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Join us on December 18 for our Family Hanukkah Celebration



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## Our Story

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 seven and a half acres of land were purchased at Soundview Avenue.

In May 1995 the Jewish Community Center of White Plains changed its name to Congregation Kol Ami, meaning "The Voice of My People". From the start, and continuing today, our purpose has been to nurture the divine spark within, and to connect each of us to a meaningful Jewish journey.

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

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

Here, we cultivate relationships with family, friends, staff, and clergy.

Here, we are rooted in our synagogue, in our community, in our country and in Israel.

Here, we celebrate Jewish traditions and culture, nourish our souls through music and arts, and explore relationships with God.

Here, we evolve and challenge ourselves.

Here, we worship, we learn, we celebrate, we engage.

Here, we practice Tikkun Olam.

"Kol Ami" means "the voice of my people".

Here, hear your voice.



# A Perfect World

## Rabbi Tom Weiner



Every year with my 10th graders, as we imagine the possibility of an afterlife, I ask them to describe their thoughts on what would make a perfect "World to Come". They create thoughtful and beautiful scenarios. If I were to ask myself that question, "what would my version of a perfect world be?", my answer would be a place where I am surrounded by a warm community, good friends and family. There would be delicious food, great music and – most of all – lots and lots of smiles and laughter.

Well, thank you Kol Ami for creating a Gala to mark my retirement with my "perfect world"! I am so grateful for that beautiful evening created by Gerri Sommers and Lori Abrams. Though happily in a daze that night, I know it could not have happened without Jess, Alison and their whole staff doing their magic; Jean Rouda's work on the magnificent memory book filled with love and sweet thoughts; Cantor Danny and

Rabbi Shira and the staff delivering amazingly clever songs; the sweet joy and humor of Darian Lusk; Sam Weiner's fun and sweet words; and certainly Nick Kroll's brilliant humor. Thank you!

Love and gratitude to you all for one of the most enjoyable evenings of my life,

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# Journeys

## Rabbi Shira Milgrom



Proust famously said, "The real voyage of discovery consists, not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes." For many of us at Kol Ami, the last months have been filled with journeys

of both kinds – new landscapes and new eyes. Each year, the celebrations of the new year, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, draw us into a journey of self-reflection. This journey is fueled by the spiritual power of our community, the depth of our religious traditions and the emotions of our own lives. When this journey "works", we feel we have come closer to what matters most in our lives and renewed our commitment to live in greater alignment with those values.

No sooner did the fall holidays close out with Sukkot and Simchat Torah than thirty-nine were off to the Middle East meeting up in Cairo, Egypt – fulfilling for everyone a dream of a lifetime. I have been to Luxor and its ancient temples three times, the last time only six months before our Kol Ami trip. But when I stepped into the temple of Karnak, it was like I had never been there before. There is no way to describe or "remember" the magnificence, the magnitude, the art, the brilliance, the colors – all of which have survived thousands of years.

And there were also journeys of new eyes. Sitting together on the banks of the Nile, we circled our arms and brought in the light of the setting sun as we welcomed in Shabbat. We talked together about the Egyptian preoccupation with death and the afterlife, and our own views of life after death and the many Jewish views about what happens after we die. Yes – new eyes – and most important, new and lasting friendships.

On our last day in Egypt, one of our guides (after having caught up on the day's news),

came over to me and said, "I am so sorry about what is happening to the Jews in America." He had read about Kanye West and the subsequent overt displays of antisemitism in Los Angeles and other cities. What irony! And with that, we headed home – to face the challenges of bigotry in our own country.

Kol Ami has been privileged to travel several times to the Civil Rights South – and this month provided yet another life-challenging journey to in Alabama. Though our journey was in Montgomery, Selma and Birmingham, we left the South having begun a different journey – the journey of new eyes. It isn't possible to see anything the same way again – not ourselves, not our country, not our studies or careers, not our world. We were blessed with an intergenerational community – and the embrace of community cushioned our experience with empathy – and plenty of laughter and good times.

We are also journeying – I pray – out of the fear and isolation which have gripped us the good part of these last three years. We still hesitate before embracing others; I still don't offer to provide some relief to parents dealing with an unhappy baby across an airplane aisle (I used to be known as a baby whisperer) – but we are crawling out of our fear. This will bring us to a renewal of journeys – both of new landscapes and of new eyes.

And of course, Kol Ami is embarking on a new journey of the next phase of rabbinic leadership, growth and exploration. Like all great journeys, I trust it will bless us with new ways to see ourselves and our community.

By the time you receive this, it will already be December and our thoughts will be turning to Hanukkah and the season of miracles. Loving is life's greatest adventure – and life itself its greatest blessing. I hope that Hanukkah – and the new year of 2023 – bring all these to you in abundance.

With love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shira". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.





Kol Ami congregants visited Alabama in November 2022.

## CIVIL RIGHTS JOURNEY 2023

Join Kol Ami as we delve further into the deep South; this time with a stop in Tuskegee in addition to Selma, Birmingham and Montgomery. As these photos illustrate, you can look forward to being fully immersed in the sites' Civil Rights history and exposed to life-changing narratives from leaders and activists.

Trip Highlights will include:

- The EJI Museum and Memorial created by Bryan Stevenson and the Equal Justice Initiative
- Friday night services with the Jewish community of Montgomery
- Havdalah in Selma after walking the Edmund Pettus Bridge
- Sunday morning services at the 16th Street Baptist Church
- A tour of the Rosa Parks Museum
- The Shilo School, the Airmen National Museum and Tuskegee University
- Stories, stories, and more stories from fascinating storytellers!

**Don't miss out on this thought-provoking and life-changing journey with Rabbi Shira.**

**Travel dates are March 24 – 27, 2023.**

**To complete an expression of interest form, [click here](#)**

**For more information, contact Rabbi Shira at [shiramilgrom@nykolami.org](mailto:shiramilgrom@nykolami.org)**

# The Beauty of Chazzanut

## Cantor Daniel Mendelson



Some kids go to Disney world for family vacation. Some go to the beach. I went to Cantor's Conventions. I'm not complaining... that much. Some of my fondest memories can be traced back to the Concord

Resort Hotel in the Catskills where an avalanche of cantors would swarm the halls singing, hugging and sharing together. A few weeks ago, I attended the 75th annual Cantors Assembly of America Convention in Los Angeles, California. It had been a few years since we were able to gather together, and I've only just begun attending as an actual cantor myself, rather than as Jackie and Fredda's boy running around causing trouble. Ideally, at-least once a year, we come together to sing, pray, eat, learn, and eat some more for a couple of days. Innovators in the field of Jewish music and song-leading host workshops, as do scholars of all-things synagogue life.

I was there to learn and to connect with friends... I was also there to sing. My father and I were tasked with sharing a golden-age-era piece of Eastern European cantorial music at an evening concert. This was a concert full of contemporary Jewish music with a heavy dose of Jewish bluegrass. As we've discussed before, Chazzanut - our Jewish musical heritage, has taken a back seat in our worship over many decades. In the old days, an entire 3 hour concert would be wall-to-wall Chazzanut. Now, just one cantorial piece in a cantorial concert is becoming kinda rare. Dad and I were changing course for a moment and doing *the old stuff*...

I won't lie to you, friends. We stole the evening. "Habeit Mishomayim Ur'ei" - *Gaze down from Heaven and see that we have become the object of derision among the nations...Nevertheless, we have not forgotten your name...Please do not forget ours.* Heavy stuff in the middle of a bluegrass cantors jam, eh? Heavy indeed, but this arrangement by my father's mentor, Hazzan Moshe Ganchoff z"l, transcends the harsh reality of the text in exchange for a deeply warm, soulful, even jazzy musical energy. Please take a moment to enjoy this footage of our *Habeit*, captured from the front row.



[Click photo to view video](#)

Chazzanut, in its purest form, is raw power and emotion pouring out. It was a high honor and blessing to share this moment with my dad. Truthfully, I've mostly offered mere tastes of this sound during our services. Keep an ear out for a little bit more in the future...I've said it before, and I mean it...Too much of anything is too much. Chazzanut is no longer the host of our Jewish musical experience, and it no longer needs to be. But it's still here, and there's no other sound on the planet quite like it. Chazzanut is our music. Let us cherish and connect through it together.

# Rabbinic Search Update

## Hank Rouda, Co-President



The author, Adam Grant, remarks that “(p)eople who anticipate change as an opportunity for the future initiate new ideas and lead.” There is no question that change itself is hard – hard to contemplate and hard to face.

Yet, without change, we cannot truly grow and face the world as it is. When we speak with the candidates for our Senior Rabbi position, one of the attributes that they find so compelling about Kol Ami is our openness to transformation and creativity, which are fundamental to who we are. Our worship style, musical choices, school models and more are fundamentally different from those that were “the way that we do it” just a few short years ago.

There is no question that the act of changing, especially when it relates to something so fundamental and personal as the retirement of our beloved rabbis, is wrenching and brings to the surface many feelings and questions. It’s how we deal with the process of changing that will enable us to successfully celebrate what Rabbi Shira and Rabbi Tom mean to us, while warmly welcoming our new spiritual leaders and growing, learning, mourning and celebrating with them.

We started our search process by listening – listening to the Reform Movement experts in transition, and, more importantly, listening to you with our *Listen & Learn* sessions. Based on this feedback, we were able to create a placement application that attracted many of the most inspiring, creative and interesting rabbis from across the country.

The Senior Rabbi Search Committee (Co-chairs Susan Kohn Arovas and Scott Musoff, Jill Abraham, Lori Abrams, Sarah Akst, Elana Araj,

Carrie Barotz, Ellen Bittner, Lisa Borowitz, Jason Eisenberg, Helene Ginsburg, Bob Ziff and me) reviewed the resumes, personal statements, writings, streaming services and more for each candidate. Based on that “deep dive”, we spent time with our top candidates on Zoom. We then met with a slightly narrowed group of candidates for a second, much longer, Zoom call. And now, we have invited our top candidates to Kol Ami for in person meetings. These meetings will include a mock service and teaching opportunity, conversations with senior staff and clergy team, time in both schools, and a final interview with the Search Committee. Our plan from the beginning has been to announce our new Senior Rabbi before the end of this calendar year and we remain hopeful that we will meet this goal.

While we have been actively engaged in the Senior Rabbi Search, our Assistant/Associate Rabbi Search Committee led by Co-chairs Jen Josephs and Board Secretary Liz Mayeri with Co-President Judy Sarch have been starting their search process. We will have more to say about the search for our second rabbi in the months ahead.

While the search process will end with the election of our new rabbis as the Annual Meeting in May, the transition process will continue throughout the next year. We will continue to celebrate Rabbi Tom and Rabbi Shira, not just at the big events but with other opportunities between now and the end of June. And we will have many chances to welcome our new rabbis as they transition into their new roles. If you want to get involved in any of these activities, please reach out to Lisa Borowitz, our *Chai* Task Force Chair.

Change may be daunting, but Kol Ami has proven time and again that we embrace the possibility to embrace new ideas and to lead our community forward.

L’shalom,

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# Journeys to the Past

## A Call to Action for Today and Tomorrow

Jess Lorden, Executive Director

In the past 30 days I had the privilege of traveling with Rabbi Shira and Kol Ami congregants to Egypt and Alabama. It was staggering to experience such diverse journeys to the past which nonetheless are so fundamentally connected.

As we travelled in our bus parallel to the Nile River, I could not help but ponder the story we retell each year at the Passover Seder tables about our Exodus from Egypt; from slavery to the promise of freedom. The lands adjacent to the Nile are fertile, lush and green. But, when you look away from the Nile, the land is barren; sand as far as the eye can see. The oppression, hardship and humiliation endured by the Israelites must have been great and the desperation extreme to leave green pastures and travel towards a desert. Interestingly, the Passover story is not read as a one-time event, but as an eternal promise. It is a frame of reference for future struggles including those faced by Jews and others who fled Europe during the Holocaust and those who fought against slavery and racism in our own country.

In retelling our Exodus story each year, we transmit, from generation to generation, hope – the belief that each day is different and that tomorrow can be a better day. Hope, which can itself be seen as an act of spiritual resistance, is a basic tent of Judaism. Similarly, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous words "I have a dream" are an expression of hope.

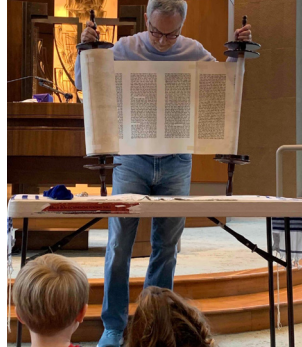
Our Exodus story is fundamental to the Jewish commitment to the work of building a just society. In reflecting upon our civil rights trip to Alabama, I considered what we can do to build a society in which every person is respected and afforded basis civil rights at a time when our country is broken and continues to refuse to contend honestly with our own past sins such as slavery and the continued denial of fundamental rights and equal justice. On the side of a building in Montgomery, Alabama we found the following words attributed to Maya Angelou "History despite its wrenching pain, cannot be un-lived but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." These words resonated with me and my fellow travelers.

Advocates and activists are dedicated to creating positive change in the world. An advocate is someone who works on behalf of an individual or organization, whereas an activist works to spur broader social or political change. As I consider both of these life-changing trips, I realize that I must move from advocacy to activism. I need to challenge myself to not only to stand, but also to speak. I hope I will have the courage to speak up against injustice and stand up to make our world a better place. I hope you will join me.

In light, love, hope and courage,

Jess





## Early Childhood Program Highlights

### What's been happening in the ECP...

We've had a fantastic few months here in the ECP. We kicked off the school year with a visit from the bubble bus. The children danced around and enjoyed being reunited with their friends after a long summer. We welcomed the holidays with Rabbi Tom blowing Shofar for the entire ECP community and Cantor Danny leading us in Rosh Hashana songs.

We decorated the mini Sukkah in the garden, and Rabbi Shira showed us what a lulav and etrog are.

We welcomed all the parents for our back-to-school night where parents spent time in the classrooms hearing all about the exciting things their children do.

The rain did not stop us from gathering together for Smores In The Sukkah spearheaded by our ECP Young Family Ambassador, Joele Levenson. The whole school voted on Election Day, we held a hybrid in person/online book fair, and celebrated Thanksgiving together. Pam Pass has been visiting the ECP classrooms teaching the children the Sh'ma and using hand movements to make it even more exciting.

We've been enjoying all our specials – Israeli Dance, Seven Species, Torah Alive, Sports, Music and Teva and we are thrilled to have after school programming back at the ECP.

We are looking forward to a busy and wonderful winter ahead!



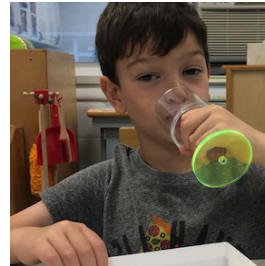
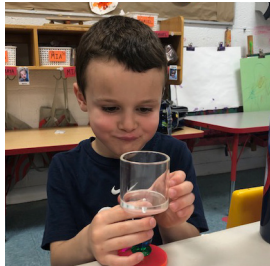


# Religious School Highlights

Special moments from our Kindergarten, Grade 2 and Grade 3

## Kindergarten

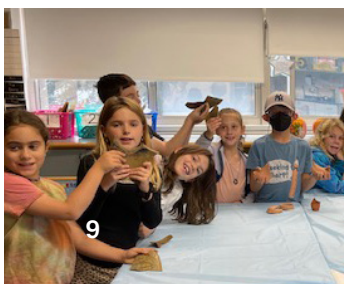
worked with Morah Charlene to create and build their beautiful Kiddush cups. Each student was excited to use theirs at home!



**Grade 2** spent the morning with parents and children exploring the meaning and family connection of their Hebrew names in the "What's in a Name?" workshop. Morah Andrea, Morah Candice, and their madrichim set the template for beautiful results.



With Morah Jolanta, **Grade 3** dug up shards of artifacts at the Kol Ami Religious School Tel. Continuing on their archaeological exploration, the students carefully dusted off the shards and put them together to guess what kind of use they had in ancient times. Of course, the truck ride to the Tel is always a favorite (thanks, Paul)!





# Kol Ami TOT SHABBAT

SATURDAYS

January 21 ▪ February 11 ▪ March 11

April 22 ▪ May 13 ▪ June 10

## Young Family Events are about making friends and having fun!



Tot Shabbat meets monthly on Saturday mornings at 9am. The warm, music-filled services are led by Rabbi Shira and are followed by a nosh, crafts and play. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Shabbat with friends and meet new people in the community. Each month features a different mitzvah: decorating the bags filled with food and delivered by the food pantry and creating beautiful labels for Sisterhood's homemade soup jars are just a few. Save the dates listed above and bring a friend - all are welcome!

Additional highlights from this past fall included our High Holy Day Family Services, Sukkot Family Festival and Challaween! We can't wait for our family Hanukkah celebration on Sunday, December 18 and are looking forward to Purim festivities in March.

Be sure to follow [kolamifamilies](#) on Instagram to be in the know about all the exciting opportunities to connect with young families at Kol Ami!

Warmly,

*Joele Levenson, Young Family Program Ambassador*



# Belaying the Youth

## Zöe Shannon, Director of Youth Engagement



During this year's confirmation retreat, I had the opportunity to belay the tenth graders during their high ropes courses. The job of a belayer is to ensure that there is always enough tension on the rope to prevent the climber from falling

far or at all. Too much slack on the rope increases the distance of the climber's fall; too little slack is painful and wedgie-inducing to both parties. It is up to each climber to ascend the challenge by themselves, the belayer's support is there merely to enhance the climber's capabilities. While a bit too on the nose, the metaphor I'm attempting to draw is how my position as the 'belayer' extends throughout my role at Kol Ami. Our students are bright and curious and it is an immense privilege to support them in their achievements and community engagement.

Some of the impressive feats of our students so far this school year are quantifiable:

During Yom Kippur our K-6 graders organized the 3,724 pounds of food that was donated by our congregation to Feeding Westchester.

As part of our Better Together Intergenerational Programming, Monthly Mitzvah mod podged candles and our ECP students decorated

suncatchers to pack and hand out throughout the High Holidays in our Sisterhood-sponsored gift bags.

26 students and parents attended Student Sort Days at Afya Foundation in Yonkers to help distribute medical supplies for communities in need. This group then met with the director of Greyston Bakery to learn about Open Hiring before sharing dinner at Guapo Restaurant in Yonkers.

13 high schoolers serve as Va'ad board members to organize youth group events, including our weekly Kehila and monthly Youth Group programming.

Other achievements, however impressive in their nature, don't necessarily fit on a resume. The students who offer their hand to clean up after activities; the ones who have supported new students in their class and have made sure each of their peers feels included; new students joining programming; those who challenge themselves to climb rock walls, and those who decide they are more comfortable cheering on the sidelines. All of these acts of Anavah, humility or navigating one's space thoughtfully, are traits that I have witnessed in our Kol Ami youth. As we head into Thanksgiving (or pass it, depending when this is published), I am deeply appreciative of all the ways in which Kol Ami families prioritize Anavah at home, school, and in our community - it shows!





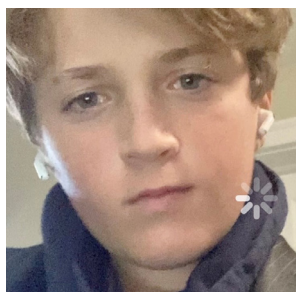
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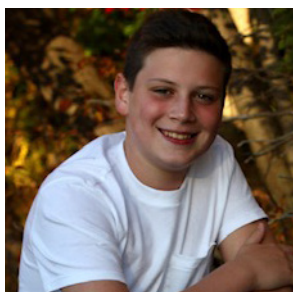


# B'nai Mitzvah

With love and tremendous pride, we look forward to having these B'nai Mitzvah students lead us in worship, carry our sacred scroll through the congregation, and chant from the Torah. We rejoice with them and their families as they share their intellectual gifts by teaching us from the weekly Torah portion and deliver their "D'var Torah."



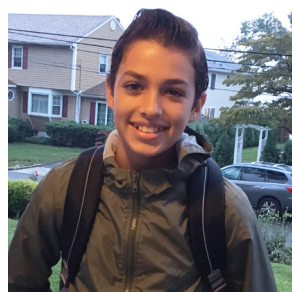
**Max Smith**, son of Troy and Susan Smith, and brother to Caleb, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on January 14, 2023. He is in 7th grade at Edgemont Jr/Sr High School in Scarsdale, New York. Max plays football on the Edgemont modified team and is a proud member of the Elmsford Bulldogs 13U baseball Team. He loves spending his summers at Camp Mah Kee Nac in Lenox, MA. He also enjoys watching football and baseball and spending time with his cousins and his pets (2 cats and 1 dog). For his mitzvah project, Max is working to assist and raise money for animals in shelters within the Westchester area. He is excited to share his special day with friends and family.



**Asher Rosenzweig**, eldest son of Stefanie and Kevin Rosenzweig, will be called to the Bima for his Bar Mitzvah on January 21, 2023 (his 13th birthday). Asher is looking forward to sharing his Bar Mitzvah with Andrew Schmidt, a long time friend from temple and from our days living in Rye Brook.

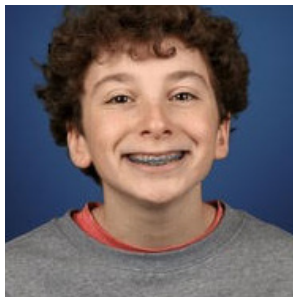
Asher attends H.C. Crittendon Middle School in Armonk. He is a conscientious student, always working hard to do his best in every subject, including Hebrew. Asher plays the trumpet in band, plays travel soccer, travel baseball and flag football.

Asher has developed strong interpersonal characteristics, in part due to the character building model at Camp Winadu, where he has enthusiastically attended since 2019. At camp he has made close friendships, been challenged in sports and general life skills. He is a thoughtful, kind, smart, and sometimes goofy kid who loves his 7 year-old brother, Ezra, and our dog River.



**Andrew Schmidt**, son of Rebecca and Bryan Schmidt, brother to Tyler, nephew to Emily and Ariel, and grandson to Maggy and David Weber, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on January 21, 2023. Andrew loves spending his summers at URJ Eisner as a second generation camper from his family and keeping in touch with his close camp friends throughout the year. He enjoys football, skiing, basketball, bike riding, spending time with friends and family, and playing video games. Leading up to his bar mitzvah this year Andrew has participated in the Kol Ami Food Pantry project. He is excited to have a torah portion that highlights parts of the Passover story as this has always been a big family holiday with traditions dating back to Andrew's great-great grandparents. He is excited to share his special day with everyone in the new year.

# B'nai Mitzvah



**Miles Levenson**, son of Joele and Andrew Levenson, and brother to Talia and Sasha, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on December 17th, 2022. Miles is in 7th grade at

Scarsdale Middle School and enjoys playing club soccer for White Plains. He also loves camp and just finished his fourth summer at Raquette Lake Boys Camp. For his mitzvah project, Miles is collecting new and gently used children and adult books for BookSmiles. His goal is to deliver 2000 books in January to be sorted and redistributed to underserved families. Miles is excited to share his special day with family and friends and celebrate the milestone by traveling to Kenya on safari with his immediate family over the holiday break.



**Rebecca Peebles**, daughter of Alison Hoffman and Robert Peebles and sister to Ethan, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on February 11, 2023. She is in 7th grade at Highlands

Middle School in White Plains. Becca loves yoga, baking, traveling, art, spending time with her family, friends and pets. For her mitzvah project, Becca raised money for an animal shelter by creating a dog treat recipe and baking and then selling many of these to family and friends. She is excited to share her special day with friends and family. .

## KOL AMI AWARDED NATIONAL GRANT

Congregation Kol Ami has been selected to participate in the Better Together Program. Better Together is a three-year program funded by a national grant designed to encourage meaningful interaction between young and old. Our students under the direction of our Director of Youth Engagement, Zoe Shannon, and student coordinators, Elliot Eisenberg and Brooke Goldstein, will be participating in the program throughout the coming years. Kol Ami is grateful for being chosen to participate in the Better Together Program and looks forward to sharing with our community how this program positively influences our students. By offering intergenerational programming and educational resources, Better Together will hopefully enable our community to engage and connect across generations. If you or someone you know would be interested in participating in this program please contact Zoe Shannon by email at [zoeshannon@nykolami.org](mailto:zoeshannon@nykolami.org) or phone at 914-949-4717x111.



## WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### 6:15pm Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service:

Our weekly Kabbalat Shabbat service takes place in our Main Sanctuary with Rabbis Shira Milgrom and Tom Weiner, and Cantor Danny Mendelson. Kabbalat Shabbat services are also streamed weekly on our website, FaceBook, and Youtube pages.

### 9:30am 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 or via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87953883896?pwd=UmlHUzljSTJSTFdvUzR2QXBKcEpPQT09>  
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## Weekly Torah Portions

### DECEMBER 2022

Week ending December 3, 2022

*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 December 10, 2022

*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 December 17, 2022

*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.

Week ending December 24, 2022

*Parashat Mikeitz*

**Genesis 41:1-44:17**

This week's *parashah* continues the story of Joseph at the end (mikeitz) of his prison term. Joseph, who has been Pharaoh's prisoner for two years, is released from jail in order to interpret Pharaoh's perplexing dreams. Joseph is placed in charge of food collection and distribution after his interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams reveals that seven years of prosperity will be followed by seven years of famine.

Week ending December 31, 2022

*Parashat Vayigash*

**Genesis 44:18-47:27**

Joseph's brothers are in Egypt to get food to bring back to famine-ridden Canaan. This *parashah* begins with the brothers unknowingly standing before their brother Joseph, who has become the vizier of Egypt, and Judah asking to be imprisoned in place of his youngest brother Benjamin (whom Joseph framed). Judah, who once convinced his brothers to sell Joseph into slavery rather than kill him, argues for Benjamin (Rachel's only other child) because he fears that any harm to Benjamin would break his father's heart.



# Weekly Torah Portions

## JANUARY 2023

**Week ending January 7, 2023**

***Parashat Va-y'chi***

**Genesis 47:28–50:26**

This final parashah in the book of B'reishit brings the first book of the Torah full circle. The family stories of patriarchs and matriarchs culminate in the blessings of Jacob to his sons and grandsons. The centerpiece of this portion is a sequence of twelve blessings, delivered by Jacob to each of his sons. Jacob brings his entire family together to hear his words.

**Week ending January 14, 2023**

***Parashat Sh'mot***

**Exodus 1:1–6:1**

This week's parashah begins the book of Exodus. In Hebrew, the name of the book and its first parashah is Sh'mot, meaning "names," referring to the names of the Israelites who come to Egypt with Jacob. A new Pharaoh who does not have direct experience with Joseph and his role in Pharaoh's court has taken control of Egypt. The Israelites are enslaved. Moses is born and in turn "gives birth" to the people of Israel.

**Week ending January 21, 2023**

***Parashat Va-eira***

**Exodus 6:2–9:35**

In Va-eira, this week's parashah, God speaks to Moses, confirming the covenant that God made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The pleas of the enslaved Israelites have been heard by the Eternal, and God instructs Moses to promise the Israelites redemption. God also commands Moses to speak to Pharaoh and demand that he liberates the people of Israel. Pharaoh refuses to release the slaves, and God causes plagues on the Egyptians in order to change Pharaoh's mind.

**Week ending January 28, 2023**

***Parashat Bo***

**Exodus 10:1–13:16**

This parashah begins with a reiteration of God's challenge to Pharaoh to change his behavior, while at the same time making it more difficult for him to do so. The parashah concludes with the freeing of the Israelites from bondage. God tells Moses and Aaron that the people must remember how God freed them from bondage.

## FEBRUARY 2023

**Week ending February 4, 2023**

***Parashat B'shalach***

**Exodus 13:17–17:16**

Pharaoh finally releases the Israelites from Egypt, only to change his mind again and chase after them with a force of 600 chariots. God parts the waters at the Sea of Reeds, and the Israelites are freed from slavery once and for all. The Egyptians who are pursuing them are drowned as the Sea of Reeds closes again. The liberated Israelite slaves celebrate once they are safe on the other side, and are led by Moses' sister Miriam in singing and dancing Mi Chamocha.

**Week ending February 11, 2023**

***Parashat Yitro***

**Exodus 18:1–20:23**

Yitro, also known as Jethro, is Moses' father-in-law. He observes the toll that Moses' leadership of the Hebrews is taking and advises Moses to delegate some of the responsibility and authority. In this parashah, the people find themselves at the base of Mount Sinai after several weeks of wandering. This is the site where God presents Moses with the Ten Commandments.

**Week ending February 18, 2023**

***Parashat Mishpatim***

**Exodus 21:1–24:18**

The word mishpatim means "case laws." This week's parashah continues the presentation of Divine legislation (the Torah) and includes many decrees - comprising civil, criminal, and cultic regulations. The parashah ends with a covenant ceremony on Mount Sinai.

**Week ending February 25, 2023**

***Parashat T'rumah***

**Exodus 25:1–27:19**

Parashat T'rumah describes the construction of the Tabernacle. God gives meticulously detailed instructions regarding the elements and design of the Tabernacle, particularly the Holy Ark. Each individual is asked to contribute towards its building materials and furnishings as he or she is motivated.

# CALENDAR

## DECEMBER

### **Dec 9, Synaplex Shabbat: Who Knows One?**

**6:15PM, Kabbalat Shabbat service, 7:15PM Dinner, 8:00PM Who Knows One? with Creator Micah Hart**

Who Knows One? is a hilarious game show that has become a cultural hit in Jewish communities over the course of the pandemic, reuniting old friends and creating new ones with an innovative game that combines Six Degrees of Separation and Jewish Geography. Creator, Micah Hart, is now bringing the experience to Kol Ami with a live, interactive show! Come see how we're all connected to each other, share a few laughs along the way – and maybe even be part of the show yourself! To RSVP, go to: <https://nykolami.shulcloud.com/event/synaplex-dinner-and-program1.html>

### **Dec 11, Kol Ami Blood Drive 8:30AM – 2:30PM**

Give the gift of life at our semi-annual blood drive. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old or 16 with written parental consent and weigh 110 pounds. No appointment needed. Masks required.

### **Dec 12, Community Security Briefing with CSI Security Manager, Bill Hayes, 7:30PM**

Join us for this important safety and security training in our Main Sanctuary. CSI Security Manager, Bill Hayes, will lead a discussion on Preparing For and Responding to Active Threats.

### **Dec 18, Family Hanukkah Celebration**

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon as we celebrate the start of Hanukkah together. Featuring live music, food trucks, latkes, crafts, chocolate gelt, donut decorating, an interactive puppet show and more! Open to the community. To RSVP, go to: <https://nykolami.shulcloud.com/event/hanukkah-celebration.html>

### **Dec 21, Adult Hanukkah Party, 7:00PM**

Enjoy a light dinner, latkes, dessert and participate in a grab bag gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 or less and a menorah to light candles together and in good company. Hosted by congregant, Ruth Goldberg, in her home. To RSVP, go to: <https://nykolami.shulcloud.com/event/adult-hanukkah-party.html>

### **Dec 23, Kabbalat Shabbat and Community Candle Lighting, 6:15PM**

Join us for a spiritually uplifting and musical Shabbat to commemorate the last night of Hanukkah. Bring your menorahs and add to the array of light of our community as we light the last candle together.

## JANUARY

### **Jan 12, Comedy Night Featuring Alison Lieby 7:30PM**

Comedienne Alison Lieby brings her new show, *Oh God, A Show About Abortion*, to Kol Ami. The show is "an understated, humane and deeply funny examination of the experience of having an unwanted pregnancy and abortion." Alison Lieby is masterful at "using observational comedy to reframe a political question at a critical moment for reproductive rights and proves that light comedy can be as pointed and meaningful as that which advertises its own weightiness." Join us for a fun evening of laughter and entertainment, with all proceeds benefitting Choice Matters.

### **Jan 20, Synaplex Shabbat 6:15PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services; 7:15PM Dinner; 8:00PM Synaplex Program**

Save the date for our January Synaplex Shabbat. Program details and registration link to follow.

### **Jan 21, Tot Shabbat 9:00AM**

Get ready to sing, dance and celebrate Shabbat! Join Rabbi Shira for a lively, interactive Shabbat service geared to our youngest members. Challah, juice and snacks will follow. Stay for Shabbat themed crafts, games and playtime led by our Young Family Ambassador, Joele Levenson, ECP Teva Art Specialist, Candice Moscoe-Polner and Religious School Teacher, Debra Zitrin.



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## **Jan 26, We Are Here Concert at Carnegie Hall 7:30PM**

To commemorate International Remembrance Day, this concert features songs written in the ghettos and camps of Nazi-occupied Europe performed by top cantors alongside pop and Broadway talent. From heart-wrenching folk ballads to up-tempo satire, these songs present a powerful tribute to artists who, in the worst of times, continued to create and make a better world for us all. Among the vocalists will be our very own, Cantor Danny Mendelson. To purchase tickets, go to: <https://www.carnegiehall.org/Calendar/2023/01/26/We-Are-Here-Songs-from-the-Holocaust-0730PM>

## **Jan 27, Kabbalat Shabbat Service in Honor of Rabbis Shira and Tom, 6:15PM**

Join us for a musically enriching and spiritually uplifting Shabbat in honor of Rabbis Shira and Tom. This will be the first of many celebrations we will have to recognize the lasting impact they have had on our community and the legacies they will leave behind. Help us to fill our sanctuary this evening with love and gratitude.

## **FEBRUARY**

### **Feb 3, Synaplex Shabbat 6:15PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services; 7:15PM Dinner; 8:00PM Synaplex Program**

Save the date for our February Synaplex Shabbat. Program details and registration link to follow.

## **Feb 11, Tot Shabbat, 9:00AM**

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## **Feb 12, Kol Arts Chamber Music Concert, 1:00PM**

Join us for a lively chamber music concert in our Main Sanctuary, featuring the talents of the Kol Arts faculty and students. Details to follow.



## **Join Us For A Kabbalat Shabbat in Honor of Rabbis Shira and Tom Friday, January 27 at 6:15PM in the Main Sanctuary**

Help us fill the sanctuary with love and gratitude for the gifts they have imparted and the rich legacies they leave behind.

# LIFE CYCLES\*

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Riva Edelman on the marriage of her grandson, Ethan Kyzivat, to Catherine Jameson

To Lainie Julien on the engagement of her daughter, Jen Gordon, to Jay

To Jules & Dorothy Klausner on the birth of their granddaughter, Zoe Fay Lubin

To Jill & Zef Abraham on the birth of their grandson, Aidan Samuel Navon

To Barbara & Stan Selbst on the birth of their great-grandson, Aidan Samuel Navon

To Stephanie Levine on the birth of her grandson, Ari Weiss Levine

To Deb & Ron Linder on the birth of their grandson, Aaron Cody Linder

To Kathy Pike on the birth of her grandson, Caleb Sacha Forster

To Denise & Masaki Tahara on the birth of their grandson, Milo Lee Lyden-Tahara

To Ilene and Glenn Miller on the engagement of their son, Jason Miller, to Trisha Pabby

To Barbara Schwarz on the birth of her granddaughter, Isadora Paulina Bera Schwarz

To Evelyn & David Klein on the birth of their grandson, Max Elliott Sherman

To our ECP family, Rachel & Ilan Hoffman on the birth of their son, Jack Leor Hoffman

To our ECP family, Brittany & Jordan Lender, on the birth of their daughter, Londyn May Lender

## CONDOLENCES

To Diane Morrow-Lert on the passing of her sister-in-law, Florence Markowitz

To Ronnie Cohn & Genna Farley Fleming on the passing of Ronnie's stepmother and Genna's grandmother, Leni Blumenfeld

To Stan Selbst on the passing of his brother, Melvin A. Selbst

To Cantor Amanda Kleinman, wife of Cantor Danny Mendelson, on the passing of Amanda's grandfather, Harold Kleinman

To Margie Lewis on the passing of her brother-in-law, Dick Weissman

To Suzanne Kirsch on the passing of her father, Dr. S. Kenneth Jacobson

To David Lorden on the passing of his mother, Eleanor "Ellie" Ann Lorden

To Naomi Klein on the passing of her father, Martin "Marty" Klein

To Hal Lieber on the passing of his mother, Myrna Lieber

To Lori Abrams on the passing of her husband, Dr. Robert Abrams

To Gloria Lewit on the passing of her husband, Dr. William Lewit

To Rita Malmud on the passing of her husband, Thomas Malmud

To Jerry Nadler on the passing of his wife, Mary Ann Nadler

To Barbara Schwarz on the passing of her husband, Paul Schwarz.

## IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Robert Abrams

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Thomas Malmud

Mary Ann Latona Nadler

Paul Schwarz

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