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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.

The Queen's Crown, Babies, Torah Scrolls and our New Rabbi!

Rabbi Tom Weiner



Many of us saw clips from the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. One powerful moment that caught my attention was when the Queen's Imperial State Crown was lifted from her casket by the Royal Crown Jeweler, who then

handed it to the Dean of Windsor, who then placed it on the altar of St. George's Chapel.

The moment that caused my heart to skip a beat was when the Royal Crown Jeweler let go of the crown, only when he was sure that the Dean of Windsor had it carefully in his grasp. (Forget the fact that over a billion people were watching worldwide, along with the reality that this was the most important moment their public lives.) It went so smoothly.

The truth is that all of us have those moments of physically passing something as sacred and priceless to another person. We do it when we hand a baby to someone. Or when we pass a Torah scroll to another person. You don't really let go of the Torah/baby until you are 100% sure that the other person has a firm and safe grasp of that baby/Torah.). That slight pause when we say "You got it?" before we relinquish our grasp of something so precious is a very special moment.

Shira and I are blessed to be in the midst of such a moment. We are in the process of handing over our responsibilities as Rabbis of Kol Ami to another. And just as anyone of us would need to know when passing something precious to another, Shira and I are only relinquishing our hold on this sacred congregation because we are sure that Rabbi Jason Fenster's embrace of Kol Ami will be strong and sure and loving.

My heart is not nervously skipping a beat; rather it's full of joy and confidence and excitement over Kol Ami's new Rabbi.

With Love,

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Why I Love Purim

Rabbi Shira Milgrom



Oscar Wilde wrote, "Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask and he will tell you the truth."

For me, that's a provocative statement. I have loved Purim; I have especially loved Purim at

Kol Ami. And I have put on so many masks and disguises: Native American woman, Hassidic rebbe, nun, avatar, Edward Scissorhands, Sarah Palin (with moose), Trump (when he was a candidate and it was still funny), Bob Dylan, Charlie Chaplin, a Japanese geisha, Lady "Grogga" (grogger/Gaga) and Dolly Parton – and many less memorable ones that have been long forgotten. Taking Oscar Wilde's statement to heart, I wonder: what is the truth I am telling when I put on these other disguises?

I'll take a stab at one truth: I am relatively shy, somewhat cautious, and I veer toward the quiet side. But Purim helps me tap into another important part of myself: fun, joyous, wild, nuts, imaginative, noise-making, risk-taking, silly, happy. Kol Ami has been the safe and trusting space in which I could celebrate that part of myself – as you celebrate other parts of yourselves as well. Rabbi David Wolpe asks, "Is it a paradox to reveal oneself through disguise? Perhaps. But at times a bit of pretense liberates us enough to express deeper truths. Purim provides the opportunity to dress up as others in order to discover who we are."

And happily, that Purim essence has seeped into the rest of my life with you at Kol Ami. Our religious and spiritual community is filled with joy and imagination, is sometimes nuts, and is often fueled by courage and risk-taking.

Purim also contains a most beautiful religious truth. God is hidden in the story of Purim – a truth that is amplified in Hassidic and mystical traditions. God is everywhere and everything – they teach – only hidden. God is masquerading as the world – as you and me and everyone and everything. God is within it all. The ultimate masquerade. When we begin to see that God is not out there far away, but within and between – and that we are a part of God – we will begin to take care of ourselves differently, and see each other differently – and bring about a world where we are free to experience this joy.

In Hebrew, God's hiddenness is called "hester." In a lovely play on sounds, our tradition teaches that in times that we do not feel God's presence, when God feels absent from our lives – in a time of "hester," BE Esther. BE the presence, BE, the spirit, BE the courage. BE the blessing!

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Kol A-MI CHAMOCHA

Cantor Daniel Mendelson

4 chords. Sometimes, that's all you need to make the connection. Leading up to our recent Shabbat service honoring Ernestina Sanchez, I wanted to offer a meaningful piece of liturgy that had a Spanish musical flavor for the occasion. What started as a sweet mini-project ended up adjusting my outlook on the idea of making liturgy relevant for current and future generations.

To this day, lay prayer leaders in orthodox circles will use Broadway melodies to brighten up the prayer-books' liturgy in shul. When all is said and done, fun sounding music is fun to sing and fun to hear sung. When I look at the scope of *popular music*, it's easy to find that the most successful melodies are the ones that feel the simplest. The incredibly popular song, *Despacito*, by Luis Fonsi, consists of 4 chords heard on a loop for 4 plus minutes. What makes the song work is not the repetition of chords. What makes the song work is the passion poured into each repetition. The experience builds with additional instrumentation and rising energy by the performers. It didn't take long to zero in on *Despacito's* entrancing melody, to use for liturgical application for Shabbat Services honoring Ernestina.

The song itself can be described as a *love song*... Truth be told, *steamy love song* might be a more fitting title when looking at the lyrics. However, as in all meaningful popular music, the repeated musical hook transcends any one theme. *Mi Chamocha* is our song of freedom, referring to the Israelites joyously singing and dancing to the text: *Who is like you, Adonai? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, Awesome in glorious wonders?* Before I had the chance to roll my own eyes at the natural feeling of silliness in taking a hit-song and blending it with liturgy, I was almost immediately struck at how the sound of *Despacito* awesomely fits an expression of possibility and hope. It is every bit a march towards freedom as it is a sexy invitation for intimacy.

If nothing else, singing these 4 chords on a loop fittingly represents the comforting sameness of Shabbat worship. We embrace the musical meditation of *niggunim* - of wordless repeated melodies to start our services. We expect to sing



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many of the same tunes each week, that bring us comfort and connect us to the holiness of prayer. This 4 chord-wonder offers the spiritual grounding we come to expect at Kol Ami services.

I can't help but draw a comparison between the process of choosing which setting for *Mi Chamocha* to offer each week, and our congregations' fast-approaching clergy transition. The energy and music we've come to expect has a great deal to do with Rabbi Shira and Rabbi Tom's vision for Shabbat worship being implemented over time. Together with myself and Kol Ami's previous cantorial partners, they've manufactured a successful blueprint over many years of leadership. That blueprint isn't going anywhere, because that blueprint was thoughtfully designed to evolve over time. We will always mix and match various melodies and practices to keep up engagement in our worship. The journey towards finding the perfect balance between energy, spirituality and participation is as ongoing as the Israelites march toward freedom.

Kol Ami will always look for avenues to broaden connections and raise the collective congregational spirit. Music continues to be our way in. 4 chords is all we need. Wishing you a sensationally joyous Purim and a prosperous march toward a summer of sweet welcome and renewal.

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Change Can Yield Exciting Opportunities

Judy Sarch, Co-President



It's safe to say that most of us have a love/hate relationship with change. We hate the feeling of uncertainty and loss yet we love new opportunities and experiences. Sometimes those emotions even all happen from the

same event. Getting older is perhaps the best example of a change that is full of good and bad. Recognizing that dilemma, Congregation Kol Ami, led by congregant, Pam Millian, has created an active aging task force to study the issues facing congregants 65 and older to see what types of programming we can offer that will engage and enrich their lives. Their first congregational survey has received an overwhelmingly positive response drawing many volunteers and suggestions for programming. We're very excited to be on the crux of offering such new and important programming to our congregation. If you want to be involved please contact Pam at pmillian@yahoo.com.

On the other side of the aisle, we've started engaging our newest Kol Ami cohort, the toddlers! By popular demand we changed our Tot Shabbat from Friday nights to once month on Saturday morning and it has become a big hit with the little ones and their parents drawing both members and current prospective members. We're already exploring additional service opportunities for these young families.

But wait, there's more . . . Over the next month or so, members of our Board of Directors will be reaching out to every congregant to check in and hear from you what Kol Ami programs and events you love and what you would like to see offered. I appreciate your time as we work together to build our future capitalizing on our solid past while embracing the opportunity of new leadership.

By the time you read this article I hope you will have had the opportunity to attend either a Shabbat service or gala celebrating Rabbi Tom and Rabbi Shira. We've got a few more events scheduled which will culminate in a very special farewell service the weekend of May 19th at the retreat. Specific details will be emailed to you including arrangements to bus people to and from the service.

Looking forward, on March 28th at 8pm we will be holding a special meeting to formally elect Rabbi Fenster as the next Rabbi of Congregation Kol Ami. The meeting will be in person and on Zoom and for your convenience you can vote by proxy. Rabbi Fenster and his wife Gavi will join us for the meeting and an oneg will follow. We're also in the process of scheduling a series of small informal gatherings this Summer and Fall so that everyone can have a chance to meet and get to know Rabbi Fenster and his family.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who has reached out to me with their comments and suggestions. Keep them coming . . .

JudySarch@NYKolAmi.org.

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The Paradox of Joy and Grief

Jess Lorden, Executive Director



In early November Dave and I lost a beloved friend. Just a few days later Dave's Mom passed away. That grief was preceded and followed by news that two close family members were dealing with a cancer diagnosis

as were three more close friends. Further, in our Kol Ami community we have not only lost beloved older congregants, but also far too many congregants who are our contemporaries. As a result, Dave and I have spent a great deal of time discussing the paradox of grief and joy.

I know that grief is part of the human experience; it can show up any time in our life. It would be nice to have a waiting period between joy and grief, a chance to adjust to the spiritual and emotional shift between one and the other, but we don't necessarily get that luxury.

I have wondered if it is possible to feel immense pain and also allow ourselves to experience joy. I believe that everyone lives in the balance; the middle ground between sorrow and joy. This can feel like a grinding of our emotional gears. The heart wants to lurch to one extreme or the other -- sorrow or joy -- not to stretch wide enough to feel them both at the same time. But, grief and joy can co-exist. Even at times of greatest joy, some of us will still struggle with sadness.

Based on my experience, I have learned the following:

First, take time to grieve. Grief is personal, and it takes time, but you can heal from your loss. Take the time to find support and process the emotions associated with the stages of grief.

You can feel angry and take comfort in knowing that joy will eventually return if you are patient.

Second, seek community support and connection. There is power in being embraced, in reciting the kaddish as a community, in accepting a meal, in receiving heart-felt words of sympathy, in welcoming friends into your home for shiva, in being surrounded by those who care for you. Talk with trusted friends and take time to process the pain in healthy ways that work for you. Being present with your emotions and leaning into those feelings is an important entry point into healing.

Last, find joy! I believe that it is okay to feel the joy of everyday things at the same time as we feel immense pain. Perhaps it feels like a betrayal of our pain and of a beloved person and their memory if we feel good in any way. It is as if we feel we need to stay in a certain emotional space to honor that person. In this, we can deny ourselves positive feelings and experiences that can help us move through the grief and loss. Joy may be found in the smallest moments that we allow ourselves to feel even as we feel great sorrow. Finding joy, fun, laughter and happiness again against a backdrop of deep grief is not easy, but it feels central to a meaningful life.

As a congregational community, may we recognize that even at times of rejoicing, we and our loved ones may be carrying grief...and may we help each other access gratitude and joy even during times of darkness.

In Peace and Joy,

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Early Childhood Program Highlights

SHARE THE LOVE WEEK AT THE ECP:

All the children in the ECP celebrated Share the Love Week by showing their love and appreciation for the Kol Ami staff who keep them safe, clean, and happy!





Kol Ami TOT SHABBAT

SATURDAYS

March 11 ▪ April 22 ▪ May 13 ▪ June 10

Tot Shabbat meets monthly on Saturday mornings at 9am.

These 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 the joys of Shabbat with friends, old and new. Save the dates listed above and bring a friend - all are welcome to join!

Religious School Highlights

Our Religious School proudly offers opportunities to learn about and experience living Jewish Values. Below are just 4 examples of g'millut chassadim (acts of loving kindness) that our families have shared through our Religious School.

Dear Pam and Kol Ami Community,
Thank you so much for the generous and thoughtful gifts for the students of class 302 at PS 1. The students were absolutely ecstatic! They could not stop hugging their Squishamallows, trying every color of the multi-color pen, watching their Fidget rings glow, and even wearing their new gloves inside... all while eating some candy, of course! I especially am so appreciative of all the time, effort, and resources you put towards making this possible. It made me so happy to see them absolutely light up upon receiving their stockings. Happy holidays + happy new year! Bat, Renee

The 8th and 9th graders contributed Christmas stockings/fillers for 2 classes in the Bronx. This was the class's response. It really made the students feel great about this mitzvah project.

For one of our Monthly Mitzvahs, **forty parents and children** tie-dyed pillowcases for children in shelters so they could have something special to call their own.



The **3rd graders** and their parents packed 120 bags for the Kol Ami Food Pantry. Each person felt good to be able to help families in this way.

Last year's **6th graders** packed produce for Mott Haven Fridge and delivered it to locations in the Bronx. It was especially meaningful when those individuals who benefited from the fresh produce were on hand at the delivery locations.



Torah and Chat GPT

Zoë Shannon, Director of Youth Engagement



Guest Writer: Chat GPT a resource of OpenAI- a language model

Jewish wisdom is vast and covers everything from ethical principles to spiritual practices. One of the most famous Jewish sayings is "Do not do unto others what you would

not want them to do unto you." This simple yet powerful statement has been a guiding principle for Jews and non-Jews alike for centuries.

Speaking of wisdom, let's talk about ChatGPT. As an AI language model trained by OpenAI, I may not have a soul, but I have been trained on an enormous amount of human-generated text, which makes me capable of answering a wide variety of questions and generating human-like responses.

But what about the Torah? The Torah is the foundational text of Judaism, and it contains a wealth of knowledge and wisdom that is still relevant today. One of the central ideas in the Torah is the concept of tikkun olam, or repairing the world. This idea reminds us that we all have a responsibility to make the world a better place and to work towards justice and compassion for all.

So, what do ChatGPT and the Torah have in common? They both represent an accumulation of human knowledge and experience, and they both have the potential to help us learn, grow, and make the world a better place. In a sense, they are both tools that we can use to help us navigate our complex and ever-changing world.

As the Director of Youth Engagement at Kol Ami, I'm excited to share the awesome activities our youth members have been up to lately.

In DC, our youth participated in the L'Taken Social Justice Seminar and learned to advocate for important causes like gun violence prevention, climate change, and LGBTQ+ equality. They even connected with other Jewish youth from around the country who share the same values and passions. Who knew politics could be this cool?

Back at home, we organized a curling night for our teens to try their hand at a new winter sport. It was a hilarious experience, and we all learned that sweeping the ice is harder than it looks. At least we had each other to lean on (literally).

And we also brought different generations together with our Better Together grant and programming. Our youth and adult members bonded over the art of Challah and soap making. Who says baking and cleanliness can't be a good time?

In the words of Jewish wisdom, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Our youth members have sharpened their skills and passions while building connections with their peers and community. As a language model, I'm reminded of the importance of fostering a sense of community and engagement among our youth. By providing them with opportunities to learn, grow, and connect with their Judaism and community, we help to create a world that is more informed, more engaged, and more just. I'm thrilled to see such a diverse range of events that promote community building and encourage active engagement among our youth members.

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Kol Ami Youth In Action



Curling Fun!



Better Together: Kol Ami teens and older congregants team up to bake challah



Sharing their views on social justice topics with Senate leaders on Capitol Hill.

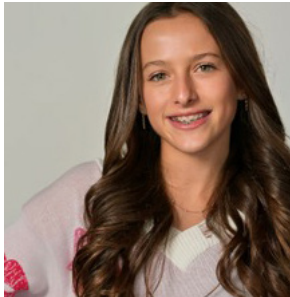


B'nai Mitzvah

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."



Josie Sandler, daughter of Rachel and Andy Sandler, and sister to Eli and Reid, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 18, 2023. Josie is in 7th grade at Edgemont Junior/Senior High School. She is an avid basketball player and plays whenever she has the chance. She also loves volleyball and lacrosse and having fun with her friends, family and dog, Sadie. During the summer, Josie goes to Camp Kippewa in Maine where she can unplug and enjoy many different activities that she wouldn't get to do otherwise. Josie is looking forward to working with the Coachman Family Center for her Mitzvah project. As her Bat Mitzvah approaches, Josie has been thoughtful in her studies and appreciates all of the support that has been provided to help her prepare. She is ready for the big day!



Keaton Sapirstein, daughter of Jared and Amy Sapirstein, and sister to Blakely, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 18, 2023. Keaton is in the 7th grade at Scarsdale Middle School and plays soccer for NYSC as well as basketball for the Scarsdale Travel team. She enjoys 7 weeks of summer camp at Camp Lenox and looks forward to returning every summer! Keaton is very excited to become a Bat Mitzvah and has worked incredibly hard for this day. We are all so proud of her!



Ben Weksel, son of Suzy and Michael Weksel and brother to Carina and Eric the dog, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 25, 2023. Ben is 7th grader at Edgemont Middle School and enjoys playing Football, Wrestling, music, video games, VR, playing with his dog and hanging with family and friends. He also loves camp and has been attending Medolark in Maine for the last few summers. For his mitzvah project, Ben has been volunteering at Paws Crossed Animal Rescue in Elmsford where he has been working to help socialize dogs and cats for adoption. He has also been collecting much needed supplies and raising funds for the organization through multiple bake sales. Ben can't wait to share his special day with family and friends.

B'nai Mitzvah



Stuart Lieber, son of Jaime and Hal Lieber, and brother to Eliana, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on April 15, 2023. Stuart is in 7th grade at Highlands Middle School in White Plains, and enjoys playing video games, building Legos, and baking. He also loves turtles, camping, and Boy Scouts. For his mitzvah project, Stuart is teaming up with the Bronx River Alliance and Bronx River Parkway Reservation Conservancy to help remove invasive plants from along the river, and to raise awareness about how we can keep the environment clean. Stuart is excited to share his special day with family and friends.



Adena Rachel Daphna Zitrin, daughter of Anthony and Debra Zitrin and sister of Gillian and Eliana, will be called to the Torah on April 22, 2023. Adena is a 7th grader at Scarsdale Middle School. She LOVES musical theatre and has participated in numerous Random Farms Kid Theater productions. Her favorite roles include Lord Faurquaad in Shrek and Pumba in the Lion King. She is currently in the SMS production of Sponge Bob. She also runs on the SMS Track and Cross Country team. Adena loves to dance and studies ballet and jazz. She plays the flute in both the 7th grade band and the SMS jazz band. For her mitzvah projects, Adena volunteered at the Mt. Kisco Child Care Center, assisting teachers in reading and playing with the children and she ran a book drive to add to their collection. She also baked homemade dog food in support of the New Rochelle ASPCA. Adena is thrilled to celebrate this special day with family, friends and her Camp Sprout Lake community.



Samantha Dollinger, daughter of Dani and Josh Dollinger and older sister to Evan, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on April 29th, 2023. Samantha is in 7th grade at Louis M, Klein Middle School in Harrison, NY. Samantha loves to dance and has found her passion through the many different styles of dance including Tap, Hip Hop and Contemporary. Samantha is very excited to spend her fifth summer in Maine at Tripp Lake Camp where she enjoys swimming, softball, acting and tennis but most of all spending time with her friends. She also loves taking care of and playing with her dog Bailey who is her best friend. Samantha is looking forward to sharing her special day with family and friends.

B'nai Mitzvah



Remi Kraver, daughter of Lauren and Michael Kraver, and sister of Ellis, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on April 29th, 2023. Remi is in the 7th grade at Highlands Middle School in White Plains. Remi loves to dance and perform. She is a devoted big sister and loves spending time with friends and family. Remi loves camp and has been fortunate enough to spend her summers at Camp Blue Ridge since she was 8. For her Mitzvah Project, Remi will raise money for SCOPE (Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education), a national nonprofit organization that sends underprivileged kids ages 7-16 to camp. Remi is excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah with her family and friends!



Zoe Singer, daughter of Julie Steeg and Mark Singer, and sister to Eli, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 6, 2023. Zoe is in 7th grade at Louis M. Klein Middle School in Harrison, NY where she is an honors student and a member of the field hockey team. She loves the stage and has performed in more than a dozen musical theater productions with the Random Farms Children's Theater Company. An enthusiastic camper, Zoe is about to start her 6th summer at Camp Taconic in the Berkshires where she participates in all activities including horseback riding, musical theater and writing for the camp newspaper. Her favorite activity, both at camp and home, is spending time with her amazing group of friends. For her mitzvah project, Zoe is giving back to

the community by volunteering her time at local organizations that benefit both children and seniors in need. Zoe is excited to celebrate this milestone occasion with her loving family and friends.



Adrienne Maya Siry, daughter of Kathryn and Daniel Siry, sister to Brooke and Tyler, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 6, 2023. Adrienne is in 7th grade at Highlands Middle School in White Plains. Adrienne has a passion for dance and is on a dance team at DeRosa Performing Arts in Eastchester. Adrienne also plays lacrosse and loves socializing with friends. She is looking forward to her third summer at Camp Echo. Adrienne is so excited to share her special day with family and friends to celebrate all she has accomplished.



Emma Schultz, daughter of Angela and David Schultz, and sister to Eli, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 20th, 2023. Emma is in 7th grade at Eastchester Middle School. She enjoys time with her friends, skiing, and family vacation - especially to Aruba and the Adirondacks. Emma is still determining the focus of her Mitzvah project.

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>
Meeting ID: 879 5388 3896
Passcode: PA5z5t
Dial-In Number:
(646) 876-9923

Weekly Torah Portions

MARCH 2023

Week ending March 4, 2023

Parashat T'tzaveh Exodus 27:20–30:10

The rituals surrounding the priests and sacrifices are described, and the obligations of Aaron and his sons are enumerated in Parashat T'tzaveh. This parashah has the distinction of being the only parashah in the last four books of the Torah in which the name of Moses does not appear.

Week ending March 11, 2023

Parashat Ki Tisa Exodus 30:11–34:35

Moses lingers on Mount Sinai for forty days. The people become agitated during Moses' long absence and persuade Aaron to fashion a golden calf. Upon returning with the Ten Commandments, Moses sees the Israelites cavorting around the calf, and he smashes the tablets of God's law. Joined by the Levites, Moses executes a campaign to root out the offenders. Moses then pleads with God to secure divine mercy for the people. The parashah ends with a restoration of mutual faith and Moses carving a second set of tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments.

Week ending March 18, 2023

Parashat Vayak'heil-P'kudei Exodus 35:1–40:38

In this double parashah starting with Vayak'heil, Moses reminds the people that God commanded them to keep Shabbat, not to do work on the seventh day and to make the day holy. Parashat Vayak'heil continues with Moses asking the Israelites to donate materials for the building of the Mishkan (sanctuary). P'kudei ends the book of Exodus. Moses describes the specifications for the building of the Mishkan (sanctuary) for God. Every article needed, every attribute of the structure, every manner of work,

and every detail for the altar is specified. As the building of the sanctuary and its holy objects are completed, Moses blesses all of the people who took part in its creation.

Week ending March 25, 2023

Parashat Vayikra Leviticus 1:1–5:26

We begin the third book of the Torah (Vayikra – Leviticus) with a description of five types of sacrifices offered in the Temple. They are: burnt offering, meal offering, sacrifice of well-being, sin offering, and guilt offering. While the burnt offering, meal offering, and sacrifice of well-being are voluntary, the sin offering and guilt offering are mandatory for guilty individuals. One remnant of these practices is the importance of our intentions when we enter into prayer.

APRIL 2023

Week ending April 1, 2023

Parashat Tzav Leviticus 6:1-8:36

Tzav, the second parashah in the book of Leviticus, continues with the regulations for sacrifices, and then outlines the ritual of priestly ordination for Aaron and his sons. Limitations on the consumption of meat are given, and the preparation of the Tabernacle as a holy place is given.

Week ending April 8, 2023

(Shabbat Chol HaMo-eid Pesach)

Parashat Ki Tisa Exodus 33:12–34:26

On the Shabbat during Pesach, we are reminded of the age-old 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.

Weekly Torah Portions

Week ending April 15, 2023

Parashat Sh'mini Leviticus 9:1–11:47

Sh'mini refers to the eighth (sh'mini) day of the ordination ritual. The priestly ordination of Aaron and his sons is described. Two of Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, offer "alien fire" to God on their own initiative and are immediately consumed by fire. Moses, Aaron, and his surviving sons are forbidden to mourn their deaths. The parashah also stipulates the dietary laws concerning which animals are fit and which are unfit for consumption, and concludes with a rationale for being holy and distinguishing between the impure and the pure.

Week ending April 22, 2023

Parashat Tazria-M'tzora Leviticus 12:1-15:33

In this double parashah, Tazria begins with a discussion of defilement and purification following childbirth, and continues with a discussion of tzara-at, which denotes a variety of skin rashes and blemishes. M'tzora continues the discussion of the laws pertaining to 'uncleanness' that was begun in Tazria. M'tzora contains descriptions of forms of 'uncleanness' which are thought to refer to various molds or mildews that could discolor surfaces of fabric or stone, and the laws concerning the purification of clothing and houses.

Week ending April 29, 2023

Parashat Acharei Mot-K'doshim Leviticus 16:1-20:27

In this double parashah, God speaks to Moses after the death of Aaron's two sons, who were killed for coming too close to the presence of God. This parashah also delineates the duties that the head kohein (priest) must perform on Yom Kippur, as well as the laws

for fasting and atonement.

The taboos for certain sexual practices are outlined in detail in this chapter.

K'doshim (holiness) continues with the practical and interpersonal applications of holiness. God explains to Moses what it means to be a "holy" people and describes the many ethical and ritual laws aimed to help people live lives of holiness. The laws described include some of those recorded in the Ten Commandments, such as respecting one's parents, keeping the Sabbath, and not stealing.

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Week ending May 6, 2023

Parashat Emor Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Emor provides details about the lives of the priests and their families. The Israelites are commanded to bring clear olive oil for lighting the sanctuary menorah, and the ingredients and placement of the displayed loaves of sanctuary bread are explained to them. This parashah also includes the most comprehensive holiday calendar in the Torah.

Week ending May 13, 2023

Parashat B'har- B'chukotai Leviticus 25:1-27:34

In this double parashah, B'har presents a vision of a society guided by God-given principles of human freedom, human dignity, and concern for the most vulnerable in society. It includes laws regulating the sabbatical year (every seventh year) giving the earth a complete rest, and the jubilee year (every 50 years) in which land and vineyards must not be worked. It also provides for the granting of liberty to all Israelites enslaved during the previous forty-nine years.

The book of Leviticus is completed with B'chukotai (also called Parashat HaToch'chah — the portion of reproach).

It contains a list of curses so terrible that traditionally the Torah reader chants them quickly and in a hushed tone so as not to call attention to them. These curses come just after the promise of blessing - if we follow God's ways.

The parashah begins "Rain in abundance, good crops, peace, victory, and fertility are all ours if, ... you walk in my statutes and guard my commandments and do them." (Leviticus 26:3) The parashah also includes a brief discussion of the payment of vows and gifts made to the sanctuary.

Week ending May 20, 2023

Parashat B'midbar Numbers 1:1- 4:20

This Shabbat we begin reading the book of B'midbar, (in the wilderness). The book is called "Numbers" in English because it begins with a census of all male Israelites in the camp who are eligible to bear arms, those over the age of 20, as well as those responsible for the duties in the Tabernacle. The parashah stipulates a census of first-born males and levies a special redemption tax on them (Pidya ha ben). Each tribe is assigned specific places in the camp surrounding the Tabernacle.

Week ending May 27, 2023

Parashat Naso I Numbers 4:21-5:31

In the second parashah in the Book of Numbers, the census is completed with a counting of members of the Levitical families between the ages of thirty and fifty. The responsibilities in the portage of the Tabernacle and the Tent of Meeting are also detailed.

CALENDAR

Mar 3

Kabbalat Shabbat In Honor of Rabbi Shira Milgrom and Dr. David Elcott

6:15PM

Join us for this spirited Shabbat service, filled with music, heartfelt, personal tributes and expressions of gratitude for the community Shira and David built lovingly and together. A festive oneg will follow.

Mar 4

Purim Ball In Honor of Rabbi Shira Milgrom and Dr. David Elcott

7:00PM

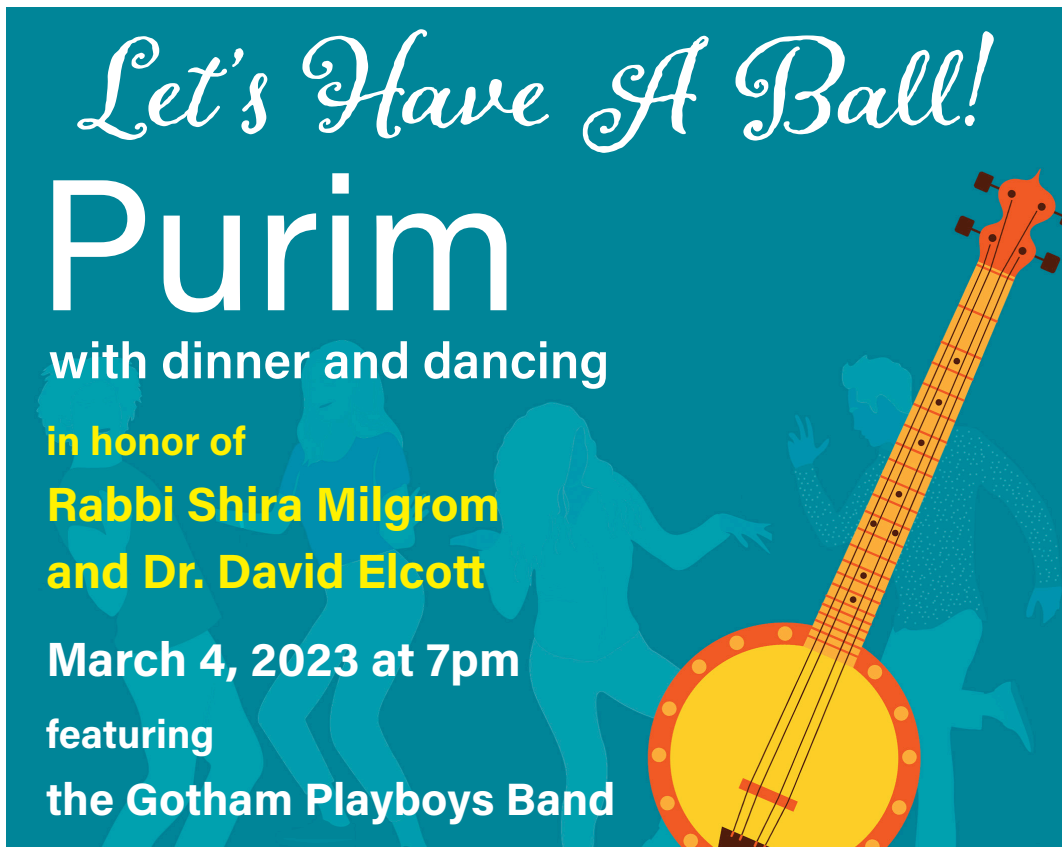
Our celebratory weekend continues with dinner, dancing and more of what matters most to Shira and David,

the community they cherish so dearly. Live music will be provided by the Gotham Playboys, a bluegrass, zydeco band that have opened for Bruce Springsteen. It promises to be a joyful and spirited evening of good food, music, dancing and tributes, but most importantly a celebration of the community Shira and David lovingly built together and will forever belong.

CLICK HERE to purchase tickets, sponsorships or make a donation in their honor. Registration will close on March 2 at 12:00pm.

Mar 6, Purim Celebration 4:00PM

Get ready for a Purim celebration, with something for everyone! Put your costumes on and head on over for our carnival featuring an animal show, inflatable bouncy castles, face painting, games, prizes and more. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided along with plenty of hamantaschen. Our long-awaited Elton John Purim Spiel will follow with a megillah reading at 6:00PM. Come for the carnival, stay for the spiel!



Let's Have A Ball!

Purim

with dinner and dancing

in honor of

Rabbi Shira Milgrom and Dr. David Elcott

March 4, 2023 at 7pm

featuring

the Gotham Playboys Band

CALENDAR

Mar 10 **Organ Donor Shabbat** **6:15PM**

Join us for an informative evening about the life changing power of organ donation. We will be joined by living donors and hear about the importance of being on the organ donor registry. Stay for the oneg following services and a chance to hear more about how you can help end the waitlist.

Mar 11 **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.

Mar 17 **Synaplex Shabbat** **6:15PM, Kabbalat Shabbat service, 7:15PM Dinner, 8:00PM Guest Speaker, Beatrice Weber**

What do you want to be when you grow up? That's not a common question for boys attending Hassidic yeshivas because many of these schools focus on Judaic studies, preparing students for a life of Talmudic study at the expense of basic reading, writing, math and science. Beatrice Weber, a former member of the Hassidic community and mother of 10 children, will share her personal story and pursuit of educational

reform so her children can receive one of the most basic rights, that of an education.

CLICK HERE to register for dinner and the program.

Mar 19 **Young Family Playtime with Backyard Sports** **1:00PM**

Come Play! In partnership with Backyard Sports, we be hosting an afternoon of sports and games for ages 2 to 5 in the Kol Ami Gym. Older siblings are welcome to join. Snacks and drinks provided, along with a chance to socialize after the class.

Mar 26 **Sisterhood** **Passover Tasting** **12:30PM**

Join our Sisterhood for some noshing and schmoozing. Exchange favorite Passover recipes and sample some of each other's delectable treats.

Mar 28 **Special Congregational Meeting** **8:00PM**

Join us for a special meeting to elect Rabbi Jason Fenster as the next Senior Rabbi of Congregation Kol Ami. The meeting will be held in person and on Zoom. Rabbi Fenster and his wife, Gavi Young, will be at Kol Ami to meet the congregation as we enter the next phase of our rabbinic transition. More information including proxy voting instruction and the Zoom link for those unable to participate in person will follow via email.

APRIL

Apr 5-7 **Temple Office and Building Closed in Observance of Passover**

Apr 12 **Passover Yizkor Service** **10:00AM**

Apr 19 **Congregational Yom Hashoah Service** **7:30PM**

Join our eighth graders as they lead the community in a beautiful and meaningful Yom Hashoah service filled with music, poetry, and prayer.

Apr 21 **Earth Day Shabbat** **6:15PM**

Join us for a celebration of the world around us, as we take time to look out, to appreciate the nature that surrounds us and reflect on our interconnectedness with the earth. An environmentally friendly oneg will follow.

Apr 22 **Tot Shabbat** **9:00AM**

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MAY

May 5

Synaplex Shabbat

6:15PM Kabbalat Shabbat,

7:15PM Dinner, 8:00PM Trial

The Trial of Mordechai will mark the return of live trials to Kol Ami! CLE credit offered. More information to come.

May 7

**Benefactor Concert with
Cantor Danny**

2:00PM

Our benefactors are invited to a concert featuring the vocal talents of Cantor Danny Mendelson and a dynamic instrumental trio led by Alex Hopkins. Wine, coffee and dessert will be served.

May 13

Tot Shabbat

9:00AM

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May 19-21

Family Camp and Retreat
Circle Lodge, Hopewell
Junction, NY

It promises to be another great weekend of relaxation, rejuvenation and family fun at Camp Kinder Ring. More information to come!

May 23

Golf Outing

Westchester Hills Golf Club

The golf scramble will be a great day on the course with prizes and lunch! There are sponsorship opportunities, and we encourage everyone to make their own foursomes. Individual golfers are welcome.

May 25

**Shavuot/Confirmation
Service**

7:00PM

Join us for a joyful and spirited Shavuot service led by our 10th grade Confirmation Class. The service will showcase the many talents of our 10th graders and will be filled with music, artwork, and poetry representative of the class. If you haven't yet been to one of these Shavuot services, you're in for a real treat. Come participate in this memorable moment for our Confirmants and be part of a multigenerational, community-wide Shavuot service that will be moving and inspirational for all.

May 26

Shavuot and Yizkor Service

10:00AM

*"A community of joy,
creativity, daring
innovation and risk-
taking; a spiritually open
and loving community,
a commitment to a life
of purpose with Jewish
wisdom and values as
the guide."*



This was a vision and hope for Kol Ami articulated by Rabbi Shira 37 years ago - though it aptly describes the home Shira and David created together. Shira and David have nourished our community with song, with learning, with celebration, but most of all by living in the Jewish world they believe in.

Join us for a very special Kabbalat Shabbat

in their honor on

Friday March 3 at 6:15pm

**as we surround them with the love they both
have brought into our sanctuary and into our lives.**



Please join us
Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 8pm
for a special meeting to elect
Rabbi Jason Fenster as the next
Senior Rabbi of Congregation Kol Ami,
effective July 1, 2023.

*This special meeting will be held in person and on Zoom.
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unable to participate in person will follow via email. We hope you will join us!*

LIFE CYCLES*

CONGRATULATIONS

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

To Grace Wiggs on the births of her great-grandchildren, Noa Alexandria Grace & Ari Alexander Martin Schneider Pantan

To Lorraine & Neil Dublet on the birth of their grandson, Joshua Dylan Dublet

To Nell & Victor Wyler on the birth of their great-grandson, Theodore (Teddy) Marc Wein

To Julia & Jory Probber on the marriage of their son, Benjamin, to Marc Rogers

To Elizabeth Cohn Stuntz & Mayo Stuntz on the engagement of their daughter, Katie, to Tyler Johnson

To Marsha & Paul Geller on the marriage of their daughter, Sheree, to Russell Bratman

To Eileen and Jim Lusk on the marriage of their son, Darian, to Maxwell Murphy

To Anlee Marcus on the engagement of her granddaughter, Rachel, to Lindsey Perreault

CONDOLENCES

To Pam Rubin & family on the passing of Pam's mother, Bette Meisel

To Beth Klein & family on the passing of Beth's mother, Rosalie Abramowitz

To Alice Tenney & family on the passing of Alice's mother, Judy Tenney

To Pierre Darmon & family on the passing of Pierre's mother, Gilberte Darmon

To Arthur Amron & family on the passing of Arthur's mother, Joan Amron

To Ken Cohen & family on the passing of Ken's mother, Selma Cohen

To Sharon Sherman & family on the passing of Sharon's father, Ronald Pincous

To Lori Abrams & family on the passing of Lori's father, Sol Upbin

To Kathy Pike & family on the passing of Kathy's mother, Mary T. Johnson

To Rabbi Shira Milgrom & family on the passing of Rabbi Shira's sister-in-law, Debby Barak

To Myra Oltsik & family on the passing of Myra's mother, Rosalind Oltsik

To Steven Knecht & family on the passing of Steven's mother, Dorothea Knecht

IN MEMORIAM

Patty Haskel

Rosalind Oltsik



We want to hear from you...

Kol Ami is about the ways we can care for each other in community through major life events. We can all sing and dance, share the joy of bride and groom, or celebrate the birth of a child. When we sing the prayer for healing in the synagogue, we learn who needs a visit or some other source of support. We see the mourners rise for Kaddish and know whom we must comfort. Our passage through life gains much meaning through our connections with other people when we share our most significant transitions.

*As of February 27, 2023

DONATIONS*

RABBI TOM WEINER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of their son, Andrew's,
and Katrina Evtimova's wedding
from Mark and Victoria
Drozdov

In appreciation from
Charles and Lauren Pollak

In appreciation from
Pierre Darmon and Naomi Klein

In appreciation from
Robert Goldwater

In appreciation from
Hank and Jean Rouda

In appreciation from Michael
Zweig and Michelle Gersen

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of
their son, Miles, from Andrew
and Joele Levenson

In honor of the wedding of their
daughter, Sheree, and Russ
Bratman from Paul and
Marsha Geller

In honor of the baby naming of
their granddaughter, Zoe Lubin,
from Dorothy and Jules
Klausner

In memory of their mother,
Rosalind Oltsik, and in
appreciation for leading the
shiva service from Myra and
Jon Oltsik

RABBI SHIRA MILGROM'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation for the Civil
Rights Trip from Jon and
Ellen Litt

In appreciation for the work
Rabbi Shira does from
Susan and Joe Rozin

In memory of his mother,
Eleanor (Ellie) Ann Lorden,
from Jess and Dave Lorden

In honor of Martin Kahn's and
Lisa Borowitz' Birthdays from
Ed and Susanne Stotsky

In appreciation from
Charles and Lauren Pollak

In appreciation from Cima Katz

In appreciation from Joan
Pachner and Richard Newman

In memory of Paul Schwartz
and for making Paul's Memorial
Service so perfect from
Barbara Schwartz

With gratitude from June Helme
and Kenneth Cohen

In appreciation from
Robert Goldwater

In appreciation from
Hank and Jean Rouda

In appreciation of the creation
of the 7 Fold Path Book from
Susan and Joe Rozin

In memory of Patricia Haskel
from Abbie Haskel Schonfeld
and from the family of
Patricia Haskel

In memory of Rosalind Oltsik
from Alan and
Dr. Elizabeth Legatt

In memory of their mother,
Rosalind Oltsik, and in
appreciation for a lovely service
from Myra and Jon Oltsik

CANTOR DANNY'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of his mother,
Eleanor (Ellie) Ann Lorden, from
Jess and Dave Lorden

In honor of your fantastic music
and beautiful soul of our future
we can't wait to see from
Hank and Jean Rouda

In memory of her husband,
Robert Abrams, from Lori
Abrams

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of
their son, Miles, from Andrew
and Joele Levenson

In memory of Patricia Haskel
from Abbie Haskel Schonfeld
and from the family of
Patricia Haskel

In memory of Rosalind Oltsik
from Jim and Margie Arsham

In memory of their mother,
Rosalind Oltsik, and in
appreciation for the Yiddish
song in the service from Myra
and Jon Oltsik

**As of February 27, 2023*

DONATIONS*

ANNUAL FUND

In loving memory of Eleanor (Ellie) Lorden, mother of Dave Lorden, from Gail & Michael Habif

In loving memory of Dr Robert Abrams, husband of Lori Abrams, from Michelle Gersen & Michael Zweig

In honor of Jess Lorden and team, in appreciation of their support and caring for our community, from Susan & Joseph Rozin

In honor of Linda & Michael Goldberg, from Cheryl & Harvey Geller

In loving memory of Sol Upbin, father of Lori Abrams, from Melanie & Adam Gluck & family

FOOD PANTRY

In loving memory of Dr. Robert Abrams, from Joseph Pisani & family

In honor of Myrna Barzelatto's birthday, from Nancy Nemlich

Happy Hanukkah & Anniversary to her mom & dad, Carol & Eugene Klein, from Laurie Klein

In honor of Jess & Dave Lorden, from Rena & David Schwartzbaum

In loving memory of their parents, Francis & Benjamin, from Randy Stein & Jack Berger

In appreciation, from Uriel Cohen

In appreciation, from Ilka Marino

In loving memory of David McCormack, son of Betsy & Tom McCormack, from Eileen Pritchep & Harvey Beram

In loving memory of Dorothea Knecht, mother of Steven Knecht, from Isabel McDonald

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In loving memory of Dr. Robert Abrams, from Margie & Gary Lewis

In loving memory of Dr. Robert Abrams, from Lisa Borowitz

In loving memory of Eleanor (Ellie) Lorden, from Lois Laemle

In loving memory of Eleanor (Ellie) Lorden, from Lisa Borowitz

In loving memory of Dr. Robert Abrams, from Ben & Ariel Okin

In loving memory of Sol Upbin, from Margie & Gary Lewis

In loving memory of Patty Haskel, from Bracha Lieberman

In loving memory of Rosalind Oltsik, mother of Myra Oltsik, from Robin Cohen

KOL AMI FUND

In loving memory of Dr Robert Abrams, from Joanne Colen

In loving memory of Dr. Robert Abrams, from Gary Kaufman

In loving memory of Dr. Robert Abrams, from Lauri & David Carey

In loving memory of Dr. Robert Abrams, from Francine & Dick Kessler

In loving memory of Dr. Robert Abrams, from Jennifer & Laurence Tuchman

In loving memory of Dr. Robert Abrams, from Alex Price

In honor of the birth of her great-grandchildren, Noa Alexandria & Ari

Alexander Schneider Panton, from Grace Wiggs

In loving memory of Eleanor (Ellie) Lorden, from Patricia & Matthew Lee-Renert

In loving memory of Paul Schwarz, husband of Barbara Schwarz, from Harriet & Bruce Rader

In loving memory of their father, Shimmy Greenblatt, from the Rozin and Greenblatt families

In honor of Andrew Schmidt, grandson of Maggy & David Weber, becoming a Bar Mitzvah, from Jen Josephs, Sam, Sophie, & Mia

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In honor of Asher Rosenzweig, son of Stefanie & Kevin Rosenzweig becoming a Bar Mitzvah, from Jen Josephs, Sam, Sophie & Mia

In loving memory of her mother, Rosalyn Kornfeld, from Judy & Matthew Gluckson

In loving memory of Patty Haskel, from Eva Laufer

In loving memory of Patty Haskel, from Regina & Kenny Berthold

In loving memory of Patty Haskel, from Ursula Iannuzzi

In loving memory of Patty Haskel, from Lynne Boxenhorn" and "In loving memory of Patty Haskel, from Regina and Kenny Berthold

KOL AMI CARES FUND

In loving memory of Dr. Robert Abrams, from Jennifer & Laurence Tuchman

In loving memory of Paul Schwarz, from Marian Steinberg

In loving memory of Eleanor (Ellie) Lorden, from Francine Broder

In loving memory of Eleanor (Ellie) Lorden, from Lisa Borowitz

In loving memory of Eleanor (Ellie) Lorden, from Joele & Andrew Levenson

In loving memory of Dr. Robert Abrams, from Linda & Jerrod Zlatkiss

In loving memory of Dr. Robert Abrams, from Joele & Andrew Levenson

In loving memory of David McCormack, from Lisa Borowitz

In loving memory of Sol Upbin, from Lori & David Okun

In loving memory of Sol Upbin, from Karen & David Cole

In loving memory of Patty Haskel, from her niece Jenny Mural and the staff of SPCC of Rochester

In honor of their Mah Jongg teacher, Betsy McCormack, from the River Towns Mah Jongg Group

In loving memory of Patty Haskel, from Noreen & David Halpern

In loving memory of Patty Haskel, from Robin & Alan Seidman

In loving memory of Patty Haskel, from the Sheet Metal & Roofers Employee Assoc. of Southeastern NY

In loving memory of Patty Haskel, from Lynne Boxenhorn

In loving memory of Rosalind Oltsik, mother of Myra Oltsik, from Gila Cohen-Shaw & Howard Shaw

In honor of Betsy McCormack, from Andrea Garry

In loving memory of Roslind Oltsik, from Myrna Barzelatto

In loving memory of Patty Haskel" from Myrna Barzelatto

In honor of Judy Robbins-Rosenberger and Edwin Rosenberger, from Myra Oltsik

MUSIC FUND

In appreciation, from Rabbi Sandy Bogin

In honor of Lisa Borowitz's birthday, from Jean & Hank Rouda

In loving memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Scoca, from M A Scoca Capriolo

In loving memory of Rosalind Oltsik from Judy Robbins-Rosenberger and Edwin Rosenberger

In loving memory of Patty Haskel, from Myra Oltsik

PRAYERBOOK FUND

In loving memory of Rosalind Oltsik, from Bonnie and Eric Eilen

RETREAT FUND

In loving memory of Barbara Kirvin, sister of Jean Rouda, from Lisa Borowitz

SYNAPLEX

In honor of Martin Kahn's 80th birthday from Hank and Jean Rouda

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