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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.

Centennial Voices: Hear the echoes of a hundred years as our cherished congregants share their stories, spanning generations. Join us in honoring the enduring spirit and legacy that has shaped our vibrant synagogue community.

Lisa Borowitz, Member for 34 years

"Matan Torah is a special memory...it was the most recent Torah project we did when we had a female scribe come in, and that, in itself, was so unique. Many congregants had never really seen the inside of a Torah and didn't know how it is created. To see the curiosity of people... and then to watch as they put their hand on top of our scribe, Julie Seltzer's hand, and scribe a word into the Torah...The look on people's faces as they were doing that was just marvelous."

► **Watch Lisa Borowitz Video**



Joyce and Alan Goldman, Members for 43 years

"We were one of Mark Winer's first Bat Mitzvahs. Previously, Rabbi Davis would not let you wear yarmulkes on the bima or in the sanctuary. No one wore them so we didn't use them not knowing how Mark Winer felt. Three years later, for Rebecca's Bat Mitzvah, we said we're going to use yarmulkes and Mark Winer was very surprised we had made that transition. But the synagogue had made the transition. It had gone from no tallit, no yarmulkes to most, if not everyone, wearing them."

► **Watch Joyce & Alan Goldman Video**

Janet and Mark Hershey, Members for 36 years

"My most significant memory of my time at Kol Ami goes back to when I had the privilege of being President of Kol Ami when we elevated Rabbi Shira Milgrom to Senior Rabbi. At the time Shira requested of the Board and of the congregation that we adopt a new method of leadership at the temple and hire another Senior Rabbi. The congregation voted to do that and a year later we hired Rabbi Tom Weiner."

► **Watch Janet & Mark Hershey Video**



Rebecca, Michael and Caleb Bergman

Members for 43 years, 14 years, and 11 years, respectively

"When you say Kol Ami and what does it mean to me, it's like an extension of family coming together. We went through a major health crisis and the outpouring of support we received from Kol Ami was remarkable. I've been through many life cycle events here and it's always just felt like a big hug."

► **Watch Rebecca, Michael and Caleb Bergman Video**

Ronnie Cohn and Genna Farley Fleming Members for 31 years

"I had never belonged to any place that inspired us to get so involved in things...and as we just opened the doors and saw people coming in, it was just something that was so lovely. Of course, the retreat sticks out the most because that has been such a big part of our Kol Ami life."

► **Watch Ronnie Cohn and Genna Farley Fleming Video**



Adar's Blessing of Added Joy

Rabbi Jason Fenster

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Mish'nichnas Adar marbin b'simchah

When (the month of) Adar arrives, we expound upon joy.

(Babylonian Talmud, Ta'anit 29a)



We all know that this is a leap year. As we do every four years, we add an extra day in February to keep our calendar on track. A sweet, little oddity of the earth's orbit around the sun.

But did you know

that it is a leap year in the Hebrew calendar as well? The Hebrew calendar is...slightly more complicated than the Gregorian calendar. Months are determined by the moon, but the year is determined by the sun. We call it a lunisolar calendar. This means that instead of a neat and tidy leap day every four years, in order to keep our holidays in the appropriate season, we need to add a leap month, 7 out of every 19 years.

To make sure we don't end up celebrating Chanukah in July, our sages dictated that in these special leap years, we add an extra month of Adar. In truth, they could have picked any month at any moment of the year. But they picked Adar. Now, there are lots of texts and rabbinic discussions and debates about how and why we pick this month. They center on the holiday that comes in Adar—Purim.

Purim is our holiday for joy. We put on costumes, eat cookies, and play games. We give gifts and tell an incredible story of resilience and identity with songs and silliness and just the right amount of irreverence. Purim is a holiday that insists that our laughter and our smiles and our wholehearted joy are sacred. Spiritual joy, Purim suggests, is not just for our children or our childhoods gone by. Spiritual joy is a core aspect of our theology and practice.

This matters enough to our tradition that it's not just Purim that is for joy. The Talmud teaches, when the month of Adar arrives, joy increases. I still remember being on Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem and seeing people wearing costumes the whole month. And just in case that wasn't enough, when it comes time to add a month to appropriately structure our calendar, what month do we add? The month of joy.

Lest you start to worry that Jewish history, theology, and practice are resigned to our tragic history of persecutions, expulsions, and exterminations, we go out of our way to insist upon finding opportunities to add joy to the year. That is not to say that we deny the hardship, sorrow, and brokenness in the world around us. On the contrary, specifically because we see the world as it is, we know how precious and critical it is to celebrate and rejoice when the opportunity arises.

These next weeks and months at Kol Ami are full of opportunities for joy. I'm told that Purim celebrations are unmatched. We will celebrate freedom, story, and gluten-free delicacies for Passover. We will sing the night away at our 100th Anniversary gala. We will rejoice in the gift of Torah and the wisdom of our students at Confirmation and Shavuot. And, of course, there is the regular joy and uplift of Shabbat and the special and sacred moments that we bring with us each time we enter our synagogue.

Jason

A Marriage Of Force & Breath

Cantor Daniel Mendelson

"Come, make us a God who shall go before us, for that fellow Moses - the man who brought us from the land of Egypt - we do not know what has happened to him" (Exodus 32:1).

We Jews don't like to wait. Honestly, who does? We look for easy comforts and quick solutions, especially when we're scared. At the start of March, Parashat Ki Tisa introduced the blessing of Shabbat but also featured the story of the golden calf. False prophets and the Jewish day of rest...Those two ideas aren't only different; they are exact opposites. And yet, they both seem to occupy the same booth at the diner.

Personally, when I find myself stuck in traffic and need to be somewhere, I always imagine my car being magically air-lifted and whooshed to my destination...But that is always after I yell out some, let's say, vented words of comfort. Truthfully, they're just vented words without any lasting comfort. First, I must yell the problem into submission, as it fulfills an immediate fantasy that the fuel of my force will blast away my problems. Once that is done, I find my way to this dream of car flight and while that doesn't solve the traffic problem, it does calm my nerves enough to tolerate the stress of traffic. And then I get moving, and it's on to the next hurdle.

We all have these stressors in our lives. Perhaps we all confront at one time or another that the swiping away of an issue almost never solves it. Global conflicts are certainly on a much larger scale, but we can find examples of this seesawing between force and calm. The response to the most horrific attack on the Jewish people since the Holocaust has been met with expectedly heavy and endless criticism. Even the notion of responding at all was criticized before an actual response occurred. As we sit here now, the Israeli Defense Force has been tasked with responding for four months and counting. Many lives were unnecessarily and tragically ended on that fateful day in October and many more lives have tragically ended in the response to those attacks. We can understand realities on the ground while agreeing or disagreeing on appropriate measures in addressing them. Still, I am compelled to say what too few in this world seem to be willing to accept: It is an irrefutable reality that Israel was attacked, and Israel has an obligation to respond and defend itself from harm. Can we also



► Watch OSEH SHALOM- Nava Tehila Video

acknowledge that the anger we feel in moments of fear and horror, however justified, can lead us away from being our best selves?

Out of fear and dread, the Israelites created a false idol, only for Moses to return and lose himself in anger in his response to their response. It's a long and complicated story, in our long and complicated Torah, but meaningful gems of truth and integrity can be found all up and down that long and complicated scroll. I look for seemingly easier golden calf solutions everywhere around me when I'm worried and upset. I find them when I'm afraid for my family, for my friends...for my people. I often forget to leave room for breath and thoughtfulness. Usually that path becomes clearer after the outburst. It isn't always possible but the effort to try and breathe first is a worthy one. The Jewish people have a weekly reminder of that path, through their observance of Shabbat.

I get to spend my Shabbat evenings on our bima alongside a soon to be installed, brilliant and menschy Senior Rabbi. In July, we'll have another wonderful Rabbi to join our team. We are that place for you to gather and to breathe and to find clarity. And no matter where we are physically or spiritually, no matter how shattered we feel about the difficulties of the world around us...when we reach Shabbat, we will continue to always pray for peace. Peace in our homeland. Peace for *kol yoshvei teivel* - for the entire world. And together, we say AMEN.

Building and Strengthening Community in Our Centennial Year

Judy Sarch & Andrew Levenson



With Congregation Kol Ami's 100th anniversary celebration now in full swing, it has been wonderful to see so many congregants leaning in and taking the opportunity to get to know more of our membership through these events. Our Hanukkah celebration kicked off festivities with well over 300 in attendance to listen to prayers sung to melodies from a bygone era and learn interesting facts about our history. Rabbi Fenster and Cantor Mendelson warmly welcomed Rabbis Tom Weiner and Shira Milgrom back to participate in a joyous Kabbalat Shabbat service and community celebration, culminating with Rabbi Fenster playing host to a family feud style trivia game.

We entered 2024 with our Back to the Beginning Havdalah where over 100 congregants gathered at our original site at 16 Sterling Avenue to celebrate in song and revel in how much we have grown. In February we gathered in the gym to assemble mitzvah kits for the unhoused, helping to spread tikkun olam far and wide.

Don't worry if you missed any of our centennial events, there are still future happenings where you can participate and help us build community. You can look forward to not one, but two, milestone celebrations in May. On May 4th we will mark Kol Ami's 100th anniversary with our youngest members at a Tot Party and finish out our year of community celebration with our

Centennial Spring Gala: A Century in Song on May 16th. Please RSVP at NYKolAmi.org/Gala2024

We are excited to bring our community together on March 8th for Rabbi Fenster's installation as Senior Rabbi of Kol Ami. It's a joyous occasion – a once-in-a-generation celebration you won't want to miss! Throughout the weekend, we will be hosting an array of events with something for everyone to take part in. Please register at NYKolAmi.org/Installation2024 and join us in commemorating this significant moment in our congregation's history.

We are also delighted that the Assistant/ Associate Rabbi Search Committee announced in late December that Rabbi Libby Fisher will be joining our community as Associate Rabbi starting on July 1, 2024. We are thrilled that Rabbi Fisher will be a part of our clergy team and we know she will bring her warmth and authenticity to our synagogue. Our congregational vote to approve Rabbi Fisher will be held at the annual meeting on May 7th.

Security remains a top priority of ours and we continue to have open lines of communication with various law enforcement agencies to help ensure safety for all who use our facilities. As such we continue to look for ways to upgrade through security grants and generous donations.

Lastly, as the Westchester area continues to come together in support of Israel and demand the release of all hostages, Kol Ami will be sponsoring several events. On Sunday March 17th at 7pm we will host a night of comedy with all proceeds benefitting the Koby Mandell Foundation and on Saturday March 23rd at 9:30am, Orly Erez Likhovski will discuss IRAC's work on fighting for a Jewish and Democratic Israel. We hope you will join us for these and the many other community events we have planned.

Celebrating 100 Years and Counting

Jess Lorden, Executive Director



In Jewish tradition, the concept of community, or “kehillah,” holds profound significance as it reflects the interconnectedness and collective responsibility inherent in Jewish life. From the joyous

gatherings of festivals like Sukkot and Purim to the solemn unity of observing Yom Kippur, Jewish celebrations underscore the importance of communal participation in both times of rejoicing and introspection. Through communal worship, study, and acts of kindness, we honor our heritage and uphold the values of compassion, justice, and mutual support, ensuring that the vibrant tapestry of Jewish community continues to thrive and inspire future generations.

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Congregation Kol Ami is a momentous occasion within the context of community and religious continuity. It symbolizes a century of collective commitment, resilience, and perseverance in preserving Jewish traditions and values. Such a milestone provides an opportunity not only to reflect on the rich history and achievements of our congregation but also to reaffirm its role as a spiritual and communal anchor for future generations. Our centennial celebration serves as a testament to the enduring strength of Jewish community, highlighting its capacity to adapt, evolve, and thrive amidst changing times and circumstances. It is a moment of profound gratitude for the dedication of past generations who laid the foundation for the congregation's success and a call to action for current members to continue the legacy of communal service, learning, and outreach. By commemorating this significant anniversary, we not only honor our past but also renew our commitment to shaping

a vibrant and inclusive future, grounded in the timeless values of faith, unity, and collective responsibility.

Under the dynamic leadership of Jess and Josh Wagner, Kol Ami is joyously marking its centennial year with a diverse array of celebrations. Our festivities began with a memorable Hanukkah Shabbat in December, followed by a musically rich and spiritually uplifting Havdalah service and concert at the original site of our synagogue on Sterling Avenue in January. In February, our community came together for a heartwarming mitzvah morning, where dedicated volunteers assembled mitzvah kits for those in need. Concurrently, our quilting endeavor has taken flight, with numerous congregants showcasing their artistic talents through fabric squares destined to form a stunning quilt. March marks the sacred installation of Rabbi Fenster as our esteemed Senior Rabbi, fostering a spirit of profound partnership. April promises a communal gathering for a special second seder, fostering unity and tradition. Throughout this celebratory journey, we will honor our rich heritage through the sharing of oral histories of past clergy, Temple leaders, and multi-generational Kol Ami families alongside the exhibition of Kol Ami artifacts in our Atrium. The pinnacle of our centennial festivities awaits in May with our Gala, titled “A Century in Song,” featuring beloved hits from each of our ten decades performed by Broadway luminaries and our own Cantor Danny. At the heart of Kol Ami's unique charm lies our vibrant congregants, who infuse every moment with meaning and connection. As always, there is a myriad of meaningful opportunities for engagement, and I warmly invite you to partake in one, two, or all of these exceptional events as we celebrate this remarkable milestone together.

With love and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jess". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Tot-ally Connected: Celebrating 100 Years Together

Joele Levenson, Young Family Ambassador



There is nothing better than the game of Jewish Geography. I love watching people connect the dots and make connections during Young Family Programs. There is a simply satisfying moment when you figure out your younger brother was in the same age group at sleepaway camp with the husband of the woman you just met. It's priceless!

While many of us are new to Westchester, our stories often connect us, sometimes in unexpected ways. I hope to see you soon so we can get to know each other and find ways our stories overlap too! Here's a Peek at what's happening at Kol Ami for young families this Spring.

Our Kol Ami Baby Play Group continues to meet on Friday mornings from 11:00am-12:00pm. Geared toward babies 12 months and younger with caregivers, the hour is filled with sensory play and exploration as well as adult conversation too. *Let's Connect, Mingle & Play!*

Tot Shabbat celebrates Earth Day on Saturday, April 13th from 9:00-10:30am. We will *Take Action* with our own *Act of Green* as we plant potted flowers to take home and add to our gardens!



TOT Party

Saturday, May 4, 2024

12:00pm

Congregation Kol Ami Auditorium

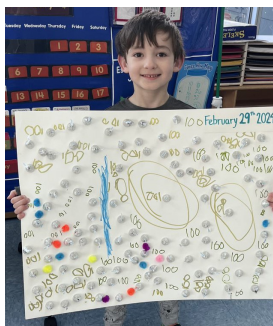
Join us as our community celebrations of Kol Ami's 100th year continue with a TOT PARTY! Get ready to sing, dance and groove along with bandleader Jeff from Ramblin' Dan's Freewheelin' Band. Enjoy delicious pizza and treats while capturing priceless moments in our Photo Booth.

Let's make this celebration one for the ages! Bring your smiles, your dancing shoes, and your appetite for joy! We can't wait to see you there!

[Click here to RSVP by May 1st](#)

Early Childhood Program Highlights

Our ECP hit a monumental milestone this week - the 100th day of school!! From 100 treats to scavenger hunts, creative crafts, and engaging number charts, our classrooms buzzed with excitement and learning. Countless giggles and wide-eyed wonder filled the rooms as our students reveled in the joy of counting and celebrating this special day.



Religious School Highlights

Lively Learning... Joyous Judaism...

Grade 2 Book Club and Dance



Grade 3 Shabbat and Sleepover



Religious School Highlights



Grade 6
Pickle Making (Immigration Unit)

Grade 6/8
Holocaust Speakers



Mini Golf at Kol Ami
(Multi-Generational
winter activity)



Meaningful Moments...
Community Connection...

Dribbling Dreams Into Reality

Zöe Shannon, Director of Youth Engagement



During a November pizza dinner, a weekly ritual for our 7th -12th grade Hebrew school students, a tornado of 7th grade girls formed around me. They posed a question: Why can't girls play Jew-ball?

('Jew-ball' is the

endearing nickname for the Westchester Jewish Basketball League or JBL.) Before I could attempt an answer, of which I had none, they decided on their own and began recruiting a team. The tornado stormed table to table singing their sailor songs of woe and enlisting co-conspirators in 'rocking the boat' -- with me at the theoretical helm of their rising ship.

Victorious sailor metaphors aside, the following weeks were a whirlwind of phone calls, e-mails, waivers, and WhatsApp polls before these same girls plus a few made it onto the court to play their first game. Three out of nine of our players had never played basketball before. From the team's inception to teaching the foundations of the sport to our first game win, this new team was child-led. They ran their own plays, taught each other how to dribble and shoot, decided on when to have practice, and recruited friends as substitutes for

games with low attendance. The entire season became a lesson in perseverance, sportsmanship, and, most importantly, letting young people lead the way. Of course, the additional element of girl power was an extra bonus. They excelled not only on the court but also in the hearts of the league administrators, parents from other teams who inquired about their daughters joining, and the referees who (short from favoritism) rooted us on and shared coaching tips each week.

Next to the absolute joy this season offered not only to the team, but also to myself, nostalgia and its cousin, grief, arose for me. I was reminded of the joy I experienced in fourth grade when there was no girls' lacrosse team. Adamant about playing as I watched my older brothers do so, my mom, with surprisingly little apprehension, signed me up for the boys' league. I played the season and relished the opportunity to be on the field until the girls' team was created the next year. Sports were an incredible part of my childhood; they shaped the way I view teamwork, mutual respect, authority, and my own strength. In the past few years, the world has all too soon lost two powerhouses in the world of sports – particularly in empowering young women and girls in sports. Coach Sue Adams and Coach Mike Leone were two influential figures throughout my formative years – their lessons expanded far outside the courts and fields where we shared time. In coaching our Jew-ball team, and the first all-girls team in league history, I was honored to live out their legacy and their memory.



Top left: Sydney Podolak, Abby Tuckman, Maya Ziff, Morgan Campbell

Bottom left: Rowan Baer, Layla Weiss, Rachel Tuckman, Cam Hollander, Zöe Shannon, Helena Napoli

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."



Asher Berrebi, son of Rebecca and Jason Berrebi and brother of Vivienne Berrebi, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 2, 2024. Asher is in 7th grade at the Hackley School. He is a dedicated swimmer, cross country runner and wrestler, and he also plays the drums. Asher loves spending his summers at Camp Lanakila in Fairlee, VT. For his mitzvah project Asher is involved in raising money for the Israeli Defense Force through the program Friends of the IDF, as he is a strong supporter of Israel. Asher looks forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with his family, friends, teammates, classmates, and camp buddies.



Abigail Tuckman and **Rachel Tuckman**, daughters of Susan Friedfel and Marc Tuckman and sisters of Jonathan Tuckman, will be called to the Torah as B'not Mitzvah on March 16, 2024. Abby and Rachel are in 7th grade at Highlands Middle School.

Abby loves to dance and takes ballet, jazz, contemporary, and hiphop. Abby also enjoys playing basketball.

Rachel loves sports and plays soccer, basketball and softball for her school and on travel teams. Rachel also enjoys painting, baking and cooking.

For their mitzvah project Abby and Rachel are making bracelets to raise money for One Family, an organization that provides mental health treatment and other support for victims of terrorism in Israel. Abby and Rachel are very grateful to the Kol Ami community, especially their teachers from the ECP and religious school, for helping them get to this exciting milestone.

B'nai Mitzvah



Jordan Levine, son of Lauren and Doug Levine and brother of Sammie and Maya Levine, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 9, 2024. Jordan is in 7th grade at Louis M. Klein Middle School. He loves playing football for his school and basketball for Kol Ami in the Jewish Basketball League. He has a passion for music and plays electric guitar. Jordan enjoys summers at Trails End Camp in Beach Lake, PA. For his mitzvah project, Jordan organized a collection of supplies and food for the Pleasantville Cottage School's Super Bowl Party and helped set up the event on that day. Jordan looks forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with his extended family and with friends from school and camp.



Alice Schneider, daughter of Jennifer and David Schneider and sister of Eva, Amanda, and Evan Schneider, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 30, 2024. Alice is in 8th grade at Irvington Middle School. She loves playing softball and volleyball both in school and club as well as baking. She enjoys summers at Camp Sprout Lake in Verbank, NY. She and her family volunteer regularly at Westchester Food Bank and help deliver food to those in need. Alice looks forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with her family and her friends from sports, school and camp!



Ryan Blake West, son of Matthew West and Hallie Buchbinder and brother to Emma West, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on April 6, 2024. Ryan is in the 7th grade at Ardsley Middle School. He loves spending time with his friends, anything "tech" and admiring exotic cars. In the summers, Ryan enjoys his time at Camp Lindenmere, a sleepaway camp in PA. In honor of his upcoming Bar Mitzvah, over the past year, Ryan has been recycling bottles and raising money for a charity that he believes in, Paws Crossed Animal Rescue in Westchester, NY. Ryan's goal is to raise \$500 so that he can make his donation goal. Ryan wishes to thank Cantor Danny Mendelson, Rabbi Jason Fenster, Leah Sherin and especially Cantor Fredda Mendelson for all of their tremendous help, preparation and guidance. Ryan is so much looking forward to celebrating his special day with his family and friends.

B'nai Mitzvah



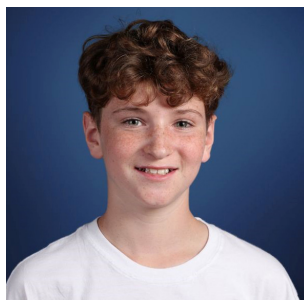
Miles Weinberg, son of Beth and Glenn Weinberg and brother of Atticus Weinberg, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on April 13, 2024. Miles attends Ardsley Middle School and is an athlete on the Pioneer sports team. He loves building Lego sets, playing board games, going to arcades with his friends, and attending Phish concerts with his family. Miles looks forward to summers at Fairwinds Family Camp in Maine. Miles is excited to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah with his family and friends.



Ella Barrocas, daughter of Rachel and Andrew Barrocas and sister of Cayden and Zoe Barrocas, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 4, 2024. Ella is in 7th grade at Ardsley Middle School and plays softball, basketball, flag football and enjoys skiing. She spends her summers at Trails End Camp in Pennsylvania. For her mitzvah project, Ella is collecting school supplies for schools in need. Ella is looking forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with her family and friends.



Ryder Margolies, son of Rachel and Rich Margolies and brother of Austin Margolies, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 4, 2024. Ryder is in 7th grade at Louis M. Klein Middle School. Ryder loves his summers at Camp IHC. A natural athlete, Ryder plays goalie for the Harrison Modified soccer team, point guard for the Triple Threat and Harrison Modified basketball teams and midfield for the True Lacrosse 2029 and Harrison Modified lacrosse teams. For his mitzvah project Ryder is collecting used lacrosse equipment through an organization he started with his brother (Ya Mon Lacrosse) and donating it to the Jamaican Lacrosse program. Ryder looks forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with his family and friends from school and camp.



Ryan Chase Begun, son of Erika and Jared Begun and brother of Kellen Begun, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 11, 2024. Ryan is in the 7th grade at Louis M. Klein Middle School in Harrison. He loves playing basketball almost as much as he loves his summers at Camp Wah-Nee in Torrington, CT. For his mitzvah project, Ryan is planning to share his passion for basketball and sneakers by collecting gently worn basketball sneakers for those in need. Ryan is looking forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with his friends and family.

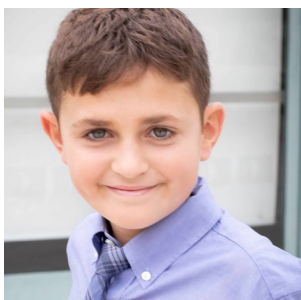
B'nai Mitzvah



Patrick Flynn Pressman, son of Andrea Flynn and Evan Pressman, brother of Luke and Ryan Pressman, and grandson of congregants Kurt and Arlene Pressman, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 11, 2024. Patrick is in 7th grade at Irvington Middle School. He loves playing basketball and baseball and spending time with friends. During the summer Patrick attends Camp Cobbossee in Maine and enjoys traveling with friends and family to Vermont and Cape Cod. For his mitzvah project Patrick will be teaching baseball to children with special needs, bringing his love of sports and working with kids to underserved students. Patrick is looking forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with his family and close friends and then traveling to Italy with his extended family to celebrate this important life event.



Eli Malamy, son of Jill Abramson and Jonathan Malamy, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 18, 2024. Eli is in 7th grade at Whetstone Academy in Mountain Rest, South Carolina. He loves to hike, camp, fish, and listen to music. He loves animals, especially his Golden-doodle, Winnie! An avid reader, Eli loves to discuss history, current events, movies and football. Eli is also a dedicated student of Karate. Eli looks forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with his extended family, friends and the Kol Ami community.



Alex Golden Menell, son of Stephanie Golden and Eric Menell, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 18, 2024. Alex is in 6th grade at The Masters School and looks forward to celebrating his special day with family and friends.



Sydney Podolak, daughter of Amy and Evan Podolak, and sister of Noah Podolak, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 18, 2024. Sydney is a student at the Louis M. Klein Middle School in Harrison, NY and a competitive soccer player for the New York Soccer Club. In addition to soccer, Sydney enjoys playing a variety of other sports and volunteering to help those in need. She loves her Kol Ami family. Additionally, she attends Camp Chipinaw over the summer. For her mitzvah project, she will be volunteering for Backyard Sports, helping children with special needs learn how to play soccer and other sports. She is looking forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with family, friends and her Kol Ami community.

WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

6:15pm

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service:

Our weekly Kabbalat Shabbat service takes place in our Main Sanctuary with Rabbi Jason Fenster and Cantor Danny Mendelson. Kabbalat Shabbat services are also streamed weekly on our website, FaceBook, and Youtube pages.

9:30am

Saturday Morning Torah Study and Shabbat Service:

Bring your creativity and curiosity as we delve us into the depths of Torah and explore the relevancy of these timeless teachings to our lives today. Whether you're a seasoned Torah scholar or completely new to Torah study, there is always something new to discover.

Online: [Click here.](#)

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Weekly Torah Portions

MARCH 2024

Week ending March 2

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 9

Parashat Vayak'heil

Exodus 35:1–38:20

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).

Week ending March 16

Parashat P'kudei

Exodus 38:21–40:38

P'kudei is the last parashah in 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 23

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.

Week ending March 30

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.

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Week ending April 6

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, Nadav and Avihu, 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.

Weekly Torah Portions

Week ending April 13

Parashat Tazria

Leviticus 12:1-13:59

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.

Week ending April 20

Parashat M'tzora

Leviticus 14:1-15:33

This parashah 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 27

**(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.

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Week ending May 4

Parashat Acharei Mot

Leviticus 16:1-18:30

We return to the book of Leviticus this week. In this 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.

Week ending May 11

Parashat K'doshim

Leviticus 19:1-20:27

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.

Week ending May 18

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 25

Parashat B'har

Leviticus 25:1-26:2

This parashah 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.

CALENDAR

MARCH

Mar 8 **Morning Shabbat Service** **with ECP Families**

9:15AM

Our ECP parents are warmly invited to join their children in celebrating the joys of Shabbat with Rabbi Fenster. Following a sweet Shabbat service, the children will return to their classrooms with their teachers, while parents linger, socialize, and enjoy coffee and breakfast with Rabbi Fenster and with each other.

Click here to RSVP.

Mar 8 **Kabbalat Shabbat and** **Installation Service**

6:15PM

We to invite you to celebrate with us as Congregation Kol Ami formally installs Rabbi Jason Fenster as its Senior Rabbi. Join us as part of this momentous occasion as we celebrate the unique gifts and wisdom Rabbi Fenster brings to our congregation. We will be joined by special guests, Rabbi Karyn Kedar and Cantor Jennifer Frost from Congregation BJBE in Deerfield, Illinois, both of whom will enrich our service musically and spiritually. An elaborate oneg to follow.

Click here to RSVP.

Mar 9 **Torah Study and Shabbat** **Morning Service with Rabbi** **Karyn Kedar and Rabbi** **Jason Fenster**

9:30AM with Luncheon
to Follow at 12:00PM

Join us for a thought-provoking Torah study session and Shabbat morning service led by Rabbi Jason Fenster and Rabbi Karyn Kedar. Engage in

meaningful discussion that will inspire and uplift. Stay for lunch as our celebration of Rabbi Fenster's installation continues. *Click here to RSVP.*



Mar 9 **Shir Ami – A Night of** **Communal Singing,** **Community Havdalah** **Featuring Elana Arian**

7:30PM

Experience the warmth of our community as we bid farewell to Shabbat and welcome in the new week with beautiful melodies and heartfelt prayers led by renowned singer and songwriter, Elana Arian. Join us as we elevate our souls and connect with each other in song and spirit.

Click here to RSVP.

Mar 10 **Religious School** **Pancake Breakfast and** **School-Wide Tefilah**

8:30AM

Our Religious School families are invited to a celebratory Pancake Breakfast followed by our school wide Tefilah as part of Rabbi Fenster's Installation celebration.

Click here to RSVP.

Mar 17 **Blood Drive** **8:30AM-2:30PM** **at Bet Am Shalom** **Synagogue**

Donate blood, save lives!

Kol Ami will be co-sponsoring this semi-annual blood drive with Bet Am Shalom. Your participation could be the gift of life someone desperately needs. *Click here to sign up and help us make a positive impact together.*

Mar 17 **Stand Up in Solidarity:** **Comedy for Koby**

7:00PM

Comedy for Koby is a highly popular comedy tour benefiting The Koby Mandell Foundation, an organization providing emotional support services to thousands of bereaved Israelis who have lost an immediate family member to terror or tragedy. In the wake of October 7th, the number of families in Israel who have suffered a loss and are experiencing traumatic bereavement has grown exponentially. While The Koby Mandell Foundation has significantly expanded its programming in response to the constantly growing demands, their work with this newly bereaved community has only just begun. All ticket proceeds will go directly to The Koby Mandell Foundation in support of their work to help bereaved individuals rebuild their lives and create meaning out of suffering.

Click here to RSVP.

CALENDAR

Mar 21

Kol Ami March Madness Viewing Party

6:00PM

Join us for the ultimate March Madness viewing party! Indulge in pizza, snacks, and drinks while you cheer on your favorite teams with Kol Ami friends. The evening will run for the duration of the games, so drop by whenever you like and stay as long as you please. Let's make memories and enjoy the excitement of the tournament together!

Click here to RSVP.

Mar 23

Torah Study and Morning Shabbat Service with Special Guest Only Erez Likhovski

9:30AM

We are honored to welcome Orly Erez Likhovski, the Executive Director of Israel's Religious Action Center (IRAC) to join us to for an informative

discussion on fighting for a Jewish democracy at times or war and protest. Orly will share IRAC's work on behalf of all Israelis, the struggle to protect Israel's democracy and what has changed post October 7.

Mar 23

Purim Carnival, Megillah Reading and Purim Spiel
4:00PM Carnival,
6:00PM Purim Spiel

Join us for an afternoon packed with Purim fun: live music, games, prizes plus a spellbinding magic show. Get decked out in your favorite costume and enjoy pizza and hamantaschen before stepping into a blast from the past with our Back to 90s Purim Spiel! Open to the community, so bring your friends and neighbors. All are welcome. Come for the carnival, stay for the Spiel!

Click here to RSVP.

Mar 29

Good Friday – Temple Office and Building Closed

APRIL

Apr 5

Synaplex Shabbat with Special Guest Speaker, Rabbi Rick Jacobs
6:15PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 7:15PM Dinner, 8:00PM Special Guest Rabbi Rick Jacobs

Join us as we welcome Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), back to Kol Ami in honor of our synagogue's centennial anniversary. We are thrilled to have Rabbi Jacobs worshipping with us and speaking to our community on this occasion. *More details to follow.*

PURIM CARNIVAL

4-6 pm

Clown • Games • Balloons
Magic Show
Pizza & Snacks



Saturday, March 23

C A L E N D A R

Apr 13 **Eldrich Day Tot Shabbat** **9:00AM**

Get ready to sing, dance and celebrate Shabbat! Join Rabbi Fenster for a lively, interactive Shabbat service geared to our youngest members. Challah, juice, and snacks provided. After a nosh, we will *Take Action* in honor of Earth Day with our own *Act of Green* as we plant potted flowers to take home and add to our gardens! Open to the community. All are welcome! [Click here to register.](#)

Apr 16 **Women Speak!** **7:00PM**

Together, through ancient and modern texts, conversation, and, of course, snacks, Rabbi Fenster guides us in bringing Biblical women to life. Through them, we see power, wisdom, courage, and leadership and use their stories to bring new intention and meaning to our own modern lives.

Apr 22-29 **Passover Observed –** **Temple Office Closed**

Apr 23 **Passover Day 1 Service** **10:00AM**

Join Rabbi Fenster and Cantor Mendelson as we celebrate the start of Passover with prayer, reflection, and community.

Apr 23
Community Second Seder
Time TBD
Celebrate the second Seder with Kol Ami friends and family! Whether you are looking to reconnect with familiar faces or seeking a welcoming place to spend the second night of Passover, our doors are open

to you. Share in the joy of storytelling, delicious food, and the warmth of community as we retell the story of liberation and renewal. More details to follow.

Apr 29 **Passover Day 7** **Yizkor Service** **6:15PM**

Celebrate the seventh day of Passover with reverence and joy! Join Rabbi Fenster and Cantor Mendelson for a heartfelt Yizkor service, followed by a delicious pizza feast, marking the end of the holiday with warmth and community.

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May 4 **Tot Party** **12:00PM**

Join us as our community celebrations of Kol Ami's 100th year continue with a Tot Party! Get ready to sing, dance and groove along with bandleader Jeff from Ramblin' Dan's Freewheelin' Band. Enjoy delicious pizza and treats while capturing priceless moments in our Photo Booth. Bring your smiles, your dancing shoes, and your appetite for joy! [RSVP here.](#)

May 7 **Annual Meeting** **8:00PM**

Join us for Kol Ami's annual meeting, a pivotal moment in shaping our community's future. We will vote on the appointment of Rabbi Libby Fisher as Associate Rabbi, elect new Board Trustees and express our gratitude to those who will be retiring from the Board this year.

May 16 **Centennial Gala:** **A Century in Song** **7:00PM**

Join us for a night of celebration at our Centennial Gala, as we commemorate A Century in Song! Broadway performers, Valisa LeKae and Charl Brown along with our very own Cantor Danny will serenade us with melodies from each decade, in honor of Kol Ami's rich heritage and vibrant community. Let's toast to a hundred years of memories, milestones, and melodies that have shaped our cherished legacy! [RSVP here.](#)

May 17 **High School Graduation** **Kabbalat Shabbat** **6:15PM**

Join us as we honor our graduating seniors and offer heartfelt blessings as they embark on their journeys to college and beyond.

May 19 **Coachman BBQ** **5:00PM**

Join us as we host families residing at the Coachman Family Center for a Spring BBQ. Save the date with more information to follow.

May 22 **Kol Ami Golf Outing** **Time TBD**

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

May 27 **Memorial Day – Temple** **Office and Building Closed**

Celebrating

100

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A CENTURY IN SONG

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

CONGREGATION KOL AMI

7:00PM

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1970s: *Reach Out and Touch Someone*

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2000s: *I Could Be The Guy* (Sister Act)

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To Randy Stein and Jack Berger
on the birth of
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on the birth of
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To Gavi Young,
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Benjamin and Henry Fenster
on the birth of
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To Sara and Abraham Man
on the birth of
their grandson
Max



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To Barbara Wexler
on the passing of her sister
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on the passing of her brother
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To Mimi and Kurt Pressman
on the passing of Mimi's father
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on the passing of
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on the passing of Irene's mother
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on the passing of her husband
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To Andrea Birenbaum,
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To Aimee and
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To Heidi and Michael Kahn
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on the passing of his wife
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To Carrie Lederman Barotz,
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on the passing of
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To Ellen Umansky
on the passing of her cousin
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To Ezra Kanoff,
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Ezra's cousin
Allen Katz



To David and Michelle Kroin
and family
on the passing of David's mother
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Elaine Loewengart



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To the Kol Ami clergy, staff and
lay leadership for their
kindness and compassion
following the death of my father,
Harry Pressman
from Mimi & Kurt Pressman

*As of February 29, 2024

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our mother and grandmother,
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a one-of-a-kind father
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