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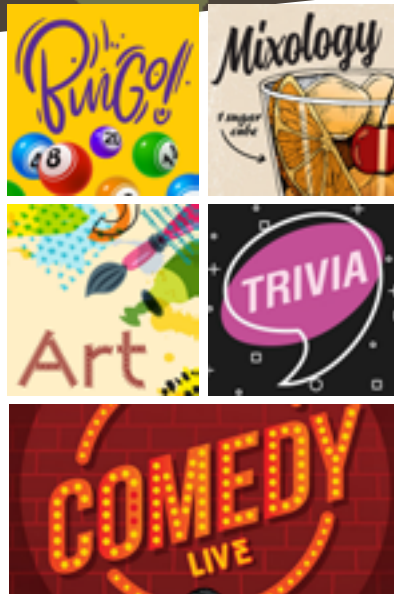


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Message from the Rabbi

By Rabbi Rachel Blatt



Do you remember how you celebrated Passover in 2008? I do not. I remember some Passover related events that took place that year. I was working as the Assistant

Director at a religious school and this was my big program – “The Amazing Passover Race!” We had many stations, over 30 parent volunteers to guide our almost 200 participating students. We had a lot of props, stickers, ingredients, art supplies, and other materials, and pages upon pages of directions and notes. Everything was timed so that you could get your instructions from God on Mt. Sinai, follow Moses out of Egypt, and make it through the sea to sing with Miriam. And, I was doing all this planning while on two weeks of Jury Duty for a case which, according to the judge, should have never made it to trial. I also remember this being the year that we submitted a video (answer 4 questions in 4 minutes) in the “Let My Parents Go” contest, and won a trip to Israel with Taglit-birthright for our parents (Yes, [the video](#) is still available on YouTube). But I have no recollection of Passover starting on a Saturday night that year. That was the last time that Passover started at the end of Shabbat – thirteen years ago!

This phenomenon of the first Seder falling on a Saturday night seems so odd. As it

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Message from the Rabbi

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turns out, it actually occurs about 11% of the time and often, we will go about 4 or 5 years before the next time it happens, but then you can also have up to 20 years between occurrences! It also makes some of our other holidays odd; Purim was celebrated for three days in Jerusalem since it started on a Friday, and the 17th of Tammuz and Tisha B'av will both be pushed a day as they will end up on Shabbat. When we compare this year to the secular calendar, it gets even more crazy! This year (2021) started on erev Shabbat, which means there will be more Shabbatot (and weekends) in this year. More secular months have 5 full Shabbatot. Purim was in February, Passover starts in March, (Adar Bet where are you when we need you?!), High Holy Days start on Labor Day and will start and finish entirely in September, Hanukkah begins the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, and New Year's Eve is erev Shabbat.

More importantly for us, it holds a lot of complications and questions. When do you get rid of your chametz? How do you eat challah on Shabbat? When is the fast of the first-born? All of those questions are answered on page 13 of the ChaiLites!

I am curious about some of the largest implications though, which is the invitation to really slow down before Passover. To be very honest, I'm usually so exhausted from cleaning, kashering, cooking, writing, teaching, and preparing for the holiday that by the time I get to the first Seder, I'm too pooped (and also a little revved up) to really appreciate freedom. This year, I will be forced to slow down as soon as Shabbat starts. The kashering and cooking will be done. When it is time to sit down for Seder, all we have to do is set the table, pull out the Haggadot, and throw the prepared food in the oven to warm while we lean back, enjoy some karpas, and tell the story of our ancestors. So thank you, strange lunar calendar, for making this year a little more enjoyable.

Request from Rabbi Blatt

Please keep us informed of significant events in your family life. It is our desire to be of help and service to you in times of special need. It is especially important that we know of those in the hospital, and assisted living or nursing homes, so that we can offer pastoral care and they may be included in a prayer for recovery at Shabbat Services.

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B'Yachad

By David Pearlman, President



Shalom, Kol Ami!

Springtime is FINALLY upon us! Well, it has been a year, hasn't it? On March 11, 2020, our Executive Committee had its regular monthly meeting. It was a jam packed agenda that had all kinds of critical items we needed to talk about, that we never got to talk about because we never got past the first agenda topic, Covid-19. I was expecting a lively, but brief, discussion on the pandemic and was prepared to keep our eye on it and act accordingly as necessary. Man, was I wrong! That night, we learned Tom Hanks had COVID, that the NBA was suspending its season, that the David Pearlman family vacation to Europe over Spring Break wasn't going to happen, and so much more. Less than a week later, we had closed our physical structure, and the world has not been the same since.

I miss that world. I miss it badly. I miss so much of what our lives used to be like pre-COVID. I miss so much of what our Kol Ami lives were like. I miss not having B'nai Mitzvot in our Sanctuary and giving a charge to these newly crowned Jewish adults. I miss weeknight Minyan and seeing familiar faces and members of my community in three dimensions. I miss my parking space! I miss Kiddush lunches. I miss weeknight committee meetings post-Minyan. I miss my in-person Tuesday meetings with Rabbi and Mitch. I miss Friday night services and Shabbat morning services. I miss our Bima. I miss our

Saturday morning regulars who I haven't seen now in over a year! And yet, somehow, hope is in the air for the first time in a long time.

The COVID numbers in the Tampa Bay area are coming down (we'll see if the post-Super Bowl partying changes that!). Vaccinations are going up, and thanks to a dedicated group of members here at Kol Ami, we can help try to get you scheduled for the vaccine; so if you are eligible, please reach out to the office to hear the details. We are going to have another Parking Lot Shabbat Service, this time with music from Dr. David Berger, as well as Rabbi Blatt. We are looking to start having at least one Shabbat service

monthly in the building. It has been a long year, and we are not there yet, but the progress is palpable. I am sincerely, for the first time in a long time, hopeful that the worst is behind us.

It was a year ago that we had our Purim Carnival, that Rabbi and I were both dunked in the dunk tank, that we celebrated with Rodeph Sholom in our Sanctuary the night before with a Purim Spiel and Megillah reading. Who could have known that night what the next year had in store for us? I cannot wait for the day when we get those times back, and instead of coming together virtually, we can come together in person.

B'yachad, David Pearlman

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6:30PM**

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Featuring
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March 20 at 8:15 p.m.
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by Rebecca Joy Fletcher

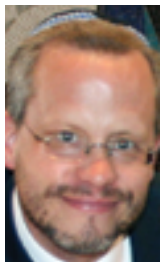


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Rebecca Joy Fletcher is a theater-maker, actor, Jewish educator, and speaking coach. Highlights include her show *Kleynkunst!*, produced off Broadway by the National Yiddish Theater; her *Metropolis*, which premiered at La Vieille Grille in Paris; her *Cities of Light*, which has been presented at theaters around the world; and her *Ringing True*, which premiered at the Miami Theater Center. Favorite roles in Chicago include Duchess of York in *Richard III*, *Dora Strang* in *Equus*, and understudying in *Indecent* at Victory Gardens.

As a Jewish arts educator, Cantor Fletcher has served as teacher and artist-in-residence at universities, synagogues, and schools around Europe and the U.S. Her grants and awards include a Theatre Communications Group-ITI grant for research and performances in Warsaw and a European Association for Jewish Culture grant for work in Paris. For the past five years, she has also served as educator for The ARK, Chicago's oldest Jewish poverty relief organization. In an earlier period, Rebecca was ordained and served as cantor to a range of synagogues in the NY area.

As a coach, Cantor Fletcher works with a wide range of leaders – from Rabbis to CEOs – helping them hone their communication skills and enhance their leadership presence.



Rabbi Joel Wasser (z"l) served as rabbi of our congregation from 1996 to 2008. His spirit, great energy and love of the Jewish people helped Congregation Kol Ami grow in many ways. He made it meaningful, fun and "cool" to be a Jew.

Education was a prime interest for Rabbi Wasser. His vision of how learning helps us develop as Jewish adults encouraged us to expand our Adult and Family Education program to become Torah University, an award-winning program.

Rabbi Wasser understood the importance of both formal and informal Jewish education for our congregational children, encouraging them to attend Camp Ramah and participate in Kadima and USY. Many of the "young people" from our congregation began to consider attending college at The Jewish Theological Seminary or majoring in Jewish Studies. Several of our students have established careers as Jewish professionals; at least one is a rabbi. In order to perpetuate Rabbi Wasser's passion and ideals, it was fitting that Congregation Kol Ami rename its Scholar In Residence program to the Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar In Residence. We were fortunate to have Rabbi Joel Wasser as our everyday Scholar In Residence for 13 years.

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March 19 - 21, 2021

Friday, March 19

Shabbat Evening Service at 6:30 p.m.

Cantor Fletcher will present a D'var Torah.

Faith & Fear:

What two Ancient Rabbis Can Teach us Today

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/795031104>

Meeting ID: 795 031 104

The one-woman musical *Ringing True* wrestles with big Jewish questions, set against the backdrop of a madcap adventure across Paris. In preparation for watching the musical, we will tonight explore faith & fear, paying particular attention to Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Elisha, two legendary rabbinic masters from the Talmud. What can hero Akiva and anti-hero Elisha teach us today, particularly in the midst of a pandemic? In what ways does our tradition encourage us to have faith – or emunah, as we call it – even in the very midst of fear?

Saturday, March 20

Shabbat Morning Service at 9:30 a.m.

Cantor Fletcher will present a D'var Torah.

Four Entered Paradise:

An Old Story with New Eyes

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/795031104>

Meeting ID: 795 031 104

In this participatory and interactive study session, we will focus on a short Talmud story about four rabbis who enter an otherworldly orchard. This story plays an important role in *Ringing True*; we hope, by studying it together, to deepen our experience of watching the musical. Be prepared for a short crash course in what the Talmud is; then we will dive into a strange and compelling little story which has fascinated our mystics and sages for hundreds of years. Let's see what meaning and inspiration we can draw from it!

**Havdalah and Movie Performance
of "ringing true" at 8:15 p.m.**

Tickets \$18 : Click [HERE](#) to RSVP

Sunday, March 21

Sunday Morning Session at 10:00 a.m.

Now it is Your Turn!

A participatory workshop in making Jewish art

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82193687841>

Meeting ID: 821 9368 7841

We are all creative; it is just that some of us forget. Come and remember, as Rebecca guides you towards creating your own response to the Jewish texts we studied together on Shabbat. No prior experience necessary! All artistic mediums welcome! Art-making begins with play. When was the last time you let yourself play?

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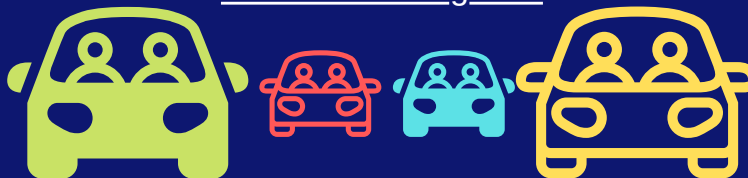
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6:30PM**

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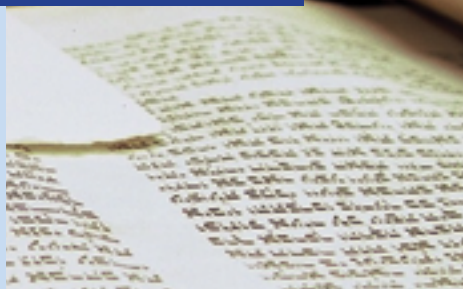
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readers!**

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recently read Torah and
Haftarah from Feb. 5 to Feb. 27.***

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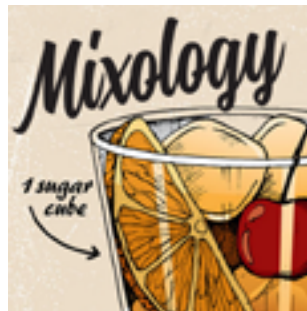
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Pickles (\$360)

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Chopped Liver (\$180)

Small Edible Arrangement, 4 Zoom connections, giveaway

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Pesah Services

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Thursday, March 25

7:30 a.m. Taanit Bechorim "First Born Siyyum"

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83812370559> Meeting ID: 838 1237 0559

Livestreamed here: www.kolami.org/streaming.html

Sunday, March 28

9:30 a.m. Pesah I Services

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/795031104> Meeting ID: 795 031 104

Livestreamed here: www.kolami.org/streaming.html

6:30 p.m. Virtual 2nd Night Pesah Seder

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP and to receive Zoom link and information.

Monday, March 29

9:30 a.m. Pesah II Services

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Friday, April 2

6:30 p.m. Erev Pesah VII Services / Shabbat Services

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Saturday, April 3

9:30 a.m. Pesah VII Services / Shabbat Services

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/795031104> Meeting ID: 795 031 104

Livestreamed here: www.kolami.org/streaming.html

Sunday, April 4

9:30 a.m. Pesah VIII Services / Yizkor

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/795031104> Meeting ID: 795 031 104

Livestreamed here: www.kolami.org/streaming.html

Passover Guide for 5781 / 2021

Rabbinical Assembly's Passover Recommendations

Last year, we experienced a truly different Passover, from the preparations & purchases, to the Seders, and beyond. As Passover approached, the Committee of Jewish Law and Standards provided updated guidelines for the moment in which we found ourselves – so many uncertainties about food supplies, financial difficulties, and the loss of family & community gatherings as we once knew them. While much has changed, we mustn't forget we continue to be in the midst of a devastating pandemic. Public health restrictions remain in place, distancing and masks still necessary, and indoor gatherings of multiple households remain dangerous. Much of the lenient guidance from the CJLS last year remains in place this year and is available to those that need them.

Seder

We remain aware and sensitive to – as we were last year – how emotionally significant Seder can be with family members, special friends, guests, and with as many people as possible at the physical table. God willing, this will be the last year for which private small immediate family & individual seders will be necessary in the future. But they are in fact necessary this year, so please stay home.

The CJLS reminds us once again as they did last year: *"As different practices emerge in different communities, let's all remember to treat one another as kindly as possible, reserving judgement for the One imbued with the amount of compassion with which to do it lovingly, always."*

A few tips to keep in mind when purchasing food for the Seder

Matzah – One is obligated to avoid hametz throughout Passover, but the

PESACH is celebrated from sundown Saturday evening, March 27, 2021, through sundown on Sunday, April 4, 2021.

THE SEDARIM are held on Saturday evening, March 27, and Sunday evening, March 28, 2021.

SELLING OF CHAMETZ - Jews are required to rid their home of *Chametz* on Passover. To avoid a "significant financial loss" (*hef'sak m'ruba*) a legal fiction was introduced allowing one to place their "*hametzdik*" non-perishable food items in a closed-off area for Passover. The Rabbi is then empowered to sell these items, and those of the rest of the community, to a non-Jew. At the end of Passover, the Rabbi purchases them back from the non-Jew. Though the "*hametzdik*" food never leaves one's home, it is also not formally in their possession during Passover. A form for the sale of *Chametz* is included on [page 12](#), or click [HERE](#) to open a printable form from the Kol Ami website.

obligation to eat matzah is limited to fulfilling the rituals of the first/second night Seder alone. Therefore, communities should ensure that each home has at least enough matzah for each person to fulfill the obligation of **אכילת מצה**, eating matzah, for [each] seder. Think, basically, about one piece of matzah per person, per seder.

Karpas – Can be any vegetable. (In Israel, boiled potato is a common food for karpas.)

Maror – Horseradish and romaine lettuce are most commonly used. If either is not available (though they should be), people are encouraged to find other bitter, earth-grown vegetables.

Egg and Roasted Shank Bone on Seder Plate – A roasted beet and rice (if consuming kitniyot) in place of the shank bone and egg. (Pesachim 114b)

Kashering / Cleaning

This may be one area in which not much has to change, for many households. Cleaning this year may actually be a bit more difficult as many of us have been in our homes living differently than normal. But the general rule is, places must be

well-searched and specifically cleaned for hametz only if it's a place for which and in which hametz is normally consumed and cooked. Furthermore, the prohibition of owning & seeing hametz applies specifically to amounts of pure hametz that is at least the size of an olive (k'zayy- it). This is your yearly reminder that dirt is not hametz.

Destruction of Hametz / Bi'ur Hametz and Bittul Hametz / Renouncing of Hametz

It is a mitzvah to search for and destroy Hametz. If cleaning is unusually difficult this year due to conditions of isolation, it is well to remember that at the end of that process we renounce "all hametz whether I am aware of it or not." If cleaning is sufficient to protect against obvious contact with hametz, we can rely on the formula of bittul (renunciation).

Sale of Hametz

We have set up an online form to appoint Rabbi Blatt as the agent for sale of hametz. See [page 12](#), or click [here](#) to open a printable form from the Kol Ami website.

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Cleaning / Kashering for Elderly / Infirm:

In these households, if there is an already living-in-home caretaker in place, cleaning and kashering should be carried out, to the extent possible, according to the guidelines which apply to all. In a household where there is no able-bodied caretaker in place, the residents of the household should do their best to remove hametz from every surface that will be used for the preparation or consumption of foods during Passover. These surfaces should be wiped down with all-purpose cleaning materials. If possible, refrigerator shelves should also be wiped down. If the oven will be used during Passover, the walls of the oven should be wiped down and aluminum foil placed between the rack and the baking dish.

For homes in which vessels will not be able to be kashered in the normative manner (due to physical capability or general concerns of danger with heating elements), we recommend designating a few cooking vessels to be used for Passover cooking before and during the holiday, to clean them well, and let them sit for 24 hours (or at least overnight). So long as they don't have visible food-stuff caked on, they are acceptable for preparing Passover food. This technique can also be used for cutlery and non-porous dishes as well.

Below are guidelines for following "best practice" under trying circumstances:

Hierarchy of purchasing:

It is important to note that many products that are plain, unflavored dairy products (like milk, yogurt, cottage cheese, and hard cheeses), frozen fruits and vegetables, packaged legumes, and rice can be purchased with a year-round heksher before Passover as a matter of course. This is not latitude granted during difficult

circumstances, this is a normative, albeit general, halakic permission. It is only if they are purchased during Passover itself that many of these items need to carry a Kosher for Passover certification. While in normative years, we give a stricter ruling for many of these products due to our limited capacity to offer specific guidance on each variation, this year, due to severe circumstances, we also offer the option to rely more expansively on the principle.

In general, we tend to be strict on our Passover lists due to the overall complexity of certifying individual items. This year, we have simply relied on our current knowledge to lessen the burden we are all feeling, while still being within the normative constructs of Passover kashrut.

This year, due to the limitations on product availability and in order to limit individuals having to check multiple stores, if you are unable to find an item below with a Kosher for Passover certification due to COVID-19, then here's what you can do.

Purchasing of Food

Hierarchy of purchasing:

The CJLS *formally permitted* Ashkenazim to consume kitniyot in 2015. As Passover 5780 (2020) approached, due to the unprecedented disruptions in the food supply, the CJLS encouraged everyone to consider putting aside the Ashkenazic custom of eschewing legumes (beans and lentils), corn, and rice. Although the state of food supplies and other logistic issues differ from locale to locale as of this writing, the CJLS renews the suggestion that anyone facing continued challenges finding foods appropriate for Passover again consider adopting the guidance of the 2015 teshuvah.

For more information about foods that require Kosher for Passover certification this year, you can find it [here](#).

Food requiring no Kosher for Passover certification no matter when purchased:

- Baking soda
- Pure bicarbonate of soda, without additives
- Eggs
- Fresh fruits and vegetables (including pre-washed bagged)
- Fresh or frozen kosher meat (other than chopped meat)
- Nestea (regular and decaffeinated)
- Pure black, green, or white tea leaves
- Unflavored tea bags
- Unflavored regular coffee
- Olive oils (and other pure oils)
- Whole or gutted fresh kosher fish
- Whole or half pecans (not pieces)
- Whole (unground) spices and nuts
- OU/Star-K Raisins
- Kosher wine
- Plain butter, either salted or unsalted
- Plain seltzer water

The following list of basic foods is ideally for pre-Passover purchasing food, but could extend, if determined necessary based on food supply shortages, and their likely production before Passover began, to purchase on Hol-HaMoed as well.

- All pure fruit juices
- Filleted fish
- Frozen fruit (no additives)
- Plain cheeses (without added flavor morsels)
- Non-iodized salt
- Pure white sugar (no additives)
- Quinoa (with nothing mixed in)* GF ideal
- White milk
- Some products sold by Equal Exchange Fair Trade Chocolate
- Frozen Vegetables (need to be checked for possible hametz before cooking)

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Time to Sell Your Chametz!

Every Jew is required to rid their homes of food items containing any of the five grains forbidden on Passover: wheat, oats, barley, rye, or spelt. There are two suggested ways of removing your non-perishable food items containing chametz: 1) Donate them to a local food pantry, or 2) place them in a closed-off area for Passover and have them technically sold to a non-Jew (who is not responsible for the observance of Passover). If you wish to pursue the 2nd suggestion, complete the attached form and return it, with a small donation, to Kol Ami **no later than Thursday, March 25, 2021**. All donations will be contributed to the Jewish Family & Children's Service Passover Fund.

Please complete this form & return it no later than 12:00 noon, Thurs., March 25, 2021.

AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT TO SELL CHAMETZ

I (we), the undersigned, hereby authorize Rabbi Rachel Blatt of Congregation Kol Ami to act as my/our agent to sell any Chametz (food and/or utensils) that may be in my/our possession, wherever it may be in my/our home and/or place of business or elsewhere, in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish law, as outlined on the special contract of sale drawn up by Rabbi Blatt.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Click [HERE](#) to open a printable form from the Kol Ami website.



- Chopped meat
- Plain, non-flavored almond milk, rice milk, soy milk, cashew milk.
- Non-flavored Cream Cheese with ingredients of milk and cream, salt, stabilizers (xanthan and/or carob bean and/or guar gums)
- Non-flavored Yogurt with milk and bacteria, only (which are Lactobacillus bulgaricus and Streptococcus thermophilus).
- Canned Tuna with just tuna, water or oil, salt, and pyrophosphates
- 100% maple syrup
- 100% Agave
- Ground Salt and Pepper
- Plain (non-Flavored) Decaf Coffee
- Pure Honey
- Dried fruit, prunes only without potassium sorbate
- Canned vegetables/fruit with year-round hekhsher in which ingredients are the item itself, salt and water.

Kitniyot

Fresh kitniyot: Corn on the cob and fresh beans (like lima beans in their pods) may be purchased before and during Passover, that is, treated like any other fresh vegetable.

Dried kitniyot (legumes, rice, and corn) can be purchased bagged or in boxes and then sifted or sorted before or on Passover. These should ideally not be purchased in bulk from bins because of the concern that the bin might previously have been used for hametz, and a few grains of hametz might be mixed in. In any case, one should inspect these to the extent possible before Passover and discard any pieces of hametz. If one could not inspect the rice or dried beans before Passover, one should remove pieces of hametz found in the package on Passover, discarding those, and the kitniyot themselves remain permissible.

Frozen raw kitniyot (corn, edamame [soy beans], etc.): One may purchase bags of frozen non-hekhshered kitniyot before or during (if necessary) Passover provided that one can either absolutely determine that no shared equipment was used or one is careful to inspect the contents before Passover and discard any pieces of **חמץ** (hametz). Even if one did not inspect the vegetables before Passover, if one can remove pieces of hametz found in the package on Passover, the vegetables themselves are permissible.

Requires Kosher for Passover label at any time

- All baked goods
- Farfel
- Matzah
- Any product containing matzah
- Matzah flour
- Matzah meal
- Pesah cakes
- All frozen processed foods

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Passover Guide for 5781 / 2021 (cont'd)

- Candy
- Chocolate milk
- Herbal tea
- Decaffeinated Tea
- Ice cream
- Liquor
- Soda
- Vinegar
- Margarine

Another way to potentially find acceptable foods without a specific Kosher for Passover designation during pre-Passover shopping, when the situation demands, is to prefer certified Gluten-Free (and oat-free) products.

Lastly, many of us have already opened products in our homes that are hametz-free, but used in the course of normal year-round cooking. If one is able to ascertain/highly assume that no hametz contaminated the opened product, or at best a negligible amount, it is possible to use such products during Passover this year.

A note on Passover that begins on a Saturday night:

When Passover starts on a Saturday night, "Erev Pesach" is stretched over three days.

- **The fast/feast of the Firstborn**, which would normally be on Passover eve, is pushed two days earlier, so that we do not have to fast on Shabbat or Friday. So, the traditional **Siyyum for the Firstborn will be held on Thursday morning**.

- Then, **Thursday night** is when we search for hametz by candlelight.

- Kitchens should be completely switched over to Kosher for Passover, and we get rid of almost all our hametz by burning or selling it by the sixth hour of the day (approx. 12:30 p.m. in Tampa) on **Friday**.

But what about challah on Shabbat? For Shabbat meals, there are two solutions:

1. Eat hametz, but very carefully. The hametz sale document, and the way that

we dispose of hametz, has a loophole for any hametz that we are planning to eat on the rest of Friday evening or Shabbat morning. We can therefore hold back enough challah for Shabbat dinner and Shabbat lunch (this is a great time for paper plates or outdoor dining). We finish eating the hametz by the fifth hour (about 11:30 a.m.), and dispose of any leftovers by the sixth. Leftovers can be discarded – rendered inedible. At that time, we recite the "Kol Chamira" formula (normally recited when burning the hametz) that cancels any remaining hametz.

2. "Egg Matzah" is not technically considered matzah, but is also not hametz, as it is similar to bread. So, it's possible to use two sheets of it in the place of challah, and thus be totally Kosher-for-Passover.

For those interested in timing vis-a-vis the ending of Shabbat and Seder, as well as options for how to begin Seder early, click [HERE](#).

Shabbat & Services at Kol Ami

March Candle Lighting Times

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| March 5..... | 6:15 p.m. |
| March 12..... | 6:19 p.m. |
| March 19..... | 7:23 p.m. |
| March 26..... | 7:27 p.m. |

March Torah Portions

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|---------------|-----------------------|
| March 6..... | Ki Tisa |
| March 13..... | Vayakhel-Pekudei |
| March 20..... | Vayikra |
| March 27..... | Shabbat HaGadol /Tzav |

Weekly Service Schedule

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Friday Evenings | 6:30 p.m. |
| Shabbat Mornings | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sunday Minyan | 9:15 a.m. |
| Mon. - Thurs. Minyanim..... | 7:30 p.m. |



Life Cycle Events

If you wish to have a life cycle event included in the ChaiLites, please contact Joanna Paley at least 2 weeks before the 1st-of-the-month publication date at 813-962-6338 or email frontoffice@kolami.org.

Mazel tov to:

The Novak & Gelber families on the wedding of Courtney Novak & Evan Gelber.

Hamakom Yinakhem, Condolences to:

Helene and Leonard Marks on the passing of Helene's beloved Mother, Gertrude Zuses.

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If you are interested in advertising in our monthly newsletter, **the ChaiLites**, please contact our Executive Director, **Mitchell Weiss** at execdirector@kolami.org or **813-962-6338**.

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PASSOVER SEDER MEALS TO-GO

Kosher for Passover

Prepared at Congregation Kol Ami

ENTREE (FOR ONE)

LEMON PEPPER CHICKEN / \$36

Succulent bone in, dark and white meat chicken, marinated in olive oil, lemon zest and cracked pepper.

SLOW BRAISED BRISKET / \$45

Lean beef brisket cooked with tomato, carrots and red wine.

SWEET POTATO GRATIN / \$30

A delicious combination of sweet potato, spinach and quinoa with coconut and saffron. Vegan, Gluten Free.

A LA CARTE

SHANK BONE / \$6

GEFILTE FISH TERRINE / \$25 (LOAF)

TZIMMES / \$11 (2 POUNDS / QUART)

Carrots, parsnips, sweet potatoes, dried fruits.

POTATO KUGEL / \$15 (9X13 PAN)

Russet potato, onions, green apples, Tuscan herbs.

MATZAH BALL SOUP / \$6

2 matzah balls, 8 oz of vegetable broth, thick cut carrot slices, celery and fresh dill * Add chicken +\$2

CHAROSET / \$16 (PER POUND / PINT)

Apples, cinnamon, walnuts

SEVEN LAYER PASSOVER CAKE / \$45

Whole cake: parve buttercream, strawberry jam, chocolate ganache

ENTREES COME WITH ALL SIDES

- **Tzimmes:** carrots, parsnips, sweet potatoes, dried fruits
- **Potato Kugel:** russet potato, onions, green apples, Tuscan herbs
- **Matzah Ball Soup:** 2 matzah balls, 8 oz of vegetable broth, thick cut carrot slices, celery and fresh dill * Add chicken +\$2
- **CharoSet:** apples, cinnamon, walnuts
- **Gefilte Fish**
- **Matzah:** (3) 6x6 inch pieces
- **1 Slice Seven Layer Passover Cake:** parve buttercream, strawberry jam, chocolate ganache

Please order on our Website by:
Friday, March 5th, 2021 - 5 pm
Click here to order.

Orders can be picked up at Kol Ami on
Friday, March 26th from 2:00pm-4:00pm.





All classes are via Zoom. See hyperlinks below.

Sundays in March

Beginners Hebrew Class Taught by Ephraim Graff

Sunday, March 7 & 14 at 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

- Learn to read Hebrew! This class is for adult learners who are hoping to be able to follow along with the Siddur and recognize Hebrew letters and words. This class is weekly through June 13.

Zoom link was provided upon registration.

Sunday morning session with Cantor Rebecca Joy Fletcher, Scholar in Residence Weekend Virtual Visiting Scholar

Sunday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m.

- Now it is Your Turn! A Participatory Workshop in Making Jewish Art

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82193687841>

Meeting ID: 821 9368 7841

Join by Phone: 646-876-9923

Thursdays in March

Weekly Talmud Study with Rabbi Blatt

Thursdays, March 4, 11, & 18 at 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- Join our Talmud Class – an all levels discussion of Talmud

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/624135476>

Meeting ID: 624 135 476

Join by Phone: 646-876-9923

TALMUD STUDY
An all levels discussion of Talmud.

THURSDAYS
MARCH 4, 11, & 18
10:30AM - 11:30AM

<https://zoom.us/j/624135476>
Join by Phone: 646-876-9923
Meeting ID: 624 135 476

KABBALAH STUDY with Rabbi Marc Blatt
Shabbat afternoons at 12:30pm
March 6, 13, 20 & 27

Pirkei Avot teaches that one begins to learn Kabbalah at 40. In celebration of him reaching this milestone, join Rabbi Marc Blatt in studying the Zohar, the foundational text of Kabbalah. We will study the text in translation. For more information on Kabbalah, [click here](#). All skill levels welcome. A link to the text will be provided in Rabbi Rachel Blatt's Friday email.

To Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/795031104>

The Good Class
with Rabbi Rachel Blatt **Season Two**

A class based on the NBC show "The Good Place," with TV clips, text study, and discussion on Jewish philosophy and ethics.

*Previous viewing of the show is not required.

4 part series • 8pm

Tuesday, May 4 Tuesday, May 25
Thursday, May 13 Thursday, June 3

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/911694011>
Meeting ID: 911 694 011

Shabbat in March

Gutsy Torah

Saturdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.

- A weekly discussion of the Torah portion of the week.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/237692723> Meeting ID: 237 692 723

Join by Phone: 646-876-9923

Kabbalah Study with Rabbi Marc Blatt after Services

Saturdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 12:30 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/795031104> Meeting ID: 795 031 104

Join by Phone: 646-876-9923

Friday, March 19 & Saturday, March 20

Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar in Residence and Sisterhood / Brotherhood Shabbat

- Cantor Rebecca Joy Fletcher will be our virtual visiting scholar.

Friday evening Services –

- Cantor Fletcher will give a D'var Torah entitled "Faith & Fear: What Two Ancient Rabbis Can Teach Us Today"

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/795031104>

Meeting ID: 795 031 104

Shabbat morning services –

- Cantor Fletcher will give a D'var Torah entitled "Four Entered Paradise: An Old Story with New Eyes."

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/795031104>

Meeting ID: 795 031 104

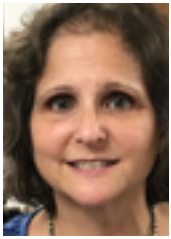
Saturday, March 20 at 8:15 p.m.

- Havdalah and Cantor Fletcher's Movie Performance of "Ringing True."

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP and receive the Zoom link.

Facility Focus & Security/Safety Spotlight

By Amy Feder-Binder, House Committee Chair



Facility Focus

As you heard during the presentation at the Annual Congregational Meeting, we are in the process of putting a new roof on Kol Ami. Our current roofs date back to 1998 and 2008. They are bringing new meaning to when we say Kol Ami is a “holy place.” More details will be forthcoming.

As I have mentioned in prior months, House and Security Committees are in need of volunteers. We need help! Pre-pandemic, we needed people to walk the building and provide security, working along with the HCSO deputies. Now, we also need volunteers to admit congregants, which involves taking temperatures, asking Covid19 questions, and giving reminders to wear masks properly. We are a community. You have heard me say many times, “Many hands make light work.” In order for us to be able to return back for more in-person Shabbat services, we need more help. We also need volunteers to assist with the technical aspects of Zoom.

In the past, the House Committee has had few members. That is changing. I would like to divide and conquer the various areas that need attention. In the future, then the chairperson would instead coordinate the volunteers and their assignments. In that way, no one would be overwhelmed by the tasks. One of the reasons I am continuing to serve as the Chairperson of House is that I was promised help. A few people have stepped up, but we need more. As of the Fall, my time will be limited, as I will be assisting with the care of my grandchild. Please email me at adfb1818@aim.com or call the office 813.962.6338 to say that you want to be counted to help. It would be very much appreciated by all!

Todah rabah, Amy



Security / Safety Spotlight

By Jon Zimmer, Security / Safety Committee Chair

As Jews, we all know the rise in the last few years of ugly, horrid, antisemitic incidents. Unfortunately, many of these incidents are taking place on college campuses. Some incidents are disguised as “just” being anti-Israel or anti-Zionism, but this is a smokescreen for a type of antisemitism. While many of us at Kol Ami have children attending college, it is important that we teach our kids to look out for these types of incidents and to adequately prepare them when they go away to school. Here is an article from the website IsraelHayom.com that goes into more detail on some disturbing events as of late.

Alums for Campus Fairness (ACF), a watchdog group of US college alumni active on issues of antisemitism, demonization of Israel, and bigotry, has released a groundbreaking report outlining the 50 most flagrant antisemitic incidents at American universities and detailing recommendations for alumni to combat bigotry at their alma maters.

Some of the most alarming examples recorded in The Guide to Protect Jewish Students include swastikas spray-painted in a Jewish professor’s office, the resignation of a student government vice president due to harassment for her Zionist identity, and a performer at a school-sponsored conference inviting the audience to join him in his “antisemitism song.”

“Across the nation, Jewish students are targeted, harassed, and discriminated against because of who they are and what they believe. AEPi members were assaulted at Towson University, NYU students burned an Israeli flag, a University of Michigan professor refused to write a recommendation letter for a

student to study abroad in Israel, and vandals defaced the UMass Amherst Hillel on Holocaust Memorial Day. This is only a snapshot of what Jewish students are up against,” Alums for Campus Fairness Executive Director Avi D. Gordon said.

“It is more important, now more than ever, for alumni to mobilize and combat this hate. ACF’s report outlines the steps alumni should take to help protect Jewish students on campus and curb rising antisemitism,” Gordon added.

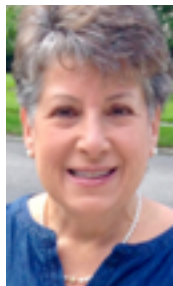
If you are interested in getting more involved or finding out more information, contact the Hillel of your choosing. I am going to reach out to ufhillel.org to see what my alma mater, the University of Florida, has been doing to successfully combat antisemitism on campus. Locally, ufhillel.org and suncoasthillels.org are the Hillel homes for college campuses in the Tampa Bay area if you would like to check them out and find out how you can get information or be more involved in learning what they are doing to combat antisemitism on campus.



Kol Ami Sisterhood

By Roberta Baer, Sisterhood President

“Bloom where your seeds are planted”



Because the Jewish calendar stretches back over 5780 years, many Jewish traditions and customs have been created. Each tradition has its customs, and each community has its customs within those

customs! Kol Ami can always count on Sisterhood to continue our Jewish community's traditions. This year, COVID said, “Not a chance,” but Roberta disagreed!

The Kol Ami Sisterhood calendar is planned each year and includes certain traditional events. We traditionally have scheduled our Paid-Up Membership Brunch, Challah and Hamantaschen Baking with Kol Yeladim Religious School, Restaurant Fundraiser, Mah Jongg Tournament, Sisterhood and Brotherhood Shabbat, Congregational

Annual Picnic, and the Torah Fund Event/ Board Installation. Due to COVID, it was necessary to creatively transfer these programs into virtual zooms for everyone. A year ago, I had never attended a Zoom event or meeting and had no idea what Zoom was. Now, I have become a pro and enjoy planning and developing programs and events to include everyone from our synagogue to join together.

This month, our annual restaurant fundraiser, which has always been held prior to the Annual Kol Ami Congregational Meeting, was at risk of being canceled. I was not going to let that happen! Our annual restaurant “Sweet Tomatoes” event may be gone, but what could be better than a prepared kosher meal made by Nosh’s Catering? Meals were preordered and picked up at Kol Ami prior to that meeting. Sisterhood came through

with a way to continue this tradition! Next in jeopardy was our annual Purim celebrations. Sisterhood bakes its secret recipe hamantaschen for Purim. We were not allowed to do baking inside the Kol Ami building, so we contacted Nosh’s Caterers and had another drive-by pick-up of assorted yummy hamantaschen. You can always count on Sisterhood to bring our traditional customs to Kol Ami!

On Wednesday, February 10 at 8:00 p.m., Sisterhood presented Baking Hamantaschen with Amanda Moonitz: A Family Recipe. Amanda is a pro in the kitchen, and with Sheri Peterson’s help, they were able to Zoom this virtual fun event from Amanda’s kitchen. It is always

fun to bake together. Thank you, Amanda, for sharing your wonderful family recipe and your baking talents; it was a fun evening! So that the students in the Kol Yeladim Religious School would not miss the fun of baking hamantaschen with Sisterhood this year, Sisterhood shared our secret ingredients for hamantaschen with the students to bake with Samantha Ruffkess on Zoom. She did a fantastic job involving the students and making some beautiful triangle treats. Thank you so much, Samantha, for volunteering to keep our tradition going this year!

We look forward to Thursday, March 4, at 8:00 p.m. to zoom in to the new craze, Diamond Art. This crafty hobby is a mix between cross stitch and paint by numbers. Contact Roberta at Sisterhood.KolAmi.Tampa@gmail.com for kit information. This event is “free,” and everyone is welcome to bring their own craft project to socialize and have fun. This month, get ready for a Mah Jongg fun day. On Sunday, March 14, prepare to have a blast. You get to play for free, schmooze, win prizes, and have entertainment. It sounds too good to be true, so make sure you join in the virtual zoom. Contact Sisterhood for details. Yes, there is more! March 19-21 is Sisterhood and Brotherhood’s yearly Shabbat weekend with the Scholar in Residence. Zoom into a weekend of prayer and music. Details for the weekend events are on the Kol Ami website and noted in this issue of the ChaiLites on [pages 4 - 6](#).

At the beginning of my article, I emphasized the importance of traditions and customs. I hope that Sisterhood has brought some expected traditions to you in these very unusual times. May everyone have a kosher and joyous Passover.

Kol tuv, Roberta Baer
Sisterhood.KolAmi.Tampa@gmail.com

(Sisterhood continued on next page)

DIAMOND ART WITH SISTERHOOD

**Thursday, March 4
at 8:00pm on ZOOM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86203419824>
Meeting ID: 862 0341 9824

Sisterhood is inviting everyone to join this new craze, Diamond Art!

Bring your own diamond art canvas or craft and join everyone for a fun night!

Pre-ordered Diamond Art Kits will be delivered to your house by Roberta!

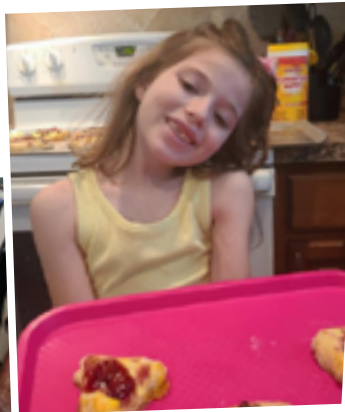
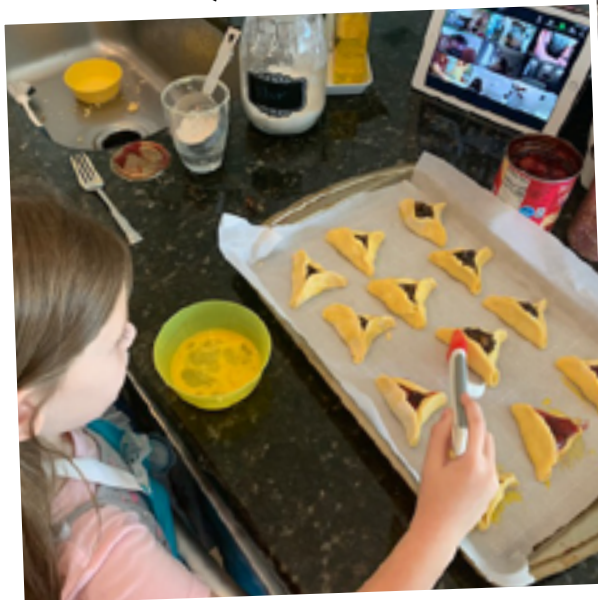
WHAT IS DIAMOND ART?

A new craft hobby that’s a mix between Cross Stitch and Paint By Numbers, designed as an easier, faster, and more therapeutic alternative to Cross Stitch.



Kol Ami Sisterhood (cont'd)

Sisterhood and Kol Yeladim Religious School Hamentaschen Baking on Zoom, Sunday, Feb. 21



Meet a Sister of Sisterhood: Bonnie Hoffman



My husband, Richard, and I set down roots in Tampa in 1977, joining Kol Ami shortly after that, which translates into seven rabbis and

three cantors. We became neighborhood activists as the result of an 8-year commercial rezoning battle with a victory for our Lutz community. Passionate family issues include women's right to choose, Black Lives Matter, LGBTQ, and restoring law and democracy to our country. I stay active with lap swimming and distance walking. My favorite Jewish foods are Mimi Aaron's matzah ball soup, Sharlena Korman's brisket, Carol Weinstein's apple cake, Florence Watins' chopped liver, and my challah. As a Kol Ami sister, I can find a Mah Jongg game and stay connected to our Jewish traditions and heritage.



Sisterhood's Kitchen

This month's recipe features Sheila Shaw's Mexican Matzo Salad (recipe from Sharon Lurie).

I chose this recipe because it is healthy, versatile and easy to make. (serves 6-8)

Mexican Matzo Salad

Matzo strips

- ½ cup oil
- 1 tsp. crushed fresh garlic (or some dried herbs)
- Salt
- 4 matzo sheets

Guacamole

- 2 avocados peeled and chopped
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. garlic
- Salt and pepper to taste

Fresh salsa

- 1 large red onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 medium tomatoes, chopped
- 1 bunch cilantro, finely chopped
- 1 English cucumber, finely chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preparation

1. Preheat the oven to 350F degrees
2. Mix the oil, garlic (or herbs) in a bowl and allow to stand for a few minutes. Paint each sheet of matzo with the oil mixture and place it on a baking tray. Bake for 5-10 minutes until golden and crispy. Meanwhile, make the guacamole and salsa
3. For the guacamole, blend or mash together all the ingredients and refrigerate until needed.
4. For the salsa, mix all the ingredients in a bowl and drain off any excess juices by pressing the mixture into a colander or sieve.
5. Break the baked matzo sheets in half and layer with guacamole and salsa, or simply arrange on a platter with bowls of guacamole and salsa for people to use the matzo as scoops.

Kol Ami Sisterhood (cont'd)

Sisterhood Presents:

**Baking Hamantaschen with Amanda:
A Family Recipe on February 10, 2021**



MAH JONGG FUN DAY ONLINE!!!

NO COST EVENT

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021
10:00AM-2:00PM**



Must Register for Zoom link.
Link will be emailed to you. Register on your own,
with your group, or you can join a group!



**Play Mah Jongg!
Door Prizes!**



A fun presentation,
"Connecting through the Tiles"
by the *Women at the
Modern Mah Jong* Facebook group

Register at bordenkaren613@gmail.com
by **March 10th.**

Contact Karen Borden at the above email with any questions.

**Hamantaschen
pick-up
on Sunday,
February 21**



SAVE THE DATE!

Sisterhood is inviting you to an interesting evening program!

**“But They Were Good to Their Mothers:
Jewish Gangsters in America”**

**Lecture addresses the rise and fall of Jewish gangsters.
Presented by Helene Herman, a lifelong Learning lecturer.**

**Sunday, April 11, 2021
7pm**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86435962865>
Meeting ID: 864 3596 2865**



**Tampa Jewish Family Services
Community Food Bank**

Tampa Jewish Family Services (TJFS) Community Food Bank distribution is offered in March at the agency's Citrus Park location at 13009 Community Campus Dr., Tampa, FL 33625

The Community Food Bank distribution date for March:

Thursday, March 4

from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Please help spread the word in your community that this service is available in Citrus Park.

You Can Help!

The Jewish Family Services Food Bank is working twice as hard as ever providing food for those in need.

At this time, they are asking for donations of gift cards in \$10 or \$20 increments rather than food to reduce the risk of contamination from the coronavirus, as well as donations to Jewish Family Services.

Monetary donations can be made through the TJFS website. Gift cards can be mailed to Lea Merrill Davidson-Bern's home or left at the front desk at the JCC in Citrus Park.

Anyone who needs assistance can reach out to Rabbi Blatt or contact Jewish Family Services and Lea directly.

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Torah Fund pin for 2020–2021: *B'Yachad, Together*

The Torah Fund theme for 2020–2021 is *B'Yachad*, which means 'Together'. Wearing this pin signifies the joy of sisterhood members working **together** year-round to make important contributions to the Jewish community through their volunteer efforts at synagogues across the United States and Canada. Our pride in being Jewish shows in everything we do. We are high achievers in our professional and personal lives, and we accomplish even more **together!** Each of us is one small nugget of gold, but together our small gifts reflect and refract the light inside us, and help each other shine. **Together**, since 1942, the modest contributions of thousands of individuals to this grassroots fundraising effort called Torah Fund have helped to educate and train each generation of rabbis, cantors, scholars, educators, summer camp directors, chaplains, campus Jewish life staff, and committed lay leaders. These are the people who guide and teach, console and uplift our people, one soul at a time, whether in person or remotely, during these challenging times. We make this happen **together**. Join us!

For information, please contact your Sisterhood Torah Fund Chair or Lisa Paule at lipaule@jtsa.edu or (212) 678-8876.

Kol Ami Brotherhood

By Mario Rodriguez, Brotherhood President



Where flowers bloom, so does hope

Lady Bird Johnson was quoted as saying, "Where flowers bloom, so does hope." Not only does this beautiful quote remind me that the first day of Spring is just a few weeks away (the Spring equinox occurs on Saturday, March 20), it also reflects the growing hope that I think many are beginning to feel due to the growing number of people getting immunized against COVID-19, as well as the decreasing number of new COVID cases, hospitalizations and deaths. *Baruch Hashem*. As the pandemic crisis slowly begins to improve, our hope to resume in-person Shabbat services, social programs and other synagogue events begins to grow stronger. Can you imagine a return to "normal?" Well, I am not sure what the "new normal" will look like, but I am sure that Brotherhood will be a big part of it, bigger, stronger, and better than ever, in-person, and ready to resume our special events, annual programs, and service projects.

With a hopeful and promising future in mind, I'd like to tell you about our upcoming events and programs, which I hope you will be a part of (even if they are still on Zoom, for the time being). First, on Sunday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m. (on Zoom), "Brotherhood presents..." will welcome Dr. Tanya Gold who will present her talk, "Be Happy, Be Healthy." Dr. Gold is a board-certified physician in family medicine and holistic medicine, and the founder and owner of Dr. Gold's Optimal Living Institute. She recently published a book entitled, "7 Habits of Extremely Happy People: The Hidden Secrets to Success," and she will be sharing with us the hidden secrets of living an optimal life. Dr. Gold's talk promises to be enlightening, helpful, and FUN, so you won't want to miss it.

Second, we have our annual Brotherhood & Sisterhood Shabbat service on Friday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. This year's Brotherhood & Sisterhood Shabbat service, which is always part of Kol Ami's Annual Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar in Residence Weekend (March 19, 20 & 21, 2021), will be held on Zoom and live streamed. It is always very special to be able to participate in or attend the Brotherhood & Sisterhood Shabbat service

and watch many of our Brotherhood and Sisterhood members leading services and bringing the spiritual side of our organizations to life. Special thanks to Alan and Karen Borden for their hard work and leadership in planning and implementing our Brotherhood & Sisterhood Shabbat. Also, we will be making a very big and important announcement during services that I am sure everyone will be excited and happy to hear. So, please be sure

SHARING LIGHT FOR REMEMBRANCE



SHOAH YELLOW CANDLE™

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APRIL 7, 2021
WEDNESDAY - 8PM

Candle lighting service followed by
Holocaust Remembrance program



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81726168862> Meeting ID: 817 2616 8862

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Kol Ami Brotherhood (cont'd)

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to attend this year's virtual Brotherhood & Sisterhood Shabbat service on Friday evening, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. You will not want to miss being a part of this unique and spiritually uplifting Shabbat service and our big announcement!

Although our next major annual program will not be until the first week of April, Wednesday, April 7, at 8:00 p.m. to be exact, I wanted to make you aware of it now so that you can plan ahead and be ready to join us for our virtual Yellow Candle – Holocaust Remembrance Program on Erev Yom HaShoah. You should receive your Yellow Candle in the mail in the coming weeks, along with a letter from Rabbi Blatt, a meditation that can be recited in the memory of a child who perished in the Shoah, and a donation form that you can use to help us fund next year's program and hopefully many more programs in the future. This year, we plan to include a special candle lighting service led by Rabbi Blatt immediately following minyan on April 7. We anticipate that it will be very moving to see everyone lighting their Yellow Candle at home via Zoom and reciting the meditation in memory of a child lost in the Holocaust. After the candle lighting service, we will be screening a short film about the impact of the Holocaust on the lives of so many Jewish families and the resilience of the human spirit in the face of evil and the horrors of genocide. The screening will be followed by a brief discussion. More details will be forthcoming, but I hope you can foresee that this year's Yellow Candle Program will be a very special and meaningful event that you will want to experience.

I am very happy to announce the unveiling of Brotherhood's all new and improved webpage on the Kol Ami website. There you will find an up-to-date calendar of all of our annual programs and events,



Learn the **HIDDEN** Secrets to Living an Optimal Life
Sunday, March 7th @10:30am
ZOOM MEETING ID: 870 0871 5363

Discover an evidence-based all-natural technique to
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important details about our upcoming programs, social events and service projects, a section focused on Jewish learning (e.g., "Torah Bites," "Parsha Pathways"), a spotlight piece on one of our members, links to FJMC's webinar series and affinity groups, and a picture gallery of our recent events. Plans to upgrade our Facebook page are also underway. I want to give a special shout-out and a hearty *yasher koach!* to our new Marketing and Social Media Chairman, Carlos Romay, for hitting the ground running and undertaking these much-needed upgrades to our webpage and Facebook page. (Check them out when you have a chance. I think you will be impressed and pleasantly surprised.) Without his vision, talent, and hard work, we'd still be wondering when Brotherhood would be entering into the digital 22nd century. Thank you, Carlos!

Last, but not least, I'd also like to thank Darren Kasenetz for the countless hours he puts in at Kol Ami working on the audiovisual system, the grounds and the physical plant, his leadership as our Chai Guys liaison, and his many contributions to our marketing and social media efforts. And finally, special thanks to all of our amazing Brotherhood board members for their dedication, service and support: Jon Zimmer, Barry Dvorchik, Mitch Weiss, Dr. Julian Melamed, Carlos Romay, Howard Baer, Alan Borden, Dr. Michael "Doc" Binder, Stuart Kramer, and Eric Weiner. You guys are the best, and we would not have come as far as we have without you. *Yasher koach* and *toda rabah!*

L'shalom, in brotherhood,
Mario Rodriguez

SCHool SCHpiel

By Jennifer Halls, Education Director



Shalom, Kol Ami!

This month will mark the one-year anniversary of our COVID "lockdown." Last year, just after our Purim Carnival, we closed the Shul and began a "new normal." This has been a hard year for many. I would say that our children have had a hard year also! Online learning is not easy for the most motivated students, even in the best of times. This pandemic has changed the way we learn and the way we teach. In reflecting on this past year, I am grateful that I was able to teach from home for nine months, and continue to keep our students and their families safe with our classes remaining online this month. However, Lynn and I are working with the Task Force to design a SAFE plan for in-person Religious School beginning in April!

Last month we celebrated Purim with a twist! Our "CAR"nival was so much fun! A huge shout out to all our teachers and parents who volunteered to run our "Drive-Thru" stations. We had a blast! And all the costumes were amazing! Purim would not be complete without

baking Sisterhood's famous Hamen-taschen! Thank you, Samantha Ruffkess, for leading this fun program on Zoom. Next year, IN PERSON!

During this month, we have both Spring and Passover Break; That means that there is only one Sunday of Religious School and only 3 Wednesdays. We hope everyone will make every effort to attend for all of these days. We also hope everyone will be able to join us for our 2nd and 3rd Grade Class Shabbat on Friday, March 12 starting at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Alissa and her class have been working so hard to help lead services!

As we get closer to April and the Task Force approves our plans for in-person classes, you will receive information about our plans and expectations for returning. If you have any suggestions, or want to help in any way to make the transition back to in-person learning, please reach out to me. All ideas are welcome.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions, comments, or concerns!

Stay Safe & Healthy,
Jennifer Halls

Upcoming Dates

(All virtual via Zoom unless otherwise noted)

- 3/3..... Wednesday School (3rd - 7th Grade) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- 3/3..... Confirmation (10th Grade Only) 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 3/6..... Shabbat School (6th & 7th Grades Only) 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 3/6..... Academy Shabbat (8th - 12th Grades) 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- 3/7..... Sunday School (PreK - 5th Grade) 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 3/10..... Wednesday School (3rd - 7th Grade) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- 3/12..... 2nd/3rd Grade Class Shabbat Service 6:30 p.m.
- 3/14..... No Religious School (Spring Break)
- 3/17..... No Religious School (Spring Break)
- 3/21..... No Religious School (Spring Break)
- 3/24..... Wednesday School (3rd - 7th Grades) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- 3/27..... Shabbat School (6th & 7th Grades Only) 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- 3/28..... No Religious School (Passover)
- 3/31..... No Religious School (Passover)

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We invite all 8th - 12th graders to join us for a year of discussion and learning.

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INTRODUCTION (WITH PARENTS)

Wednesday, 9/2/2020 6-7pm

MODULE A (COMPLETELY ONLINE)

Wednesday, 10/14/2020: 5:30-7pm

Wednesday, 10/28/2020: 5:30-7pm

Wednesday, 11/4/2020: 5:30-7pm

Saturday, 11/14/2020 Academy Shabbat: 9:30am-12pm

MODULE B (IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

Sunday, 1/24/2021: 10:30am-12:30pm

Sunday, 2/7/2021: 10:30am-12:30pm

Sunday, 2/21/2021: 10:30am-12:30pm

Saturday, 3/6/2021 (Academy Shabbat 9:30am-12pm)

MODULE C (IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

Sunday, 4/11/2021: 10:30am-12:30pm

Sunday, 4/25/2021: 10:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday, 5/12/2021: 5:30-7pm

Saturday, 5/22/2021 (Academy Shabbat: 9:30am-12pm)

CONFIRMATION: GRADE 10 ONLY (8-9PM VIA ZOOM)

Wednesday, 9/9/2020: 8-9pm

Wednesday, 10/14/2020: 5:30-7pm*, 8-9pm

Wednesday, 11/4/2020: 5:30-7pm*, 8-9pm

Wednesday, 12/9/2020: 8-9pm

Wednesday, 1/13/2021: 8-9pm

Wednesday, 2/10/2021: 8-9pm

Wednesday, 3/3/2021: 8-9pm

Wednesday, 4/14/2021: 8-9pm

Wednesday, 5/12/2021: 5:30-7pm*, 8-9pm

***On these dates, Confirmation students will also have Academy from 5:30-7pm with an hour break for dinner or snacks.**

Youth Groups

Maci Morse, Youth Director



February was so much fun for our youth! Chaverim had an afternoon of virtual party games like Charades and Mad Libs, and Boneem showed their artistic side with a Zoom art class! Chaverim was very silly and Boneem learned how to draw different cartoon images. It was really cool. Kadima

had their very first Saturday late-night program with the Kadima chapters at Congregation Rodeph Sholom, Congregation Beth Shalom of Clearwater, Temple Beth Sholom of Sarasota, and Congregation B'nai Israel of St. Pete. We had such a great time meeting new friends and doing a Night at the Museum-themed scavenger hunt while on a virtual tour of the museum from the movie! USY started Purim off early with a virtual Purim movie watch party with other USYers from across the West Coast of Florida! These Kadima and USY programs were the first of many collaborative programs we will be having throughout the year.

Purim looked a little different this year, but it didn't stop us from having a great time! We joined Rodeph Sholom in a virtual reading of the Megillah, TikTok-themed Purim Shpiel, and costume contest. It was cool seeing the story of Purim through TikToks. While we may not have been able to have a Purim Carnival like last year, we had a "CAR"nival instead! Families were able to participate in all of the best parts of a typical carnival from the comfort of their own cars in the Kol Ami parking lot. We had such a great time.

March is here and we have even more fun planned! On Sunday, March 14, Chaverim will be practicing their drawing skills with a virtual art class. Boneem will follow this program on that Sunday with a lightning scavenger hunt at home. They will have a certain amount of time to find different items around their houses to earn points for the chance to win a prize! We can't wait to see all of the crazy things they'll find. Kadima will be having a program inspired by the popular Netflix Show "Nailed It!" on Sunday, March 21. They will be competing to see who can best replicate dessert decorations. It is going to be very delicious. USY won't have to miss out on all of the fun because they will be able to show off their dessert decorating skills later that day on Sunday, March 21, with USYers from the other West Coast chapters.

We are so excited to collaborate with some amazing USCJ youth chapters around the Gulf Coast so that we can still safely see our friends.

(Youth Groups continued on next page)

Boneem's Virtual Scavenger Hunt

Join Boneem on **Sunday, March 14th at 2:30pm** for a virtual, lightning scavenger hunt. On this Zoom program, participants will be asked to find certain items around the house within a certain amount of time to earn points. Whoever has the most points at the end, wins a prize.



Virtual Art with Chaverim

Join Chaverim on **Sunday, March 14th at 1pm** for a virtual art class where we will learn how to draw different pictures! Just bring some paper and something to draw with!

To RSVP, please go to <https://www.kolami.org/form/chaverim-program.html>



Youth Groups (cont'd)

Nailed It! with Kadima

Join Kadima across
West Florida on
Sunday, March 21st at 4pm
for a virtual program
inspired by the popular
show "Nailed It!"
Bring your favorite
toppings to see who can
decorate their dessert the
best.

To RSVP, please go to
<https://www.kolami.org/form/Kadima-program1.html>



WEST COAST USY'S "NAILED IT!"

Join USY chapters
across the West Coast of Florida on
Sunday, March 21st at 7:30pm for
an evening program.
We will be having a dessert
decorating competition similar to
that on the show *Nailed It!*
followed by mixers and schmoozing.

To RSVP, please go to
<https://www.kolami.org/form/usy-program.html>



You can register your child for a
Kol Ami Youth Group now
by simply clicking [here](#) to access the
Youth Group Registration Form
from the Kol Ami website.



Visit Kol Ami's website!

www.kolami.org

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March 2021 Calendar: Services, Events & Classes

Daily Minyan

Monday - Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The ZOOM link for the Daily minyanim is:

<https://zoom.us/j/502257197> | Meeting ID: 502 257 197a

Join by Phone: 646-876-9923

Livestreamed here: www.kolami.org/streaming.html

Sunday Minyan at 9:15 a.m.

The ZOOM link for the Sunday minyan is:

<https://zoom.us/j/661453821> | Meeting ID: 661 453 821

Join by Phone: 646-876-9923

Livestreamed here: www.kolami.org/streaming.html

Friday Evening Shabbat Services

Parking Lot Kol Shira Shabbat Service

Friday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Registration Required for In-Person Service

[Click Here](#) to Register

<https://zoom.us/j/795031104> | Meeting ID: 795 031 104

Join by Phone: 646-876-9923

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Friday Night Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6:30 p.m. 2nd and 3rd Grade Led Shabbat Service

Friday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/795031104> | Meeting ID: 795 031 104

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Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Virtual Scholar in Residence Weekend Sisterhood/Brotherhood Shabbat Services

Friday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/795031104> | Meeting ID: 795 031 104

Join by Phone: 646-876-9923

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VROOM into Shabbat with Rabbi Blatt & Todah

Friday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Registration Required for In-Person Service

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Parking Lot Shabbat Service

Friday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m.

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Saturday Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning Shabbat Services at 9:30 a.m.

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Livestreamed here: www.kolami.org/streaming.html

Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Virtual Scholar in Residence Weekend Sisterhood/Brotherhood Shabbat Services

Saturday, March 20 at 9:30 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/795031104> | Meeting ID: 795 031 104

Join by Phone: 646-876-9923

Sundays

Brotherhood: Be Happy, Be Healthy with Dr. Tanya Gold

Sunday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87008715363> | Meeting ID: 870 0871 5363

Beginner's Hebrew Classes

Sundays, March 7 and 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Zoom link was given to Registrants

2021 Virtual Women's Seder

Sunday, March 7 at 6:00- 7:00 p.m.

Zoom link was given to Registrants

Sisterhood Mah Jongg Fun Day Online

Sunday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Register for zoom link at bordenkaren613@gmail.com

Virtual Art with Chaverim

Sunday, March 14 at 1:00 p.m.

RSVP for Zoom passcode:

<https://www.kolami.org/form/chaverim-program.html>

Boneem Virtual Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, March 14 at 2:30 p.m.

RSVP for Zoom passcode:

<https://www.kolami.org/form/boneem-program1.html>

Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Virtual Scholar in Residence Weekend Sunday Morning Session with Rebecca Joy Fletcher

Sunday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82193687841> | Meeting ID: 821 9368 7841

"Nailed it!" with Kadima

Sunday, March 21 at 4:00 p.m.

RSVP for Zoom passcode:

<https://www.kolami.org/form/kadima-program1.html>

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March 2021 Calendar: Services, Events & Classes (cont'd)

West Coast USY's "Nailed It!"

Sunday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m.

RSVP for Zoom passcode:

<https://www.kolami.org/form/USY-program.html>

Pesah Day 1 Services

Sunday, March 28 at 9:30 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/795031104> | Meeting ID: 795 031 104

Join by Phone: 646-876-9923

Livestreamed here: www.kolami.org/streaming.html

Virtual 2nd Night Pesah Seder

Sunday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.

[Click Here](#) to RSVP and Receive Zoom Link

Mondays

Pesah Day 2 Services

Monday, March 29 at 9:30 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/795031104> | Meeting ID: 795 031 104

Join by Phone: 646-876-9923

Livestreamed here: www.kolami.org/streaming.html

Thursdays

Talmud Class

Thursdays, March 4, 11, & 18 at 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- Weekly Talmud study class with Rabbi Blatt.

<https://zoom.us/j/624135476> | Meeting ID: 624 135 476

Taanit Bechorim "First Born Siyyum"

Thursday, March 25 at 7:30 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83812370559> | Meeting ID: 838 1237 0559

Livestreamed here: www.kolami.org/streaming.html

Fridays

Parking Lot Kol Shira Shabbat Service

Friday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Registration Required for In-Person Service

[Click Here](#) to Register

<https://zoom.us/j/795031104> | Meeting ID: 795 031 104

Join by Phone: 646-876-9923

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Friday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/795031104> | Meeting ID: 795 031 104

Join by Phone: 646-876-9923

Livestreamed here: www.kolami.org/streaming.html

Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Virtual Scholar in Residence Weekend

Sisterhood / Brotherhood Shabbat Services

Friday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/795031104> | Meeting ID: 795 031 104

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Saturdays

Gutsy Torah

Saturdays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.

- A weekly discussion of the Torah Portion of the week.

<https://zoom.us/j/795031104> | Meeting ID: 795 031 104

Join by Phone: 646-876-9923

Saturday Morning Shabbat Services at 9:30 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/795031104> | Meeting ID: 795 031 104

Join by Phone: 646-876-9923

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Kabbalah Study with Rabbi Marc Blatt after Services

Saturdays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 12:30 p.m.

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Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Virtual Scholar in Residence Weekend

Sisterhood / Brotherhood Shabbat Services

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<https://zoom.us/j/795031104> | Meeting ID: 795 031 104

Join by Phone: 646-876-9923

Livestreamed here: www.kolami.org/streaming.html

Saturday Evening Scholar in Residence Movie Performance of "Ringing True" by Rebecca Joy Fletcher

Saturday, March 20 at 8:15 p.m.

- Havdalah and Movie Performance

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| Israel Berman | Stanley Dreier |
| Daniel Heyman | Arthur Michel |
| Rosalyn Goldman | Sam Halpern |
| 18 Gabriel Lessinger | 25 Sam Chudde |
| Eugene Berkowitz | Helen Sanders |
| Ethel Schilit | Myron Caine |
| Bernard Hymes | Beatrice Graney |
| 19 Sam Pearlstein | Harriet Klein Jacobowitz |
| Charles Teblum | 26 Irving Jaffe |
| Myer Sefkin | Muriel Habe |
| Gertrude Schorner | Milton Chernick |
| Dorothy Ackerman | Erma Sprinczeles |
| 21 Rena Waks | Jean Cohen |
| Suzanne Roseman | 27 Goldie Wasser |
| 22 Murray Daniels | Fred Berkowitz |
| Leah Levy | Kurt Wasser |
| William Morgenstern | Alfred Mackler |
| Sadie Zichlin | Frank G. Greedman |
| Louis Greenspon | Marilyn Frances Goldner |
| 23 Jack Ward | Samuel Litvin |
| Sara Garvis | Hope Teller Schwab |
| Charles Hoffman | Benzion Bulmash |
| Nancy Gaffney | 28 Zachary Daniel Solomon |
| Estelle Rabin | Janice Baker |
| Maxim Lieber | Sanford Marvin Kalter |
| Sylvia Zichlin | Faye Silverman |
| | Harold Shapiro |

Honor the Memory of Your Loved Ones

Honor the memory of a loved one with a bronze plaque on a memorial board in our sanctuary for a donation of \$360. Please notify the office if you would like to receive yahrzeit notifications for additional loved ones.

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| 29 Sadye Pearlman | Lawrence Aarons |
| David Wertheim | George Benzce |
| Naomi Price | Harry Louis Jacobowitz |
| Nissan Yahrzeits | Harry Eisenstein |
| 1 Beverly Rubin Weiss | Sandra Kornreich |
| Rachel Garcy | 5 Paul Kerschner |
| Henry Eisenstein | Lillian Kanter |
| Sidney Neudel | Arthur Hillinger |
| Frances Weinberg | 6 Olivia Belardi |
| 2 David Waks | Susan Zwillenberg |
| Alex Chernin | Frances Finkel |
| Leonard R. Rubin | Barbara Sharon Dvorchik |
| Jordan Aron | Gloria Eichel Sheer |
| 3 Jane Wynn | Paula Berman |
| Pauline Hellman | 7 Rywka Konsker |
| Harry Lincenberg | David Davis |
| Joel Abramson | Ida Weininger |
| 4 Stuart Pliskow | 8 Rose Dembo |
| Iris Hellman | 9 Julius Rock |

- Tobie Ida Raff
Leonard I. Pearlman
Barbara (Bobbie) Schuster
Edith White
Stanley Katz
Martin Sprinczeles
11 Norman Greenbaum
Fannie Zuckerman Reingold
Joyce Weissman
12 Carroll Lybanon
13 Larry Weinberg
Lillian Klayman
Hertha Peterson
Kasriel Kross
14 Charles Cohn
15 Marvin Roseman
Warren H. Kross
Minnie Rosenwasser
Bernard Roth
Sally Caplin
16 Carl Greenberg
17 David Daniel Aaron
Louis Samuelson
Max Melamed
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18 Rose Schreiner

March Birthdays

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