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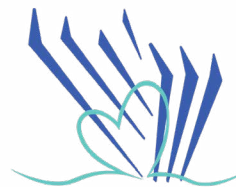
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In-Person. Virtual. Spiritual.
Kol Ami. Here for you in every way.

Dear Friends,

We hope you and your family are well and finding ways to be outside and enjoying the beautiful summer weather. We are joyfully anticipating the High Holy Days and look forward to being together as a community. We are reaching out today to provide you with Kol Ami's plans for the upcoming High Holy Days.

We are excited to provide opportunities for both in-person and virtual worship for you and your extended family during the upcoming High Holy Days creating a sense of shared time and purpose. This year's services will be filled with an abundance of joy, reflection and connection in the spirit of hope and renewal for which we, the Jewish people, are known. We take pride in our plans to offer engaging programs for people of all ages and interests.

In addition to being a sacred time for each of us individually, the High Holy Days have always been a sacred time for us collectively as a congregation. The High Holy Days mark the moments in time that bring our community together as one congregation elevating our lives, illuminating our spiritual practice, and strengthening our connections to one another. Together we have supported each other and our community in beautiful, unprecedented ways. May we continue to build on the strength and wisdom we have gained and come together in love, support, friendship and prayer.

Please review this information and [click here](#) to register now for the Kol Ami High Holy Day experience. Until then, don't hesitate to reach out to us if we can be of assistance.

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HIGH HOLY DAYS

CONGREGATION KOL AMI • 2022/5783

BEGINNING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022, WITH EREV ROSH HASHANAH

MEMBERSHIP

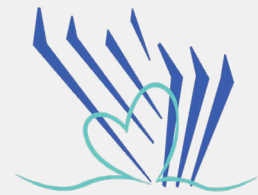
The strength of our Kol Ami community always has been because of you, our members. We welcome you - new and returning members - as we start this New Year. To become a member of Congregation Kol Ami for the 2022-23 year, a Membership Commitment Form (which was sent with your invoice in June) must be completed and at least one-half of 2022-23 dues and fees must be paid, including the Building Fund and Religious School fees, if applicable, as well as any other outstanding financial obligations.

- Membership includes High Holy Day Tickets for you and your children who have not yet reached the age of 26.
- Information for accessing online worship will be shared in the weeks preceding the High Holy Days
- Payment arrangements must be made prior to being able to reserve spots for in-person services.
- Confirmation of High Holy Day tickets will be emailed once you register and will need to be brought with you to services.

ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

We invite you to worship with our Rabbis, Cantor and Temple Leadership in person at Kol Ami. Registration is required and begins on Friday, August 5, at <https://nykolami.shulcloud.com/member>.

Your registration for in-person services may include members in your Family Membership and your guests.



ROSH HASHANAH

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sun. Sept. 25: 7:30-9:00pm

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Sun. Sept. 25: Immediately after services

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Service (Early)

Mon. Sept. 26: 9:00-11:30am

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Service (Late)

Mon. Sept. 26: 12:30-3:00pm

Family Service

Mon. Sept. 26: 3:30-4:15pm

Community Tashlich

Mon. Sept. 26: 5:15pm

Day 2 Service

Tues. Sept. 27: 10:00am-12:00pm

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre Service (Early)

Tues. Oct. 4: 6:00-8:00pm

Kol Nidre Service (Late)

Tues. Oct. 4: 9:00-11:00pm

Yom Kippur Day Service (Early)

Wed. Oct. 5: 9:00-11:30am

Yom Kippur Day Service (Late)

Wed. Oct. 5: 12:30-3:00pm

Family Service

Wed. Oct. 5: 3:30-4:15pm

Afternoon Discussion

Wed. Oct. 5: 3:15-4:30pm

Yizkor and Neilah Service

Wed. Oct. 5: 5:00-7:00pm

REGISTER FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES AT:

<https://nykolami.shulcloud.com/member>

**Beginning 10am
Friday, August 5**

YOUTH & FAMILY WORSHIP

The Jewish journey of every child is vitally important to us at Kol Ami. Our youth worship options create dynamic, meaningful and age appropriate holiday experiences for our children.

During both the Early and Late services on Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Yom Kippur Day, we welcome children in grades K-6 to worship in a service designed especially for them while their parents worship in the main service. Registration is required. Parents are encouraged to register their children for the Youth Service when they register themselves for the main service.

Teens in grades 7-12 are encouraged to worship with their parents.

Teens in grades 9-12 interested in assisting with youth services are encouraged to contact Zoe Shannon, our Director of Youth Engagement, at ZoeShannon@nykolami.org.

WORSHIP FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are excited to welcome families with young children to in-person services at 3:30pm on our front lawn on Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Yom Kippur Day. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and experience the beauty of the holiday surrounded by the beauty of nature. In the event of inclement weather, this service will be held in the Main Sanctuary.

ELUL SESSIONS

In Jewish tradition, the month of Elul is a time of repentance in preparation for the High Holy Days. At Kol Ami, it is our tradition to prepare for the High Holy Days with learning sessions. Please join as members of the White Plains Jewish community gather together to study and prepare for the High Holy Days. The study sessions will be held on Tuesdays, Sept. 13 and Sept. 20 at 7:30pm.

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. Please bring your favorite nut-free dessert to our congregational oneg which will immediately follow our Erev Rosh Hashanah service at 7:30pm. Weather permitting, our oneg will be outside.

VISIT WITH CLERGY & LEADERSHIP

On Friday, September 30th, after our Kabbalat Shabbat Worship Service, members are invited to join a special reception with our Rabbis, Cantor and Temple Leadership to exchange New Year greetings with us, and each other, and to receive a holiday challah with apples and honey; a gift from our Sisterhood.

GUEST TICKETS

We are pleased to welcome guests for the High Holy Days this year. Congregants who wish to purchase guest tickets for family members may do so at <https://nykolami.shulcloud.com/member>.

RECIPROCAL TICKETS

Reciprocal tickets are issued to family and friends who are members in good standing at other URJ affiliated synagogues. This year, anyone wishing to join us for in-person worship with a reciprocal ticket, must call the Temple Office. Reciprocal tickets are subject to seating availability.

HIGH HOLY DAY PRAYER BOOKS

Once again, we will be using the Reform Movement's High Holy Day prayer book, "Mishkan HaNefesh" for our worship services. Prayer books will be provided to those worshipping with us in person. For the past two years the Central Conference of American Rabbis ("CCAR") provided these books online at no charge. Unfortunately, they no longer do so. Congregants participating in our services virtually are encouraged to either purchase (for only \$9.99 each) the Kindle e-book editions of the prayer books which can be used on any device with the free kindle app or purchase print editions from CCAR. CCAR is offering a 15% discount to congregants interested in buying print editions of Mishkan HaNefesh. Please use the promo code MHN15 at checkout (expires Oct. 3, 2022).

[Click here](#) to purchase the Kindle e-book edition of Mishkan Hanefesh for Rosh Hashanah.

[Click here](#) to purchase the Kindle e-book edition of Mishkan Hanefesh for Yom Kippur.

[Click here](#) to purchase print editions of Mishkan Hanefesh for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

LIVE STREAMING

With our upgraded technology, we will be live streaming the following worship services so that all members of our congregation are able to participate: **Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Early Service, Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Service, Kol Nidre Early Service, Yom Kippur Day Early Service, and the Yizkor and Neilah Service.** Details will be provided in advance of services (including closed caption features).

YIZKOR AND NEILAH SERVICE

Our Yizkor/Memorial Service will continue to include the meaningful guided meditation we do each year, as well as other moments of reflection. This year, we are pleased to invite members of our community to join us in-person for prayer and to spend a moment with loved ones in our Ark.

YOM KIPPUR FOOD DRIVE

This year, more than ever before, our food drive is critical. So many families within our congregational community and throughout Westchester County continue to struggle with food insecurity. Grocery bags will be distributed on 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.

HELPFUL TO-DO LIST

- Fill Out and Return Membership Commitment Form (mailed to you in June)
- Register for In-Person Services (if desired), after August 5, once payments are made and confirmed
- Purchase Guest Tickets
- Submit names for Memorial Book and Yahrzeit Plaque (if desired)
- Register for Religious School (if applicable)
- Consider becoming a Kol Ami Benefactor
- Participate in the Yom Kippur Food Drive
- Look for emails in mid-September with Live Streaming information

MEMORIAL BOOK & Yahrzeit MEMORIAL PLAQUES

For many of us, the High Holy Days are a time of remembrance. It has been a long-standing custom at Kol Ami to honor the memory of loved ones in our Memorial Book and/or with a Yahrzeit (memorial) Plaque. **If you would like to include your loved ones in our Memorial Book, the deadline for submission is Friday, September 16th.**

KEVER AVOT

It is a long-standing tradition to visit the graves of our loved ones as part of our season of High Holy Days. Many find that having dedicated time to think of loved ones that they have lost can be intensely meaningful. We continue to encourage congregants to visit cemeteries independently. On our website you will find the Kaddish and additional readings for remembering loved ones.

If you are not able to fulfill the mitzvah of visiting a cemetery in person, you may visit the website: <https://nykolami.org/kol-ami-virtual-cemetery/> for a virtual visit with a loved one.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

We ask that anyone who visits our facilities adhere strictly, and with intention, to our COVID-19 protocols. The guidelines for visiting our campus will continue to evolve as laws, best practices, and the level of community spread dictate. Currently, we anticipate that masks will be optional. We will update you with the current protocols as we get closer to the High Holy Days.

Emergency medical support will be available in our Gallery again this year during the High Holy Day services. Congregants who are medical professionals will be “on call” to provide immediate, on-site support if needed.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

We continue to enjoy a strong partnership with the White Plains Police Department. Once again, we will be working with them to implement our plan for security for all High Holy Day services. The Temple facility is carefully inspected before the building is opened to the congregation, and the White Plains Police will be on site to observe our buildings and grounds and monitor the various spaces where we gather and worship.

Over the past year, we – the Kol Ami community – have come together like never before, literally and figuratively. We created new pathways for connection, uncovered meaning in unexpected places, and ignited our collective power to shed light in challenging times. As we worshipped, learned, celebrated, grieved, and engaged, we did so with an elevated commitment to caring for one another, and ourselves.

As we embark on our 100th year, we all look forward to connecting with you for these days of reflection, contemplation, and renewal. Shana tova umetukah – With much gratitude, may the challenges and joys of the New Year bring you closer to all that matters most in your life.

If you know of anyone who is not a member and is interested in participating in our High Holy Day services, please ask them to contact Alison Adler (914-949-4717, ext. 115) for information regarding membership.

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