suffering." However we understand our own pain and struggle, we know that times of suffering hold the possibility of re-set; we

re-evaluate who we are, what matters most in our lives, and how we want to live. The years 2020-21 may have turned out to be such a turning point. The world was plunged into a global pandemic; life as we knew it came to a sudden halt. We all have carried the weight of personal worry and anxiety. But we have not suffered equally in this pandemic. Some have lost income or livelihoods. Many have been ill; some of us have been hospitalized. And many of us have lost members of our families or close friends to the ravages of this virus. How and when we will emerge from the pandemic still remains unknown.

What we do know is that we are being given a chance. Life before the pandemic was marked for many of us by a frenzied pace of life, by obsession with deadlines, meetings and schedules. We were doing so much, and living so little.

The suffering is not a gift. To be peeled back, to be vulnerable and to see what is exposed underneath, to understand that we are connected to all of life, that we are responsible to others and to the life around us, that is a chance – the possibility of a gift. We are being given the chance for a re-set – what is also called a spiritual awakening.

A Jewish life can help us recover this language of the spirit.

I pledge to join with you – to assist you – in ways that will support your recovery of spirit. This journey of the spirit need not be solitary; indeed, the Jewish journey is meant to be lived and experienced in relationship, together. I hope that this new year will bring us closer to one another and connect each of us more profoundly to the Jewish journey.

I hope we all bless this new year with courage and joy,

Shira

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Seize this moment ~ rededicate your home

However we understand this time of global pandemic and our own pain and struggle, we know that times of suffering hold the possibility of re-set; we reevaluate who we are, what matters most in our lives, and how we want to live. Capture this time of re-set; write your own thoughts or prayers; scroll them into a new mezuzah and rededicate your home or apartment or workspace. This opportunity will be available on the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah.



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A Message from our President Hank Rouda

As I write this, it's about 95 degrees and summer is still in full swing, yet the High Holidays are only a few weeks away (a few days away by the time that you read this). It's hard for me to believe that a year has gone by since we were able to hold meaningful and beautiful virtual High Holiday services. We, as a congregation have made great strides since then, but we still find ourselves in the middle of a situation over which we have limited control.



I recently had a congregant approach me and tell me that they owed me an apology even if I had no idea why. Their reason? They had been frustrated by our pace of reopening, but then they remembered an earlier conversation that we had where I committed (and still commit) to doing all that we can do to ensure that we have as many opportunities as possible to be together as a community, but to do it in a way that no one will be infected because they participated in our programming. The congregant acknowledged that, with the current trends, our reopening has been thoughtful and appropriate. And while they wanted to be able to return to a less restrictive time, they understood that, for the good of all, we need to continue to find ways to be inclusive and protective.

While this exchange was gratifying and reaffirming, it does not negate that there are many who are still uncomfortable participating in many of our in-person activities. And their reasons range from them not being comfortable being in person either indoors or outside, all the way to them not being comfortable wearing masks and having other limiting restrictions. And I agree with them all! Our Immediate Past President, Susan Kohn, taught me that everyone is on a continuum and that we need to respect them where they are. While you, like the congregant who approached me, may wish that we would change what we're doing, we hope that you recognize that we're trying our best to honor where everyone is on that continuum and to provide as safe and welcoming of an environment as is possible.

So, while we wish that High Holidays could be as they were in the past, we know that some differences are necessary. We will joyfully welcome so many of you back in person and will celebrate being able to worship together. At the same time, we will revel in the knowledge that so many of you will be with us in spirit and through the joy (?) of technology.

The key though is that you're there, however that may be. We have remained a community focused on supporting, embracing, teaching, comforting and finding joy in each other. Please help us continue with our work by returning your membership information and paying at least a portion of your dues. If you find yourselves in need of some assistance, please call either Jess Lorden or Madiha Tubman in the office and speak to them confidentially about your situation. No one will ever have to leave our community because of financial reasons.

And I would be remiss (and get yelled at by our Treasurer, David Seif) if I did not remind you to please participate in our Annual Fund. You've heard me and our other Presidents point out how important it is that we get a strong turnout for this initiative. Since dues cover less than 50% of our budget, it is critical that fund raising, such as the Annual Fund, successfully cover much of the remainder of our expenses. Please give in a way that is meaningful to you.

Jean and I are looking forward to seeing some of you over the High Holy Days, but we will miss those with whom we will not be able to worship in person during these Days of Awe. Shana tova umetuka. May this New Year bring joy, courage and hope – and, as Rabbi Shira reminds us, endless reasons for gratitude.

Ľshalom, Hank

A Message from our Cantor Daniel Mendelson

In early August, Kol Ami & Westchester Reform Temple came together to bring you a magical evening of Bob Dylan songs, in honor of Dylan's 80th year. When it looked like I'd be joining you as your new cantor, one of my first conversations with my wife, Cantor Amanda Kleinman, was about the possibility of bringing our congregations together for

Summerstage, WRT's annual summer event. With much of our clergy teams living nearby (Rabbis Milgrom and Blake live next door to each other!), it felt like the perfect fit.

We are very lucky to have a music director with the versatility and sheer gamesmanship of Alex Hopkins. Along the lines of sharing, I brought over a handful of wonderful musicians over the last year to participate with Alex at Kol Ami services and events, many of whom I met at WRT some years ago. Full disclosure, sometimes Amanda and I have to duke it out a bit to secure the musicians we want, but we find a way to make it work. Dylanstock was a representation of that collaboration.

As we bring in the new year together, I can't help but acknowledge the sweetness of cross-community engagement here in Westchester. Our synagogues don't have to exist primarily in their own Jewish congregational bubbles. We can get together and be Jewish together.

Daniel Mendelson



A Message from our Executive Director Jess Lorden

Dear Friends,

As the High Holy Days rapidly approach, I reflect on the past year, professionally and personally. I am profoundly grateful for the support you continue to show during what has been an unprecedented challenging time. When health and safety concerns forced us to worship at home, we came together as a congregation both through livestream and Zoom. I am incredibly proud that together we supported each other and our community in beautiful, unprecedented ways. Our dedicated volunteers delivered Shabbat and holiday meals, and mobilized to provide over 300



grocery bags each week through our Food Pantry. Our congregants engaged in important social justice initiatives and cared for the Earth through a gardening initiative. We supported those who were in mourning or remembering the yahrzeit of a loved one in our weekly outside Kaddish gathering. We also rejoiced together - with b'nai mitzvah families, confirmands, and our adult b'nai mitzvah. May we continue to build on the strength and wisdom we have gained.

On a personal note, I have much to be thankful for. Dave and I celebrated our "double chai" wedding anniversary, and our children continue to be a blessing. As you're reading this, Dave and I may already be grandparents. Sarah and Alex are expecting their first child in August. Dave and I can't wait to be called "Nana" and "Papa." Robby has enjoyed a wonderful summer experience as an intern with JPMorganChase and hopes to work at the firm after he graduates with his MBA in May, 2022. And very importantly, our circle of family and friends continue to enjoy good health and happiness. We know how fortunate we are!

Our temple calendar for the coming year is, once again, full of wonderful opportunities for you to worship, study, engage as a community, celebrate, and engage in Tikkun Olam. Under Paul Mauro's leadership, our Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, our custodial staff has been hard at work refreshing our buildings and cleaning classrooms and hallways in preparation for the opening of our Religious School and Early Childhood Program.

As the days of summer wind down, our office staff is busy working with both existing members and our new members to ensure everyone is able to observe the Days of Awe in a way that is meaningful to them. Whether virtually or in person, I look forward to sharing this sacred time with you, and am excited to share with this important information regarding our High Holy Days services and program offerings.

VISIT WITH OUR RABBIS, CANTOR AND TEMPLE LEADERSHIP

You are invited to join a special reception with our Rabbis, Cantor, and Temple Leadership on the Kol Ami front lawn to exchange New Year greetings with us, with each other, and to receive a holiday challah with apples and honey on Sunday, September 12th from 11am to 12:30pm. Registration is required.

LIVE STREAMING OF OUR SERVICES

We will be live streaming 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 so that members who are not able to attend services in person will be able to participate with us. Details will be provided in advance of the services.

MEZUZAH RE-DEDICATION WORKSHOP

During the pandemic we were forced to remain in our homes. We hope you will take a moment to reflect on this time of global pandemic, write your own thoughts or prayers, scroll them into a new mezuzah and rededicate your home, apartment or workspace. Scrolls will be available for pick up after the conclusion of our Rosh Hashanah Day 1 worship services. You are invited to return after Rosh Hashanah Day 2 services or on Yom Kippur from 11:30am to 12:30pm with your completed scroll to select a hand-crafted mezuzah.

MEMORIAL ROCK GARDEN

We have all experienced loss during this past year. Many of us were not able to care for or mourn our loved ones as we needed. For others, the sense of loss is felt in different ways. This Yom Kippur, we will take our first steps toward creating a memorial rock garden, a special contemplative space at Kol Ami. Please join us to paint rocks adding your own messages of hope, names of those you remember, or other meaningful images. Workshops will be set up between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and on Yom Kippur afternoon. Registration is required.

HEATLH AND SAFETY MEASURES

When you come to our High Holy Day services, you will be able to sit with anyone that you congregate with in your home, where those present are not wearing a mask. Seats will be arranged in rows with greater spacing between each row. In the interest of creating "safety zones" between pods, we ask that you leave two seats open between your "pod" and the next grouping. Please do not re-reposition the chairs. Your cooperation is vital as we continue to make changes that enable us to worship and congregate together. A mask covering your nose and mouth is required when you enter any of our buildings.

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 observation 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.

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. Alison Adler or I will be available during every service. Please ask for our assistance if a problem arises.

MEMORIAL AND NEILAH SERVICES

Our Yizkor/Memorial service will continue to include a meaningful guided meditation, as well as other moments of reflection. Our Neilah service usually provides an opportunity for congregants to enjoy a moment of reflection in our Ark with family or friends. This year, you may choose to reserve time in the Ark for private reflection and contemplation between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, or you may take part in this unique worship experience during the Neilah Service. Registration to attend the Service is on a first come, first serve basis until this service is full. If you wish to have a time for private reflection in our Ark, you must register in advance.

YOM KIPPUR FOOD DRIVE

As so many within our congregational family and the broader Westchester community are struggling with food insecurity this year more than ever before, our food drive is even more critical. We will make grocery bags available to you at Rosh Hashanah. Please fill the grocery bags with non-perishable food items and bring them back to Kol Ami on Yom Kippur. All food will be donated to Feeding Westchester.

CELL PHONES

To preserve the sanctity of our services, cell phones should be left at home or in your car. If you are required to carry a phone or pager, please make sure it is set on vibrate mode.

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.

Fondly, Jess

Jess Lorden

A Message from our ECP Director Meray Veetal

After 6 fun-filled weeks of sun, rain, crafts, and tons of splashing our ECP Summer Program came to a close. Our incredible summer was filled with friends, laughter and activities that brought smiles to our children and staff alike. From water fun to yoga to baking to gardening to music and dance, there wasn't a more fun place to be this summer. Camp started off with many new faces and experiences and ended with lots of new friends and excitement for new adventures. We can't wait to come back next summer!





A Message from our Director of Youth Engagement Barak Stockler

I had the distinct pleasure of going to Sababa Beachaway this summer for three weeks of professional development. Sababa is a Jewish surf camp run by Kol Ami alum Danny Mishkin. I chose to spend three weeks there so that I could experience the Sababa philosophy — an approach to mindfulness and meditation that is rooted in Judaism and Jewish history.



Sababa is all about being as present as possible. Taken from the Hebrew slang for "chill", Sababa is used to describe how in the moment one is. The Sababa scale, from one to ten, can be used to explain how one is feeling. 1 being totally in the moment, 10 being stressed, not focused, or otherwise mentally preoccupied while still be physically present.

Sababa uses this scale to do periodic check-ins with kids throughout the day. These check-ins are supplemented with singing, meditation, and mindfulness activities that reflect our Jewish values. These holistic practices serve to help keep us in touch with our own minds and to stay cognizant and aware of the groups mental state.

This forces the individual to think about their own wellbeing — what are they thinking about and why? Are you stressed about an upcoming deadline or homework? And how is that impacting you right now? It is also a good way for someone to let the group know that they might not be too focused or on task today without forcing them to reveal more information than they want. It is both a personal and group-focused tool. The philosophy of Sababa is not that high numbers are bad. The point is to accept and understand where you are on the scale so that you can better live your life. But living more Sababa does help to bring one's number down naturally. We find this helps with lots of what our teens struggle with — with a big focus on helping mental health issues such as anxiety and stress generally. By helping our kids to live more in the moment, we can help them to be more productive, happy, and stress-free.

Spending these three weeks eating, breathing, and living Sababa helped to contrast the all-too-often hectic school and work year that we all experience, either as teens or as adults.

We have seen stress and anxiety levels skyrocket in our kids throughout the world, especially in highly competitive school districts such as the ones here in Westchester county. Not to mention the national mental health crisis that continues to pervade our youth throughout middle school, high school, college, and beyond. I hope to bring more of this Sababa philosophy here to Kol Ami. Our teens are often over-programmed and hyper-focused. From school stress, mountains of homework, social pressures, and the anxiety-ridden college application process, our teens need more tools to help them have a healthy mind and body.

We need to help our kids learn how to live a balanced and healthy life that isn't as stressful and goal focused as it is now. This includes having more free time, socializing more, and learning to explore one's passions.

Barak Stockler,
Director of Youth Engagement



A Message from our Religious School Director Pam Pass

We are looking forward to a new school year without Covid! Um...not so fast...

Religious School will open with creative, energetic, engaging, and meaningful lessons! Our year ahead is not without challenges, and we are taking them on with energy and positivity. As I write this, indications are constantly changing, so we continue to weigh all of our options. With all of our thought, planning, and guidance, here's to as smooth and healthy a year as possible!

More good news about this coming school year...

...We have been welcoming new families and new students every day. I am excited that they are coming already having heard good things about Kol Ami and our Religious School.

...Almost every student has returned to our school this year! This is unprecedented. We are thrilled to see so many familiar faces, and to see the excitement when friends are reunited.

...We are looking forward to the return of worshipping together at our grade-level family Shabbats, going on field trips, and having a super fun Sukkot festival.

...We are continuing with our twice weekly small group Hebrew learning via Zoom for Grades 4-6. Parents, students, teachers, and I agree--the overwhelming response was that this is a hugely successful model which provides flexibility, especially needed as our world opens up. This is a Covid Keeper!

...Most of our amazing teachers returned, plus we added a few new fantastic teachers, who have already contributed to our planning for the new school year. We are moving forward with all the love, passion, dedication, and warmth from last year.

...Our Parent Network co-chairs, Charlene Bodner and Amy Goldstein, will be building on the many well-attended and eagerly anticipated programs and activities from this past year. So many contributed to our success last year—we intend to continue with the same energy and involvement. Please join us if you have an idea or want to participate (religiousschoolparents@nykolami.org).

With sincere and heartfelt wishes to each and every one of you:

~ a sweet, happy, and HEALTHY new year (Rosh Hashanah)

~ meaningful introspection (Yom Kippur)

~ welcoming of family and friends (Sukkot)

~ a joyous celebration (Simchat Torah)











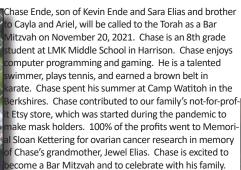
Our students this year are learning and celebrating in a variety of ways! We look forward to wishing them Mazal Tov on their big days. Whether in small groups at the synagogue, or via digital gatherings, we know how hard they have worked and what an amazing milestone they have come to.

Below are the bios and photos of some of our Fall 2021 students. Check our December 1st Connection issue for more.



On October 30, 3021, Addison Kaplan, daughter of Shari and Jared Kaplan and sister to Ella, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. She is in 8th grade at Edgemont Junior High School. Addison enjoys playing lacrosse, soccer, and tennis and spends her summers away at Camp Chipinaw. She understands the importance of camp and wanted to share the experience with kids who might not be able to go due to financial hardships. To do so, Addison raised money for SCOPE (Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education) for her mitzvah project. She

enjoyed working with Morah Pam, Rabbi Tom, and Cantor Danny to prepare for her special day and is excited to share it with her family and friends.





Nathaniel Mason Cohen, son of Meredith and Victor
Cohen and brother of Hannah and Jack will be called to the
Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 2, 2021. Nate is an 8th
grader at Edgemont JR/SR High School who enjoys his
summers at Silver Lake Camp and in the waves at his favorite
beach. Nate can typically be found on a baseball field or basketball
court year-round, and enjoys going for bike rides, playing the
drums, and spending quality time with family and friends. For
his Mitzvah Project, Nate has been baking delicious treats for
the dedicated and hard-working nurses, doctors, and staff at
Memorial Sloan Kettering. Nate and his family are filled with

ratitude as he prepares for his special day.



Troy Meilman, son of Elena Angelos and Cliff
Meilman, will be called to the Torah for his Bar
Mitzvah on October 23, 2021.Troy is in 8th grade at Edgemont
High School. He enjoys drawing/animation, as well as playing
sports and video games with his friends.Troy is looking forward
to sharing his special day with friends and family both in person,
and via live stream.



Austin Levi Margolies, son of Rachel and Rich Margolies and brother to Ryder, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 9, 2021. He is in 8th grade at Louis M. Klein Middle School in Harrison, NY. Austin enjoys playing sports, especially lacrosse and basketball; he spends his summers at Camp IHC, which he loves; and he is an avid skier in the winter. Austin has studied hard for his big day and is excited to share it with friends and family (especially his four grandparents)!



Brennen Small, son of Robin and Adam Small and brother to Parker, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 9, 2021. He is in 8th grade at Ardsley Middle School. Brennen enjoys playing baseball, basketball, flag football and absolutely loves his puppy, Allie. Due to the crazy restrictions of the past year Brennen choose to do several small mitzvah projects, first he baked homemade sweet treats for the essential employees at Montefiore Hospital, then he volunteered to spend time with a boy with autism and finally he collected children's books to donate to a local shelter. He is excited to share his special day with family and friends.



Cayla Ende, daughter of Kevin Ende and Sara Elias and sister to Chase and Ariel, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 20, 2021. Cayla is a 7th grade student at LMK Middle School in Harrison. Cayla enjoys watching basketball, especially the Knicks and Duke. Cayla loves spending her summers at Camp Watitoh in the Berkshires. She plays tennis and plans to try playing field hockey this fall. She also earned a brown belt in karate. Cayla's Mitzvah project involved creating a not-for-profit Etsy store called Brand Your Bandz. It was started during the pandemic to make mask holders. The store was highly successful in raising money for ovarian cancer research at Memorial Sloan Kettering. Cayla donated 100% of the profits to this cause in memory of her grandmother, Jewel Elias. Cayla is excited to become a Bat Mitzvah and to celebrate with her family.



Sophie Mercer, daughter of Michelle (Shelly) LeWinter and Bret Mercer and sister to Mackenzie, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 2, 2021. She is in 8th grade at Highlands Middle School in White Plains. Sophie is an avid soccer player and a member of the NYSC Girls Academy team. She also plays clarinet and is a member of her school's band. This summer Sophie traveled to Ecuador and The Galapagos, and stayed in a local village where she planted trees. For her mitzvah project, Sophie teamed up with her friend's charity, One Small Girl Cares, to pack and deliver 200 backpacks to PS11 in The Bronx. Sophie has enjoyed learning her Torah portion with Pam Pass. She is excited to share her special day with friends and family.



Emma Bree West, daughter of Hallie Buchbinder and Matthew West and sister to Ryan, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 9, 2021. She is in 7th grade at Ardsley Middle School in Ardsley, NY. Emma loves spending her summers at Trails End Camp in Beach Lake, PA and has been an active softball player for years on her Ardsley Girls Team. Emma is an all-around life-long learner finding enjoyment and love from everything including

singing, piano, drumming and tik-toking. She cherishes her good friends and cares deeply about her family. In keeping with her love of animals, Emma volunteers for the North Shore Animal League.

Emma has enjoyed learning her Torah portion and preparing with Pam Pass, Rabbi Tom and Cantor Danny. She is excited to share her special day with friends and family.



Leo Bernstein, son of Alison Bernstein and Craig Bernstein and brother to Sabrina and Noah, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 6, 2021. He is in 7th grade at Winston Preparatory School in Norwalk, CT. Leo is "The Mayor". He's got a big, outgoing personality and loves getting to know people. He spends his summers at Camp Chateaugay, where his favorite activity is being part of the stage crew for the summer musical. He loves music and pop culture, swimming and fishing, raising turtles, caring for animals, and spending time with his friends. For his mitzvah project, Leo has collected food for and brought meals to a community refrigerator in The Bronx. Leo has loved learning his torah portion where he can apply his love of music to this special rite of passage.



Samantha Goldstein, daughter of Jonathan and Amy Goldstein and sister to Brett and Brooke, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 23, 2021. She is in the 8th grade at Scarsdale Middle School. Sammy loves riding horses and spending her summers at Camp Wicosuta in New Hampshire. This year will be her first riding through the Interscholastic Equestrian Association. She also enjoys basketball and running. For her mitzvah project, Sammy is pursuing opportunities in equine therapy. Sammy has enjoyed learning her Torah portion with Itamar.



Mia Rose Labovitz, daughter of Jen Josephs and Jon Labovitz, and sister to Sophie and Sam, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 6, 2021. She is an eighth grader at Sleepy Hollow Middle School and a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Mia plays attack on the Legends Lacrosse Team and enjoys graphic design, debate, jewelry making, cooking, spending time with friends, and days at the pool. For her Mitzvah Project, Mia wrote letters to U.S. Representatives and Senators urging them to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the For

the People Act so that participation in elections is possible and accessible for all Americans, and that their votes are counted. She is excited to share her special day with her twin sister, family, and friends.



Naomi Jeske, daughter of Laura Wilker and Andrew Jeske and sister of Sam, Ben and (cat) Leo, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on September 25, 2021. Naomi is in the 8th grade at Edgemont Jr/Sr High School. She enjoys acting, baking, writing, fostering cats, and Harry Potter. Throughout this year and last, Naomi has run cookie sales to raise money for a variety of charities, such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Reclaim Our Vote.



Henry Sperling, son of Lee & Kelly Sperling, and brother of Cole Sperling, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 16, 2021. He is in eighth grade at Scarsdale Middle School. Henry enjoys basketball, fishing, skiing, and skateboarding. For his Mitzvah project Henry plans to organize a toy drive for kids in need. He is looking forward to sharing his Bar Mitzvah day with his family.



Jake Roy, son of Amy and David Roy and brother to Finn, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 13, 2021. He is in 7th grade at Edgemont Junior/Senior High School. Jake's greatest passion is baseball. He has played for Elmsford Little League since Kindergarten and has been a member of the Elmsford Bulldogs since 2018. He also loves watching the Yankees, playing video games such as MLB The Show, and managing his fantasy sports teams. Jake is also an avid New York Giants fan and enjoys going to games with his grandfather, a long-time season ticket holder. For his mitzvah project, Jake is collecting donations for the Caring Cupboard, a student-run organization that provides food to White Plains and Greenburgh residents. He is excited to celebrate his special day with family and friends at Kol Ami.



Marcus Lipton, son of Shelby and Andrew Lipton and brother to Isaac, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 30, 2021. He is in 7th grade at Louis M Klein Middle School in Harrison. Marcus loves playing travel baseball with the Harrison Bombers and spending his summers at Camp Taconic in Hinsdale, MA. He loves the NY Yankees and NY Jets. For his mitzvah project, he is donating sports equipment to lower income communities. Marcus can't wait to celebrate this special occasion.



Talia Marin Arovas, daughter of Susan Kohn and Greg Arovas and younger sister to Alex and Gabriella, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 13. 2021. Talia is an 8th grader at Scarsdale Middle School. She is fortunate to have many Happy Places: The soccer field playing alongside her NY Soccer Club teammates; poolside with her dog Nimble; Bridgton, Maine, where she spends precious weeks with her Camp Micah friends; the tennis court, where she loves to work on her swing; Kol Ami, where she is surrounded by the most caring and loving community; and anywhere her friends and immediate and extended family can be found. Talia is looking forward to being on the Bimah, especially after multiple Covid-related postponements, and is truly grateful to be able to share this special milestone with family, friends, and the Kol Ami community.



Sophie Rae Labovitz, daughter of Jen Josephs and Jon Labovitz, and sister to Mia and Sam, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 6, 2021. She is an eighth grader at Sleepy Hollow Middle School and a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Sophie is a defender on the Legends Lacrosse Team and enjoys hiking, gardening, crafting, baking, spending time with friends, and days at the beach. For her Mitzvah Project, Sophie wrote letters to U.S. Representatives and Senators urging them to protect our oceans by passing legislation including the Blue Carbon for Our Planet Act and the Break Free from Plastic Pollution Act. She is looking forward to sharing her special day with her twin sister, and she is honored and proud to lead the community in prayer.

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Dylan Stock Comes to Kol Ami



THE ROCK GARDEN AT KOL AMI Join us for an expressive art project

The pandemic has affected our lives in a myriad of ways prompting intense emotions. Considering the impact on our personal relationships, family, health, education and employment; there has been no "typical" experience. While some of us have faced seemingly unimaginable pain, grief and loss, others have found hope, peace and gratitude. What we all have had in common, however, is our inability to support the bereaved and celebrate among the joyous in traditional ways.

To acknowledge our individual responses to the pandemic, dedicated Kol Ami volunteers are creating a sacred, contemplative space on our campus grounds. The hope is that this garden will inspire visitors to reflect, meditate, celebrate, heal, pray or simply be.

As we develop this reflective space, there will be opportunities for our community to participate. We will begin with rock painting to encourage the expression of emotions such as sorrow, pain, or hope. One need not be an "artist"; the rocks will reflect your desire to memorialize a loved one, reflect on this period of time, or express a wish for the future.

Please join us for a Rock Painting Workshop held in the Gallery at Kol Ami on:

Sunday, 9/12/21 - 12:30pm-2:30pm

following the Meet & Greet Clergy & Leadership Reception

Thursday, 9/16/21 - 1:00pm-4:00pm following the early Yom Kippur service

3rd Session Date and Time To Be Announced

Congregation Kol Ami will provide all art supplies. We are using water-based acrylic paints, you may wish to bring a smock or old t-shirt. It is our hope that you will leave your rock art creation at the Rock Garden once completed for others to engage with and enjoy. The committee will be varnishing the finished rocks to help protect them from the elements.

We hope you can join us for one of these meaningful sessions. There will be limits of 40 people per session, so reserve your place now by following this registration link:

www.NYKolAmi.org/RockGarden

Clergy Meet & Greet Sunday, September 12th 11 AM - 12:30 PM

Start the New Year off sweetly! Join Rabbis Shira and Tom, Cantor Danny along with our temple leadership and staff on the front lawn for a social gathering and opportunity to exchange New Years' greetings and warm wishes.

Each family will receive a round challah and apples and honey to take home.





AROUND THE SHABBAT TABLE



Friday, October 15 - Egypt: A Trip up the Nile.

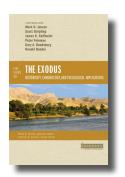
Zoom lecture and discussion led by Gary A. Rendsburg, Professor of Jewish Studies at Rutgers University.

The very name Egypt immediately conjures pyramids and sphinxes, tombs and temples, pharaohs and gods. This illustrated lecture will serve as an introduction to the religion, history, and culture of ancient Egypt. Proceeding both chronologically and geographically, from the pyramids constructed by the Old Kingdom pharaohs at Giza (outside modern Cairo), to the massive temple to Osiris built by Rameses II during the New Kingdom at Abu Simbel (near the Sudanese border), we will explore the integration of ancient Egypt and ancient Israel – including, for example, Rameses II's defeat of his enemies "by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm," a motif in the Book of Deuteronomy, naturally transferred to God, who defeats the Egyptians with the same pharaonic stance.



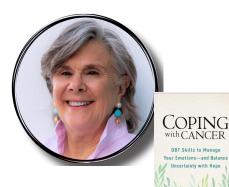
Friday, October 29 - Around the Shabbat Table Movie and panel discussion: "Wide Open Dreams"

All Shawna wanted was a job. All she needed was a chance. A single mother of five, her childcare responsibilities and lack of work experience were holding her back. Rejected by employers over and over again, Shawna nearly lost hope for bettering her family until she found Greyston and a path forward. Her story has inspired a message of hope and strength for mothers everywhere. This heartwarming story will be followed by a panel discussion about how companies can create positive change in the communities where they do business



Friday, November 12 - In Search of Ancient Israel: In and Out of Egypt Zoom lecture and discussion led by Gary A. Rendsburg, Professor of Jewish Studies at Rutgers University.

Was there an Exodus? This question is asked often and the answer is not a simple one. We will survey the totality of the evidence, which includes Egyptian documentation regarding Semites arriving with their flocks, in order to keep themselves alive (think the Joseph story), people on the social margins building the city of Rameses (think Exodus, ch. 1), and the Egyptian army tracking down escaped slaves in the wilderness (think Exodus, ch. 14). So while there is only one explicit reference to Israel – in the Merneptah Stele, dated c. 1220 B.C.E. – there is plenty of parallel information which speaks to the general historical question.



Friday, November 19 - Around the Shabbat Table - Liz Stuntz, "Coping with Uncertainty"

In this uncertain time, many of us are feeling anxious, sad, angry and/or isolated. We may have worries about our health. In stressful situations, coping is actually more about how we react to what's happened - what we think, how we feel and what we do - than the particular difficulty. Elizabeth Cohn Stuntz will share strategies from her new book, Coping with Cancer: DBT Skills to Manage Your Emotions—and Balance Uncertainty with Hope. Stuntz's co-author, Zen master Marsha Linehan was named by Time Magazine as one of the geniuses and visionaries whose work has transformed our world. Linehan's DBT skills have proven effective in helping people in challenging situations manage emotions and live meaningfully.

Life Cycles

Congratulations

- To Andrea & Adam Russin on the birth of their son, Liam Finn Russin
- * To Priscilla & Allan Warshowsky on the birth of their granddaughter, Eden Julia Ruth Stark
- * To Deborah Hemel & Doug Stone on the birth of their son, Elijah Stone
- * To Noreen Linn & Nicholas Nesi & family on the marriage of their daughter Cara Nesi to Brett Stotz

Condolences

- * To Kevin McEvoy & family on the passing of Kevin's mother, Denise McEvoy
- * To Debby Yablow, Jessica Yablow & family on the passing of Debby's mother, & Jessica's grandmother, Blanche Herskovits
- * To Debra Hoch & family on the passing of Debra's father, Howard Greenfield
- * To Elaine Katz & family on the passing of Elaine's father, Gerald Kravet
- * To Margie Rosenblatt & family on the passing of Margie's father, Edwin Rosenblatt
- * To Mark Ackerman & family on the passing of Mark's mother, Helen Ackerman
- * To Andrew Scharf & family on the passing of Andrew's father, Irving Scharf
- * To Carmelo Jimenez & family on the passing of Carmelo's nephew, Kevin Jimenez Perez
- * To Barbara Wexler & family on the passing of Barbara's niece Juliana Sanchez Schafer

Generous Contributions

Donations to the Kol Ami Fund

- *In memory of her special friend, Abbe Goodman, and her parents, Warren and Gladys Weiss, from Stephanie Levine
- *In loving memory of Howard Greenfield, father of Deborah Hoch from Robert Cyruli
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- *In loving memory of Richard Lert, husband of Diane Morrow-Lert from Thelma Schuman and family
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- ∗In honor of Sydney Banker's Bat Mitzvah from Doreen & Bob Soffer

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- #In honor of Barbara Selbst's birthday from Anne Gussoff
- *In honor of Barbara Selbst's birthday from Peggy Marx

Generous Contributions

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- * In loving memory of Edward Elcott, father of David Elcott from Mary Ann & Jerry Nadler
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- * In honor of the births of Theodore, Zachary and Ruth Hershey, grandchildren of Janet & Mark Hershey from Ilene & Glenn Miller
- * In honor of the 25th anniversary of Pam Millian & Gary Orentlicher from Susan Lipsitz
- * In appreciation from Marc Weinstein & Linda Rodney

Food Pantry

- * In appreciation from Uriel Cohen
- * In appreciation from Barbara Shore
- * In loving memory of Edward Elcott (Eddie) father of David Elcott from Myra Oltsik
- * In loving memory of Michael & Sydney Glazer, son & granddaughter of Florence Glazer from Barbara Block

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In loving memory of Ruth Igoe from Sidonia Ditchik

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Generous Contributions

Rabbi Tom's Discretionary Fund

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- *In honor of Eliana's Bat Mitzvah from Jaime and Hal Lieber
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- *In memory of Lily Port from Lisa Lesavoy and Marco Paniccia
- *In memory of Robert Heller from Steven Heller
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- * In memory of Mattie Abler from Ruth Stein
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Cantor Danny's Discretionary Fund

- □ In honor of Bode's Bar Mitzvah from Erika and Michael Vuinovich
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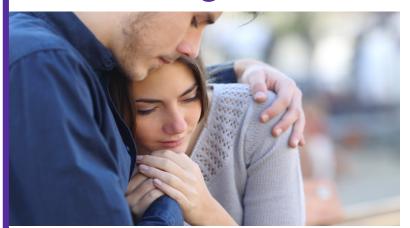
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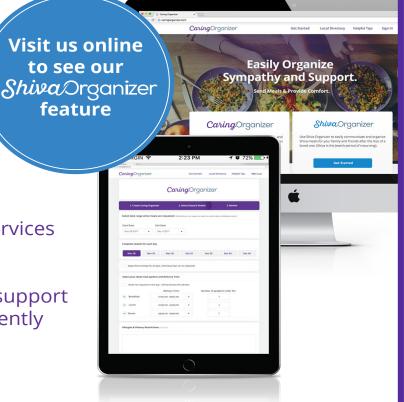




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