

the Connection



**From Israel to White Plains:
Renewing Our Voices and Hearts with Hope in 5785**

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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.

L'shanah tovah—May it be a good year

Rabbi Jason Fenster



May it be a good year. That's our greeting for the High Holy Days. We don't say, "Happy New Year." We wish each other a year that's...good.

Not that there's anything wrong with happy. Happy

is great! But happy is fleeting. Happy is what happened around you. Happy is based on the momentary circumstances you find yourself in. As we approach this new year, I surely hope there are happy moments, but our holiday greeting looks for something deeper and more lasting.

Rabbi Karyn Kedar, the rabbi I worked with and learned from before I came to Kol Ami, made a point of this each year. You heard it in her inflection and saw it in her eyes as she closed services on Rosh Hashanah, "*L'shanah tovah. May it be a good year.*"

So, what makes a year good? What is it that we wish when we say (and sing!) these words together?

First, a little pre-Rosh Hashanah homework. What would make 5785 a good year for you? It's not for resolutions that won't last past Sukkot. It's not for pie-in-the-sky, I-hope-I-win-the-lottery wishes (but if you do, we hope you'll consider a gift to Kol Ami!). When you look back at 5785, how will you know if it was a good year?

Here's your Fall Connection Worksheet to help you prepare:

I know 5785 will be a good year if...

When I wish you a shanah tovah, here is my wish: A year of health. A year of time with people you love. A year of purpose. A year of having brought more kindness, compassion, and justice to the world. A year full of gratitude and contentment. A good, sweet year.

L'shanah tovah,

Jason

Time to Reflect, Renew, and Really Talk

Cantor Daniel Mendelson



We have heavy plates in front of us as we make our way back to the Jewish High Holy Days. We continue to be tested as a Jewish people. But for the moment, I want to focus on the more traditional themes

of reflection, repentance, and renewal that accompany the Days of Awe. These days call for deep introspection, not only in our relationship with the Divine but also in our interactions with others. In today's polarized world, where differences of opinion often lead to heated arguments or social divides, the High Holy Days offer a timely reminder of the importance of civilized conversation—especially with those with whom we disagree.

Judaism teaches that every person is created b'tzelem Elohim, in the image of God. This belief demands that we treat others with dignity and respect, even when we hold opposing views.

This is a hard ask, especially now, but civilized conversation is more than just polite discourse; it is an acknowledgment of our shared humanity. It requires us to listen actively, respond caringly, and remain open to understanding perspectives that differ from our own. While we may be mostly on the same page on issues of politics and human welfare, this is more about the people in and around our lives, than the folks at shul.

Rosh Hashanah and especially Yom Kippur emphasize teshuvah, or repentance, which includes seeking forgiveness from those we have wronged. Talking to each other without yelling and name calling is a way to practice *teshuvah* in real-time. In a season dedicated to mending relationships and community bonds, the ability to converse lovingly with each other is invaluable. The longer we remain in our respective thought bubbles, the harder it is to connect and grow.

As we gather for prayer and reflection during the High Holy Days, let us commit to approaching difficult conversations with humility and empathy. In doing so, we can strengthen our communities and honor the sacred values that define this season. Let's talk to each other again.

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From Summer's End to Elul's Beginning

Rabbi Libby Fisher



When I was younger, I was always heartbroken to wave goodbye to overnight camp and hello to “the real world.” After an incredible summer, who wants to think about school? But I always looked forward to back-to-

school shopping. I loved choosing the best folders, the sharpest pencils, and a fresh new planner for the year. Once that shopping trip was complete, I finally felt ready to think about what came next.

The specifics of that story have changed for me as an adult, but the underlying feelings remain the same. This summer has been an absolutely wonderful whirlwind. I moved from North Carolina to New York, began my work here at Kol Ami, and have already met so many of you in just a few short weeks. (I’m looking forward to meeting even more of you in the coming months!) I’ve explored restaurants and bookshops, both Westchester County and New York City, and I’ve experienced both my first Mets game and my first Yankee game. What a joyous summer it has been, and I’m feeling reticent to let it go.

As a rabbi, Elul has taken the place of back-to-school shopping. This Hebrew month, leading us toward the High Holy Days, helps me to prepare mentally, spiritually, and emotionally for the year to

come. Elul is dedicated to introspection and self-reflection, reminding us that in the midst of the hustle and bustle of life, it is imperative to check in with ourselves. Who are we? Who have we been in the past year and who do we want to be in the next one? How can we bridge that gap? These questions are deep, and it is often uncomfortable to explore our truest selves. So, I hope you’ll join us throughout the month of Elul as we learn and pray together, engaging in this meaningful preparation together in community.

To kick off this month, I offer one of my favorite Elul teachings. In Hebrew, Elul is spelled *alef-lamed-vav-lamed*, which our ancestors suggested we read as an acronym for *ani l’dodi v’dodi li*. This is a verse from Song of Songs (6:3), and it means “I am my beloved’s, and my beloved is mine.”

These days, this verse is often used in Jewish wedding ceremonies. Traditionally, the rabbis taught it as a metaphor for the loving relationship between God and the Jewish people. But this year, as we approach Elul, I’m inspired by the words of Rabbi Emily Aronson, who serves as the Campus Rabbi at NYU Hillel. Rabbi Aronson suggests that both the “I” and the “beloved” refer to ourselves, changing the translation to “I am for myself beloved, and the beloved within is for me.” This re-imagining of these ancient words reminds us to see the divine spark within each one of us. During Elul we brush the dust off of that spark, letting it shine forth as we approach the new year, 5785, together.

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Kol Ami's Summer of Solidarity and Connection

Judy Sarch & Andrew Levenson



This past summer, Kol Ami embarked on a powerful journey that began in the final days of June with a Community Solidarity Mission to Israel. Our group had the profound opportunity to stand on sacred ground, listening to stories of unimaginable tragedy and remarkable heroism at Kibbutz Kfar Aza, the Nova Festival site, and the town of Sderot. Walking through Hostage Square, we were deeply moved by the sight of the long gray table, each seat symbolically set for a hostage—a poignant image that will stay with us forever. Meeting with the Hostage and Missing Families Forum further underscored the ongoing struggle and unwavering commitment to bring the hostages home.

Our mission also brought us to the heart of lifesaving efforts at Magen David Adom's headquarters, where we toured their cutting-edge dispatch center and witnessed firsthand how they swiftly mobilize medical aid across the country. In Herzliya, we connected with the incredible volunteers from Brothers and Sisters for Israel, a grassroots movement that sprang into action following the attacks. Their efforts to unify Israelis from all walks of life in support of those in need exemplify the strength of the Israeli people. We also lent our hands to Leket Israel, where we helped sort and package vegetables for distribution to those in need, contributing to the vital work of rescuing food and fighting hunger.

A particularly meaningful moment was our visit to Holon, where we dined with congregants from our new sister synagogue, Kehilat Kodesh Vechol. Hearing their stories of life in Israel during these challenging months was both humbling and uplifting. Their resilience is a testament to

the courage and fortitude that defines the Israeli spirit. Our journey concluded with a solemn visit to Mount Herzl in Jerusalem, Israel's main military cemetery, where we honored those who have fallen in defense of the nation. We offered prayers for peace, hope, and the safe return of the hostages at the pluralistic prayer area, Azrat Yisrael, along the Kotel. We returned home filled with gratitude, and those who attended the mission shared their moving experiences with our congregation on July 12th, leaving a lasting impact.

As we welcomed the new fiscal year, our congregation had the joy of embracing Rabbi Libby Fisher into our Kol Ami family. On July 5th, she was warmly received during our first Shabbat of the year, followed by a special Board of Trustees meet and greet. Over the following weeks, Rabbi Fisher has taken the time to connect with us on a deeper level, attending gatherings in congregants' homes and sharing her vision for our future. Her energy and dedication have already begun to enrich our community, and we are thrilled to have her as a vital part of our clergy team.

Looking ahead to Rosh Hashanah and the start of the school year, we are excited about the new and engaging programs our clergy and staff have in store. With a particular focus on Israel, antisemitism education, and fostering Jewish pride in the next generations, we are committed to deepening our connections with one another. We invite you to join us, to lean into this vibrant community, and to be part of the meaningful experiences that lie ahead.



Welcoming in 5785 Together

Jess Lorden, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The High Holy Days are a special time that brings our community together, and we're excited to provide a meaningful experience for you and your family.

This year, we've carefully planned both in-person and virtual worship opportunities, ensuring everyone can participate in a way that suits them. Whether you join us physically or virtually, our services, led by Rabbi Jason Fenster, Cantor Daniel Mendelson, and Rabbi Libby Fisher, will be filled with the cherished traditions of Kol Ami, creating an uplifting atmosphere for all.

Reflecting on our centennial year, I'm reminded of a powerful moment from our Confirmation/ Shavuot service when our Confirmands shared a poem about what it means to be a congregation. It beautifully captured the essence of our Kol Ami community—caring for one another and sharing in each other's lives, both in joy and sorrow.

What does it mean to be a congregation?

It means to care about each other.

Pray?

We can also pray at home.

We come together as a congregation in order to share in our life as Jews, to be part of the Community of Israel – past, present, and future.

Once the Gerer Rebbe decided to question one of his students:

'How is Moshe Yaakov doing?'

The student didn't know.

'What!' shouted the Rebbe, 'You don't know?'

'You pray under the same roof,

You study the same texts,

You serve the same God,

You sing the same songs –

And yet you dare tell me that you don't know whether Moshe Yaakov is in good health, whether he needs help, advice, or comforting?'

Here lies the very essence of life:

Every person must share in every other person's life, One must not be left alone either in times of sorrow or joy.

As we look ahead, I'm energized to work with our new, complete clergy team. Together, may we continue to build from strength to strength. On a personal note, Dave and I have continued to be blessed in countless ways. We cherished many special family moments this year, from Alex's graduation and my parents' 70th anniversary celebration to welcoming our second grandchild, Auggie, and eagerly anticipating Robby and Rachel's upcoming wedding. We are deeply grateful for our family's good fortune.

As the High Holy Days approach, I look forward to sharing this sacred time with you in our beautiful sanctuary. Our office staff is busy assisting members and welcoming newcomers, while Paul Mauro and our custodial team work hard to refresh our buildings and prepare for start of the Religious School and Early Childhood Program. Our temple calendar is once again full of opportunities to worship, learn, celebrate, and engage as a community.

I'm excited to share important information about our High Holy Days services and programs to help make this holiday season meaningful for you and your family.

Dave, Sarah, Alex, Teddy, Auggie, Robby, Rachel and I wish you Shana Tova Tikatavu. May this New Year be a sweet one for you and all those you love.

Fondly,

Jess

High Holy Days Information

Service and Program Offerings

Clergy Reception

On Friday, September 27th, after our Kabbalat Shabbat Service, members are invited to join a special reception with Rabbi Fenster, Cantor Mendelson, Rabbi Fisher and Temple Leadership to exchange New Year greetings, and to receive a holiday challah with apples and honey; a gift from our Sisterhood.

Let's Start A Sweet New Year Together

Our congregants and guests will worship together as one community at our Erev Rosh Hashanah service which will start at 7:30pm. Following services, we will have a Community Potluck Oneg, in which members are encouraged to share their favorite dessert and visit with one another. Weather permitting, we will host this oneg outdoors.

Live Streaming Of Our Services

We will be live streaming our services so that members who are not able to attend services in person are nonetheless able to participate. We will be streaming the following High Holy Day Services: Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Early Service, Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Early Service, Yom Kippur Day Early Service and Yom Kippur Memorial and Neilah Service..

Emergency Medical Support

An emergency medical support area will be set up in our Gallery. Congregants who are medical professionals will be "on call" to provide immediate, on-site support and to help determine if a call to 911 is appropriate.

Safety And Security

We will continue working with the White Plains Police Department to implement a plan for security and traffic arrangements for all High Holy Days services. The Temple facility is carefully screened and surveyed before the building is opened to the congregation and guests and will be under constant police surveillance during this time. We ask that you report any suspicious individuals or activity to any of the police officers, ushers, Temple staff, or members of our Board of Trustees.

Member Tickets, Guest Tickets, Reciprocal Tickets

Name badges will serve as tickets again this year and will be required for High Holy Day service entry. Name badges will be available for pick up in the Temple Office after September 18th.

You will receive a name badge for each family member, including children under the age of 26. Name badges should be used to attend the service for which you registered. Please wear your name badge for all High Holy Day worship services.

Guest tickets may be purchased online. Requests for Reciprocal tickets must be arranged with the Temple Office. If you know anyone who is not a member and who is interested in attending High Holy Days services at Kol Ami, please ask them to contact the Temple Office for guest ticket information.

Ushers

Please keep in mind that our ushers are Kol Ami members who give their time to ensure that our services proceed smoothly. Treat them with courtesy and respect. Jess and Alison will be available for every service. If a problem arises, please ask for their assistance.

Members And Guests With Special Needs

In considering the needs of members and guests with physical limitations, we encourage you to attend the early services. Since there is not a preceding service, you may arrive earlier and face less congestion and easier access to the additional handicapped parking spaces we added this year. All entry to the sanctuary will be through the front door. No one will be admitted through the Religious School entrance.

We have a limited supply of large print prayer books for vision impaired congregants. These prayer books will be available at the check-in desk.

We have two assisted listening devices available for use in the main sanctuary. If you have difficulty hearing during our worship services, you may use one of these systems during all services which will be live streamed. Zoe Fuentes will be happy to assist you.

Memorial And Neilah Services

If you are planning to attend the Memorial and Neilah Services, please plan to arrive at 4:30pm. Our ushers have been instructed not to open the doors until then.

Cell Phones

All cell phones should be left at home or in your car. If you are required to carry a phone or pager, please set it on vibrate mode.

Nurturing Community Connections

Joele Levenson, Young Family Ambassador



We are all fortunate to be part of various communities, each offering a unique sense of belonging and connection. For me, the Lehigh, Scarsdale, and Yoga communities have been particularly meaningful. This summer, I embarked on a new journey, returning to school to pursue a master's degree in Jewish Nonprofit Management at HUC. The support and fulfillment I've found in this new academic community have been invaluable. I'm also thrilled to join the University of Wisconsin community as my daughter begins her freshman year. In my Jewish journey, Congregation Kol Ami continues to be a true source of comfort and joy. This fall, I'm especially excited

about the incredible programs we've planned for young families—events that are all about creating joy, fostering connections, and nurturing a deep sense of community. I can't wait to reconnect with all of you, hear about your summer adventures, and continue building our vibrant Jewish community together.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 8 **Family Fun Day**

11:00AM-2:00PM

**at Ridge Road Park,
Pavilion 2 in Hartsdale**

Come to our 2nd Annual Family Fun Day! Enjoy a BBQ lunch with live music, a bubble show, lawn games, and playground time. We'll cap off the day with tasty ice cream treats. It's the perfect chance to connect with our clergy, their families, and other young families in the community.

Friday, September 13 **Baby Play Group**

11:00AM

Join us at Kol Ami for a nurturing play group for children 12 months and younger with their caregivers. Enjoy sensory play, bubbles, and music, while connecting with other parents and caregivers.

Sunday, September 15 **Apple Picking**

2:30PM

**at Wilkens Fruit & Fir Farm
in Yorktown Heights**

Meet our clergy and their families onsite for an afternoon of apple picking, hayrides, and fall fun! Pick apples together

and, if you have extras, donate the surplus to the Kol Ami food pantry. It's a wonderful way to build connections, make memories, and give back in meaningful ways.

Saturday, September 28 **Tot Shabbat**

9:00AM

Join us as we embark on a new season of Tot Shabbat programs! This first of many joyful, interactive services will feature singing, dancing, and storytelling for our youngest members. After a light nosh, we'll continue the fun with Shabbat-themed crafts, games and playground time.



Thursday, October 3 **Saturday, October 12** **High Holy Day** **Family Services**

3:30PM

Join Rabbi Fenster, Cantor Mendelson and Rabbi Fisher for dynamic and fun-filled Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur



services specifically designed for families with pre-K children. Get ready for lots of songs, storytelling, Shofar blowing and sweet treats!

Sunday, October 20 **Sukkot Festival**

9:00AM – 12:00PM

Join us for a fun-filled Sukkot Festival featuring inflatables, holiday crafts, and a petting zoo! Little ones are invited to enjoy all activity stations from 9:00-10:00 AM before Religious School students join in the fun.

Wednesday, October 23 **Erev Simchat Torah**

6:15PM

Join us for a fun-filled evening of dancing and celebration! Link hands, build tunnels, and dance the night away to the lively music of our Kol Ami band. Our youngest participants will lead the way with plush Torahs as we celebrate this joyous holiday.

For more details and registration, please visit [Young Family Events](#).

Early Childhood Program Highlights

A Summer of Laughter, Learning, and Adventure at ECP Camp

We had seven amazing weeks of camp! Our playgrounds and hallways were filled with the laughter and smiles of almost 60 ECP children. We enjoyed Israeli Dance with Shmulik, Music with Delores, Teva with Candice, Soccer Shots and Happy Fit. *Two by Two Animal Haven* came to camp and brought an adorable kangaroo, a goat, a tortoise, a big fluffy rabbit, a small snake, and a bearded dragon. Our adventurous campers got to touch and visit with all of them. It was a busy summer of fun and friend making!

We are looking forward to Summer 2025!



Religious School Highlights

We're excited to kick off another incredible year of joyful exploration, creative learning, and meaningful conversations. Our students will continue to flourish, building/strengthening connections with one another and with the broader Kol Ami community.

Our talented Religious School teachers are warm, passionate, and welcoming, crafting rich lessons that captivate our students. Their enthusiasm and commitment to creating positive joyful experiences for our children week after week is evidenced by the photos below. Dancing, learning Hebrew, making Kosher pickles, doing a grade level mitzvah project, getting a ride to our archaeological dig site, and just being together are just a few of the million moments of smiles you'll catch here.

Wishing you a joyful and sweet Rosh Hashanah! May the new year bring health, happiness, new beginnings, and especially PEACE. *L'shanah tovah!*

Some of our many



smiling faces at our



Kol Ami Religious School



Beginning a Joyful and Curious Journey in Youth Engagement

Melissa Cohen, Director of Youth Engagement



For those I haven't met yet, my name is Melissa, and I am thrilled to be the new Director of Youth Engagement! I grew up at Kol Ami, attending religious school through 12th grade,

serving as a Madricha (assistant teacher), and participating in the musical aspects of various services. I am excited to see a different side of the synagogue and give middle and high schoolers a similar positive experience to what I enjoyed. I am a large proponent of joyful and curious Judaism, which was largely built by my many summers as a camper and staff member at URJ

Crane Lake Camp. Summer camp continues to have an incredible impact on me, and I know many students at Kol Ami feel the same. I intend to foster a close-knit, humorous, and inclusive atmosphere, similar to that of camp, in youth programming. I look forward to building on what Zoë created and getting to know the amazing group of high school students at Kol Ami. I am eager for feedback as I continue to prepare for the High Holy Days, start of religious school, youth group, and trips and programs. Please feel free to email me at melissacohen@nykolami.org or stop by the Youth Lounge with any questions or comments!

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High School Welcome Back BBQ

Friday, September 13th

Immediately following services, from 7:30-9:30PM

Kol Ami Contemplative Garden

Join us for an evening of warmth
and connection at our

High School Welcome Back Bonfire!

Gather around the crackling fire with friends,
old and new, to kick off a year of memory-making.

Meet our new Youth Director, Melissa Cohen,
as we make s'mores, share stories of summer,
and dream together about the exciting year ahead.

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."



Javier Geller, son of Monica and Keith Geller and brother of Olivia and Daniel Geller, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on September 7, 2024. Javier is in the 7th grade at the Edgemont Middle-High School. He plays soccer, tennis, and basketball for his school and enjoys spending time with friends and family. Javier spends his summers visiting his family in Spain and enjoys coming home to his friends. For his mitzvah project he volunteered at Grassroots Grocery and Feeding Westchester, packing food for individuals and families in need. Javier looks forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with his close friends and family.



Cole Joshua Sisitsky, son of Aviva and Peter Sisitsky, and brother of Kyle and Summer, will be called to the Torah on October 19, 2024. Cole is in 7th grade at Rye Country Day School, and he is a dedicated student, athlete and friend. Cole loves to play soccer and baseball, but spends most of his time on skates traveling for competitive ice hockey games and tournaments around the country. For his mitzvah project, Cole is raising money for the Modest Needs organization, which provides emergency grants to families at risk of slipping into poverty and for whom no other source of immediate help through conventional philanthropy is available. Cole is also collecting used and outgrown hockey equipment for donation to kids who want to learn to play and to spread his love of the game.

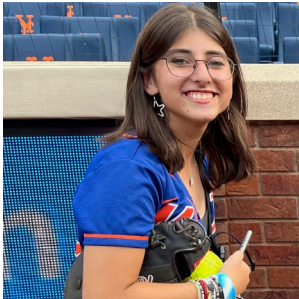


Arthur Friedman McMenamin will be called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah alongside his cousin, Hollis Schiamburg, on October 26, 2024. Arthur is in the 8th grade at Scarsdale Middle School and will be a member of the school chorus this year. Arthur also loves video editing, drawing and playing basketball with his friends. For his mitzvah project, Arthur is volunteering with the JED Foundation, an organization that works to prevent suicide in teens and young adults, and is working with them to develop a unit that will be included in his school's 8th grade health curriculum. Arthur's parents, Rebecca Perkins and Patrick McMenamin and brother Solomon McMenamin, are incredibly proud to see Arthur called to B'nai Mitzvah.

B'nai Mitzvah



Andrew Sherman, son of Michelle and Scott Sherman, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on September 7, 2024. Andrew is in 7th grade at the Louis M Klein Middle School in Harrison. He plays travel baseball and basketball (including the past few years for Kol Ami's J Ball team), and his Harrison All Stars baseball team recently played in the NY State Championship game, making it to the final 2 out of 1300 teams. He spends his summers at Camp Takajo in Maine and loves hanging out with friends. He regularly volunteers at Feeding Westchester and hopes to help children otherwise unable to participate to play baseball with the Miracle League of Westchester this fall. Andrew can't wait to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah with friends and family this month.



Cori Rose Mazin, daughter of Amanda and Zachary Mazin and sister to Brooke Mazin, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on September 14, 2024. Cori is in 8th grade at Bell Middle School in Chappaqua. She plays first base, expresses herself through art, music, and writing, and always knows the right questions to ask. Cori spends summers at Camp Weequahic in Pennsylvania and Birchwood Club here at home. For her mitzvah project, Cori hosted a kids bike-a-thon that raised \$2,500 for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Cori is looking forward to continuing her Kol Ami journey.



Joshua Permutt, son of Julie and Robert Permutt, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on September 14, 2024. Josh is in 8th grade at the Louis M. Klein Middle School. He enjoys playing soccer with his friends and runs track for the school team. For his mitzvah project he coordinated a food drive to benefit the Kol Ami Food Pantry. Josh looks forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with his friends and family.

B'nai Mitzvah



Rowan Baer, daughter of Liane Reid and Stephen Baer and sister of Arlo and Jonas Baer, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on September 21, 2024. Rowan is in 8th grade at Scarsdale Middle School. She loves performing in theatrical productions and vocal competitions. In honor of her upcoming Bat Mitzvah, Rowan ran a donate to dance campaign focused on collecting hundreds of dance shoes, costumes, and dance-wear for dancers in need. Rowan wishes to thank Cantor Danny Mendelson, Rabbi Jason Fenster, Leah Sherin and especially Cantor Fredda Mendelson for all their tremendous help, preparation, and guidance.



Hollis Schiamberg, son of Judith and Scott Schiamberg and brother of Mireille and Eloise Schiamberg, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 26, 2024. Hollis is in 8th grade at the Scarsdale Middle School. He is an avid artist and animator, enjoys singing in his school choir and acting in the annual school musical, in addition to spending time with his friends and family, including his cousin Arthur with whom he will share his B'nai Mitzvah. Hollis spends summers at Explo on the Sarah Lawrence campus and recently began studying Japanese. For his mitzvah project Hollis is volunteering to work with shelter animals.



Garrett Norman, son of Bari and Will Norman and brother of Margaux, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 9, 2024. Garrett is an 8th grader at Eagle Hill School in Greenwich, CT. Garrett enjoys listening to music, playing video games, and spending time with family and friends. He looks forward to his summers at Camp Schodack in upstate New York. For his mitzvah project, Garrett spent time at The New Jewish Home, helping seniors with their technology needs and offering companionship. Garrett is grateful to have so many family and friends together to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah and he honors the memory of his Nana and Pop, Teri and Stew Meltzer, whose love is always with us.

B'nai Mitzvah



Spencer Herbsman, son of Jodi and Adam Herbsman and brother to Braden, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 16, 2024. Spencer is in 8th grade at The Summit School in New York City. Spencer enjoys playing on local baseball and basketball teams, listening to his favorite musicians (especially Tom Petty), and spending time with his dog Oreo. For his mitzvah project, Spencer is raising money for NJY Camps' Round Lake inclusion program, which is dedicated to providing the traditional sleep away camp experience to campers who benefit from additional support. Spencer has worked very hard preparing for his Bar Mitzvah and is excited to share his special day with friends and family at Kol Ami.



Arthur Pollak, son of Lauren and Charlie Pollak, and older brother of Ben and Fritz, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 16, 2024. Arthur is in 8th grade at Highlands Middle School. Arthur plays trumpet in his school jazz band and enjoys playing piano. In his spare time, Arthur loves making movies, writing comic books, playing baseball, and reading. For his Mitzvah Project, Arthur is tutoring elementary school students in math. Arthur looks forward to celebrating his big day with friends and family.



Andrew Gecht, son of Danielle and Adam Gecht, brother of Jason Gecht, grandson of Leslie Akst and great-grandson of Joan Kaufman, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 30, 2024. Andrew is a 7th grade student at White Plains Middle School. He plays lacrosse for Team 91, as well as baseball and hockey. Andrew loves spending his summers at Camp Greylock in the Berkshires. For his mitzvah journey, Andrew will be a junior coach for the NY Raptors, a special needs hockey team. Andrew is proud to be the fourth generation in his family at Kol Ami. He is looking forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with his family and friends.

WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15PM

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

Saturday Morning Torah Study and Shabbat Service 9:30AM

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.](#)

Meeting ID: 964 7214 2409

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Weekly Torah Portions

SEPTEMBER

Week ending September 7 Parashat Shof'tim

Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

The Israelites remain on the plateau of Moab, across the Jordan River, while Moses communicates God's prescriptions and proscriptions for governance. The parashah opens with the command to appoint judges and the regulations for choosing a leader, including a warning that this leader should follow the laws of Torah faithfully. The Israelites are told that they should pursue justice in all of their dealings.

Week ending September 14 Parashat Ki Teitzei

Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

Ki Teitzei contains the greatest number of mitzvot of any single Torah portion, 72 in all, dealing with diverse subjects. These laws cover a wide variety of situations including family, animals, property, interaction with non-Israelites, and commerce. The portion concludes with a warning to remember how the Amalekites attacked the weary Israelites in the desert.

Week ending September 21 Parashat Ki Tavo

Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

Ki Tavo addresses the time when the Israelites will settle in the Land of Israel. The Israelites are instructed to express their gratitude to God for their bountiful harvests and freedom from slavery by tithing ten percent of their crops for the Levite, the stranger, the orphan, and the widow. They are also told that if they obey God's mitzvot faithfully, they will receive every blessing imaginable; and if they do not fulfill their brit (covenant) with God, many curses will descend upon them.

Week ending September 28

Parashat Nitzavim - Vayeilech

Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20, 31:1-30

In Parashat Nitzavim, in the final address by Moses to the Children of Israel, we are reminded that each and every one of us is a member of the Covenant. From our ancestors at Sinai to this very day, each of us is the heir to this sacred tradition. The words found in chapter 30, verses 12-14 can be found in our Ark in the main sanctuary. We are exhorted to "choose life," to love God, to walk in God's ways, and to keep God's commandments in this parashah. By doing so, we open our hearts to God and to each other.

In Vayeilech, since God has prohibited Moses from entering the land God has promised to the Israelites, Moses prepares the people for his death and tells them that Joshua will succeed him as their leader. This parashah continues by assuring the Israelites that they will be successful in re-conquering the Land of Israel and that God "will not fail you nor forsake you."

OCTOBER

Week ending October 5

Parashat Haazinu

Deuteronomy 32:1-52

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

Weekly Torah Portions

Week ending October 12

Yom Kippur

Parashat Nitzavim

Deuteronomy 29:9-14, 30:11-20

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Week ending October 19

(Shabbat Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot)

Parashat Ki Tisa

Exodus 33:12-34:26

On the Shabbat during Sukkot, 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.

Week ending October 26

Parashat B'reishit

Genesis 1:1-6:8

Our first parashah in the Torah cycle begins with the creation of the world. God creates the world in seven days, concluding with the first Shabbat. In a second version of the creation story, Adam is created from the dust of the earth rather than as a result of a divine breath. Adam and Eve are expelled from the Garden of Eden for eating from

the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Their son Cain kills his brother Abel. Adam and Eve have another son named Seth, from whom Noah descends.

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Week ending November 2

Parashat Noach

Genesis 6:9-11:32

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

Week ending November 9

Parashat Lech L'cha

Genesis 12:1–17:27

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

Week ending November 16

Parashat Vayeira

Genesis 18:1-22:24

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

Week ending November 23

Parashat Chayei Sarah

Genesis 23:1-25:18

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

Week ending November 30

Parashat Tol'dot

Genesis 25:19-28:9

Isaac marries Rebekah, and after 20 childless years, they have twin sons, Esau and Jacob. The brothers, very different in nature, are at odds well into adulthood. Rebekah favors Jacob, while Isaac aligns with Esau. Rebekah and Jacob deceive Isaac into giving Esau's blessing to Jacob, intensifying their rivalry, a recurring theme in Genesis.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Sept 6

Welcome Back BBQ

7:30PM

Get ready to fire up your taste buds and connect with old and new friends at our unforgettable end-of-summer BBQ! Wear your camp t-shirts, bring your family and friends, and meet our new clergy team while discovering what's ahead at Kol Ami in the new year. Enjoy burgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, and ice cream, along with live music, Israeli dancing, and pick up some Kol Ami swag as we soak up the last bit of summer together.

RSVP HERE.

Sept 8

Family Fun Day Ridge Road Park, Pavillion #2 in Hartsdale

11:00AM-2:00PM

Join us for at our 2nd Family Fun Day at Ridge Road Park to celebrate the end of summer! Enjoy a captivating Bubble Show at 11:30 AM, followed by a delicious BBQ, playground fun, games, and a visit from the ice cream truck. It's a day of laughter and joy for our families with children 8 and younger—we can't wait to see you there!

RSVP HERE.

Sept 12

Elul Study & Luncheon

12:30PM

Join Rabbi Fisher for an enriching Elul study session, followed by a delightful lunch. Let's come together to connect, reflect, and share meaningful moments in good company.

RSVP HERE for planning purposes.

Sept 13

High School Welcome Back Bonfire

7:30PM

Join us after services for our High School Welcome Back Bonfire, where Chipotle, s'mores, friends, and music set the stage for an unforgettable night! Reconnect, share summer stories, and kick off the new school year with community and fun as we welcome our new Youth Director, Melissa Cohen. *RSVP HERE for planning purposes.*

Sept 15

Apple Picking at Wilken's Fruit & Fir Farm in Yorktown Heights

2:30PM

Celebrate a successful first day of religious school with apple picking! Families with 6th graders and younger are invited to Wilkens Fruit & Fir Farm to pick sweet apples for the New Year. Meet the Clergy and their families at 2:30 PM by the corn maze. Admission and parking are free—just pay for what you pick! Extra apples? Donate them to our Kol Ami Food Pantry.

Sept 17

Elul Program with Rabbi Fenster

7:30PM

Sept 20

New Member Shabbat

5:30pm Pre-Neg;

6:15PM Services

Join us in welcoming our new members! New members are invited to arrive before services to enjoy hearty appetizers, beverages, and the opportunity to connect with one another. Our Kabbalat Shabbat service will follow, featuring a special blessing for them. After the

service, everyone is invited to indulge in a dessert oneg and mingle with our clergy, Temple Leadership, and community.

Sept 24

Kol Ami Goes To Broadway: The Outsiders

7:00PM

Eighty Kol Ami members are gearing up for a sold-out Broadway outing to see *The Outsiders*! It's set to be an evening of connection and entertainment as we come together to enjoy this highly anticipated show. While tickets are no longer available, we're excited to have such a strong turnout for what promises to be a memorable experience shared by so many in our community.

Sept 26

Sisterhood Staplefest

7:30PM

Join us for our annual gathering to staple food donation bags and assemble Rosh Hashanah goody bags for the congregation. It's an evening of giving back, filled with good food, wine, and the warmth of sisterhood. Come enjoy each other's company while making a meaningful impact on our community as we prepare for the High Holy Days together.

Sept 26

Community Elul Program at Hebrew Institute of White Plains

7:30PM

The five synagogues of White Plains will come together at HIWP for an evening of shared study and community. Join Rabbi Fenster, Rabbi Fisher, and fellow congregants as we learn from the clergy of our neighboring congregations and share this moment of preparation before the High Holy Days.

CALENDAR

Sept 27

Clergy Meet & Greet

7:30PM

Join us for a special Pre-High Holy Day Oneg following services, where you can meet and greet our clergy and Temple leadership as we exchange warm wishes for the new year. Everyone will receive a round challah, apples, and honey, generously provided by the Kol Ami Sisterhood. *RSVP HERE for planning purposes.*

Sept 28

Tot Shabbat

9:00AM

Get ready to sing, dance, and celebrate Shabbat with us! Join Rabbis Fenster and Fisher, along with Cantor Mendelson, for a lively, interactive Shabbat service specially designed for our youngest members. After enjoying challah, juice, and snacks, the fun continues with High Holy Day-themed crafts, games, and playground time. Open to the broader Westchester community – all are welcome!

Sept 28

Community S'lichot Service at Westchester Reform Temple

7:15PM

Join Rabbi Fenster, Cantor Mendelson, and Rabbi Fisher at WRT as we gather with neighboring Westchester congregations for an hour of learning with clergy, followed by a dessert reception and an evening S'lichot service of meaningful reflection, music, and prayer.

OCTOBER

Oct 2

Erev Rosh Hashanah Potluck Dessert Oneg

7:30PM

Let's start a sweet new year together! We look forward to welcoming in the new year as one community at our Erev Rosh Hashanah service. Bring your favorite nut-free dessert to our congregational oneg and stay to exchange warm wishes with our staff, clergy and with each other.

Oct 3

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Services start 9:00AM and 12:30PM respectively.

CLICK HERE to register for High Holy Days and make your service selections.

Oct 3

Rosh Hashanah Family Services for Pre-K Children

3:30PM

Join Rabbi Fenster, Cantor Mendelson and Rabbi Fisher for a dynamic and fun-filled Rosh Hashanah service specifically designed for families with pre-K children. Get ready for lots of songs, storytelling, Shofar blowing and sweet treats! Open to the community.

Oct 3

Community Tashlich

5:00PM

Gather with Kol Ami friends outside the home of congregants, Deb and Scott Smith at 92 Sheldrake Road in Scarsdale to reflect upon the year past and cast away what you may personally feel could be improved upon.

Oct 4

Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Service

10:00AM

Join us for a meaningful second day of worship, followed by a delightful luncheon.

Oct 11

Kol Nidre Services start 6:00PM and 9:00PM, respectively.

CLICK HERE to register for High Holy Days and make your service selections.

Oct 12

Yom Kippur Day Services start 9:00AM and 12:30PM respectively.

CLICK HERE to register for High Holy Days and make your service selections.

Oct 12

Yom Kippur Services Afternoon Program

3:15PM

Join Rabbi Fisher for an afternoon of thought-provoking discussion and reflection in the Chapel.

Oct 12

Yom Kippur Family Services for Pre-K Children

3:30PM

Join Rabbi Fenster and Cantor Mendelson for a meaningful Yom Kippur service specifically designed for families with pre-K children. Get ready for lots of songs, storytelling and leave feel engaged, motivated, and inspired! Open to the community.

CALENDAR

Oct 12

Yizkor/Neilah Service

5:00PM

Join us for a beautiful and meaningful end to the Days of Awe.

Oct 16

Erev Sukkot Service

6:15PM

Join us as we embrace the harvest season, shake the lulav and etrog and usher in this joyous holiday together.

Oct 17

Sukkot Service

10:00AM

Join us for our Sukkot morning service underneath our beautifully decorated Sukkah.

Oct 18

Synaplex Shabbat

6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat

7:15PM Dinner, 8:00PM

Program TBD

Mark your calendars and join us for our first Synaplex Shabbat of the new year. Program and details to follow.

Oct 20

Sisterhood Sukkah Celebration

5:00PM

Celebrate the start of a new year at our Sisterhood Sukkah Celebration! Come together with fellow sisters in our beautifully decorated temple Sukkah to enjoy wine, snacks, and desserts.

Oct 21

Sushi in the Sukkah

7:00PM

Join us for a Sushi Party in the Sukkah, open to the entire congregation! Enjoy a fun-filled evening of delicious sushi, great conversation, and lively socializing under the stars in our beautifully decorated sukkah. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends, meet new faces, and celebrate the season.

Oct 23

Erev Simchat Torah Service & Consecration

6:15PM

Join us for our Simchat Torah service as we rejoice in Torah! We will celebrate the consecration of new students who are beginning their religious school education and welcome them into Jewish learning. Then get ready to dance around the sanctuary with Torah scrolls and to the music that fills the room and our hearts with joy.

Oct 24

Simchat Torah/Yizkor Service

10:00AM

Join us on Simchat Torah morning as we read the concluding chapter of Deuteronomy and immediately begin anew with Genesis, symbolizing the continuous journey through the Torah. The service concludes with Yizkor, a service of remembrance for our loved ones.

NOVEMBER

Nov 2

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9:00AM

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Nov 14

Torah on Tap at Sam's of Gedney Way

7:30PM

Savor a frothy glass of beer or wine, tasty snacks, and explore a fascinating aspect of Torah with Rabbi Fenster. It's a great opportunity to connect with fellow congregants, enjoy each other's company, and deepen your connection to Rabbi Fenster in a relaxed and social setting.

Nov 17

Coachman Thanksgiving

5:00PM

Join us as we host families residing at the Coachman Family Center for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixin's! Once again, we will come together to add some much needed joy into the lives of those less fortunate and give our Coachman friends reason to feel thankful.

Nov 28-29

Thanksgiving Observance
Temple Office & Building
Closed

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome the newest members of our Kol Ami community with open arms and warm hearts. Each one brings unique stories, experiences and talents that enrich our congregation.

Alyssa & Aldous Advincula
Sandy & Marc Belsky
Lindsay Goldman & Marc Blum
Sarah & David Benedek
Alison Boykoff
Eve Caligor & Michael Blumstein
Michelle Cohen & Jesse Conan
Victoria & William Clarkson
Danielle & Dani Farber
Richard Farley
Betty Heller
Nicole & Eugene Kalyuskin
Michele & David Kleinmann
Rosalia & Justin LaTorre
Jill & Adam Lerman
Sue Lobel
Kara Margolis
Barbara & Mitchell Ross
Marisa & Roni Rozenblat
Bessie Schachter
Sara & Joshua Shulman
Michele & David Slifka
Laurie & Howard Wechsler

As we embark on a new year, let's join together to ensure these new members feel at home. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to someone new to you. Start 5785 off by making new connections and strengthening the loving, inclusive place that we call Kol Ami.

LIFE CYCLES*

CONGRATULATIONS

To Jess and Dave Lorden
on the birth of their grandson
August "Auggie" Elliott Jo



To Sarah & Alex Jo
on the birth of their son
August "Auggie" Elliott Joe



To Rachel Freedman
& Daniel Rosen
on the marriage of their son
Alex to Olivia Thurmond



To Alex & Daniel Rothman
on the birth of their daughter
Maya Naomi Rothman



To Eileen & Jim Lusk
on the engagement of their son
Sterling to Samantha Dunoff



To Michelle & Frank Lichtenberg
on the birth of their
granddaughter
Claire Lee Lichtenberg



To Eva & Gene Cukierwar
on the marriage of their son
Jonathan to Jaqi Nam



To Judy Robbins-Rosenberger
and Edwin Rosenberger
on the birth of their grandson
Koby Oz Rosenberger



To Anne and Martin Rotberg
on the birth of their
granddaughter
Colette Rotberg

CONDOLENCES

To Bonnie & Eric Eilen
on the passing of
Bonnie's mother
Gloria Egles



To Kenneth & Laurie Eilen
on the passing of Kenneth's
grandmother
Gloria Egles



To Zöe Shannon
on the passing of her grandfather
John Elias Shannon



To Anthony & Debra Zitrin
on the passing of
Anthony's stepmother
Audre Meltzer



To Idan & Fiona Santhaus
on the passing of Idan's father
Amos Santhaus

To Mackenzie Manders
on the passing of her mother
Lisa Manders



To Rob Pushkin
& Stacey Winnick
on the passing of Rob's cousin
Michael Pushkin



To Anne & Mitchell Stafman
on the passing of Anne's mother
Nancy Bernstein



To Mimi & Stephen Southard
on the passing of Mimi's father
Selig Lenefsky



To Mitch & Virla Ginsberg
on the passing of Mitch's mother
Brenda Ginsberg



To Liz & Peter Bergman
on the passing of
Liz's grandfather
Robert Bader



To Nancy and Howard Adler
on the passing of
Nancy's mother
Joann Lang

MEMORIUM

Jain Hein

**As of August 31, 2024*

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.

DONATIONS*

CLERGY'S DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

RABBI JASON FENSTER

In memory of
Stanley Rogowsky
from Linda and Milt Persily

In memory of
my husband, Stanley Rogowsky
from Mimi Rogowsky

In memory of
Stanley Rogowsky
*from neighbors at Longacre
Gardens*

In appreciation
for the kind attention extended
to my wife, Georgia
from Dr. Mark Persky

In gratitude
for Roz Hahn's burial service
from Janet & Mark Hershey

In memory of
Audre Meltzer
from Sharon Zitrin

In memory of
my wife, Audre Zitrin
from Carol Zitrin

In loving memory of
my father, Charles Scheffler
from Marlene Ulman

In appreciation
for all the preparation and
for officiating at our wedding
*from Talia Coppens
& Jeremy Feinstein*

In honor of
Eli's Bar Mitzvah
*from Cantor Jill Abramson &
Rabbi Jonathan Malamy*

In appreciation
from Gerri & Andy Sommers

In honor of
and in gratitude for the Solidarity
Mission to Israel with Jamie
from Cindy & Scott Musoff

In appreciation of
Rabbi Fenster's leadership
and for all the members of the
Solidarity Trip to Israel
from Ellen Kurtz

RABBI LIBBY FISHER:

In appreciation
from Gerri & Andy Sommers

In appreciation
and welcome
from Joele & Andrew Levenson

CANTOR DANNY MENDELSON

In recognition of
deeply moving music
from Pat Grossman

In appreciation
from Jess and Dave Lorden

In appreciation
from Johanna Essex

In honor of
Eli's Bar Mitzvah
*from Cantor Jill Abramson
& Rabbi Jonathan Malamy*

In appreciation
for the 2023-24 Tot Shabbat
music program
from Joele & Andrew Levenson

In honor of
Avery Lessler's naming
*from Madeline Renny
& Adam Lessler*

In celebration of
Cantor Danny Mendelson's
stirring rendition of the
National Anthem at Citifield
from Beth & Gene Kava

In appreciation
from Susan & Ken Gordon

KOL AMI FUND

In loving memory of
Stanley Rogowsky,
husband of Mimi Rogowsky
from Harris & Randy Jacobs

In loving memory of
Stanley Rogowsky
from Myra Oltsik

In honor of
Shirley Schechter's
100th birthday
from Judith Harary

In honor of
Shirley Schechter's
100th birthday
from Marilyn Bloomberg

In honor of
Nora Groban,
who has been exceedingly
kind to prepare and deliver
weekly dinners for my family
from Ann & Jed Rakoff

In loving memory of
my father, George Harris
from Joan Cooper

In honor of
Jess & Dave Lorden
upon the arrival of
their grandson,
August "Auggie" Elliott Jo
from Alison Adler & Kay Osborne

KOL AMI FUND CARES

In honor of
Maggy & David's Weber's
50th anniversary,
Maggy's birthday & their
granddaughter, Morgan
Campbell's Bat Mitzvah
from Marlene & Michael Ulman

*As of August 31, 2024

DONATIONS*

FOOD PANTRY

In loving memory of
Stanley Rogowsky
from Alice Seidman

*In loving memory of
John Elias Shannon,
grandfather of Zoe Shannon,
from Julia & Jory Probber*

Mazal Tov to
the Campbell
and Weber families
on the occasion of
Morgan Campbell
becoming a Bat Mitzvah
from Gail Young & Ken Jurist

In appreciation of
Myrna Barzelatto
from Kay Osborne

In honor of
Joshua Nathan Permutt
on the occasion of
his becoming a Bar Mitzvah
from Jennifer Quint

In honor of
Rabbi Shira Milgrom
and Dr. David Elcott
from Birgit & Thomas Stoirer

FUND FOR THE NEEDY

In honor of
Harris Wagner's
4th birthday
*from Henry Fenster
and his family*

MUSIC FUND

In appreciation of
the summer grooves
with Cantor Mendelson
and the Oren Neiman Trio
from Karen Levin

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In appreciation of
the Kol Ami Religious School
from Myrna Barzelatto

RICK KRAVER COLLEGE YOUTH FUND

In loving memory of
Stanley Rogowsky
from Harriet Kraver

In loving memory of
Gloria Egles,
mother of Bonnie Eilen
from Harriet Kraver

SHIRA MILGROM FUND FOR JEWISH LIFE

In loving memory of
Stanley Rogowsky
from Barbara Block

In loving memory of
Gloria Egles,
mother of Bonnie Eilen
from Myra Oltsik

SISTERHOOD FUND

In loving memory of
Stanley Rogowsky
from Marian Steinberg

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