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SHABBAT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Friday Evening Services

Shabbat in the Woods for Families with Young Children

A service in story and song

5:30 - 6:00pm *in the Atrium*

Followed by Shabbat crafts, light supper & supervised childcare

6:15 - 7:15pm *in the Gallery*

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

6:15pm *in the Main Sanctuary*

Saturday Morning Services

Shabbat Morning Spiritual Lift with Rabbi Shira Milgrom

Schulman Chapel-in-the-Woods

9:00am Coffee and Community

9:30 -11:00am Study

11:00am Shabbat Service

**SERVICES TAKE PLACE IN THE MAIN BUILDING
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**



SHABBAT DINNER & PROGRAM
Friday, June 3, 2016 | 7:30 pm

5 Synagogues of White Plains UNITY DINNER AND SHABBAT PROGRAM Friday, June 3 at 8:15 pm

To the credit of our community, the Unity Dinner is now sold out.
We regret that we can no longer accept reservations.
However, we welcome you to join us for the program starting at
approximately 8:15pm.

Early in the summer of 2014, three innocent Israeli boys were kidnapped and murdered. At that time, we in the White Plains synagogues learned that there is something deep that holds us together. The families of the three young men have reached out to the Jewish world, and asked us all to work to keep that sense of unity strong. And on the Shabbat evening of June 3rd, one of those parents will be joining us in White Plains.

Shabbat morning, June 11th

Kol Ami is privileged to welcome Avner Gvaryahu, of Breaking the Silence. Both Rabbis Tom and Shira have spoken about this remarkable group of Israeli soldiers (Tom most recently last High Holidays). This is a group of Israeli soldiers who have served in the Occupied Territories and have provided a vehicle for soldiers (upon the conclusion of their military service) to express the impact of this experience upon them. On Yom HaShoah a few weeks ago, then Minister of Defense Moshe Yaalon delivered a nationally broadcast speech in which he encouraged soldiers to speak their own truths. A few days ago, Moshe Yaalon was dismissed as minister of defense by Prime Minister Netanyahu and replaced by Avigdor Lieberman. Avner Gvaryahu, who is presently in NY, completed an MA in the Institute for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University.



2nd Annual Joint Reform
Tikkun Leil Shavuot 5776
 A Night of Jewish Learning and
 Community Celebration

Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 7:45 pm



Westchester Reform Temple
 255 Mamaroneck Road, Scarsdale

Join clergy and congregants from four Reform Jewish congregations: WRT, Kol Ami, Scarsdale Synagogue-Temples Tremont & Emanuel, and Community Synagogue of Rye—in a night of learning and celebration for the night of Shavuot, our Spring Festival of Revelation.


Rabbis and Cantors will teach breakout sessions on the topic of **Reform Jewish Responses to Ancient Jewish Questions**. And we will enjoy some traditional Shavuot treats, too!

This program is free and open to the community, and made possible with support from the Vivienne Sulds Memorial Fund.

Please RSVP to receptionist@wrtemple.org
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Congregation Kol Ami
 invites you to join us for our fourth
LGBT Pride Shabbat
Friday, June 17th, 2016
6:15 pm
With Guest Speaker
Larry Rogowsky
“Gay, Jewish and the Theater”

Larry Rogowsky grew up in White Plains and at Kol Ami. He now resides in Riverdale and is a Broadway Producer in addition to being a full time Dad to Anthony with his husband Drew and black lab Betty. Larry will share his journey through coming out at 19, getting married to Drew, the joyous birth of their son and making a career in the theater.



THIS SERVICE IS OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

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Sunday, June 12th at 10:00AM
Please join for our Confirmation and Congregational Shavuot Service and Yizkor followed by a community oneg.

WEEKLY TORAH PORTIONS FOR JUNE

Week ending June 4, 2016

Parashat B'chukotai Leviticus 26:3-27:34 The book of Leviticus is completed this week with B'chukotai, which is filled with God's promises and warnings to the people depending upon whether or not they faithfully follow or disobey God's commandments. The parasha also includes brief discussions of the payment of vows and gifts made to the sanctuary.

Week ending June 11, 2016

Parashat B'midbar Numbers 1:1- 4:20 This Shabbat we begin reading the book of B'midbar, (in the wilderness). The book is called "Numbers" in English because it begins with a census of all male Israelites in the camp who are eligible to bear arms, as well as those responsible for the duties in the Tabernacle.

Week ending June 18, 2016

Parashat Naso Numbers 4:21-7:89 The second parasha in the Book of Numbers completes the census with a counting of the Levitical families and the enumeration of their responsibilities in the portage of the Tabernacle and the Tent of Meeting. The parasha's concluding section begins with the Priestly Blessing and ends with a list of the offerings brought by the tribal heads for the ceremony of the dedication of the Tabernacle.

Week ending June 25, 2016

Parashat B'haalot'cha Numbers 8:1-12:16 In this parasha God instructs Moses to appoint elders to share the burden of ruling the people and settling their many issues. The parasha concludes with Aaron and Miriam saying disparaging things about their younger brother Moses. As a result, Miriam is struck with a skin disease, manifested as white, itchy scales. Aaron appeals to Moses, who offers a prayer to God on his sister's behalf.

WEEKLY TORAH PORTIONS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

Week ending July 2, 2016

Parashat Sh'lach L'cha Numbers 13:1-15:41 This week's parasha continues the story of the Israelites wandering through the desert. Moses sends twelve emissaries to scout out the land of Israel. Only two, Joshua and Caleb, return with a message of hope. The other ten spies report that the land is filled with giants, and the people react to their terrifying account with fear and panic. As a result of this behavior, the members of this generation will not be allowed to enter the "promised" land and will wander the desert for another 38 years.

Week ending July 9, 2016

Parashat Korach Numbers 16:1-18:32 Four rebels hatch an ill-fated "coup-d'état" against the leadership of Aaron and Moses in this week's parasha. Two dreadful punishments await the rebels: for Dathan, Abiram, and their group, the earth bursts asunder, swallowing them. For Korach and his followers, fire and plague bring death and havoc.

Week ending July 16, 2016

Parashat Chukat Numbers 19:1-22:1 This week's parasha begins with the death of Miriam, Moses' & Aaron's sister, at Kadesh. When the people complain that they have no water to drink, God instructs Moses to take his rod & order a rock to bring forth water. In his anger against the cantankerous people, instead of ordering the rock to produce water, Moses strikes the rock with his rod. As a result, God tells Moses that he will not be allowed to lead the people into the Land of Israel. This responsibility will ultimately be given to Joshua. Aaron dies at Mount Hor and Aaron's son, Eleazer becomes his successor.

Week ending July 23, 2016

Parashat Balak Numbers 22:2-25:9 In this week's parasha, Balak, the king of Moab, persuades the prophet Balaam to curse the Israelites so that he can defeat them and drive them out of the region. However, Balaam blesses the Children of Israel and prophesies that Israel's enemies will be defeated, saying "Ma Tovvu, ohalecha Ya-akov, mishk'notecha Yisrael – How lovely are your tents O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel." The parasha ends with God punishing the Israelites with a plague when an Israelite man consorts with a Moabite woman. The plague ends when Pinchas kills them.

Week ending July 30, 2016

Parashat Pinchas Numbers 25:10-30:1 The parasha begins with God rewarding Pinchas for his actions with a covenant of peace for all time, and continues with the taking of a second census. Moses allocates the land to each tribe according to its size. The daughters of Zelophehad appeal to Moses to inherit their father's land since he died leaving no sons. God confirms their claim and instructs Moses to change the laws of inheritance. The parasha concludes with a description of the sacrificial ritual for all festival occasions.

Week ending August 6, 2016

Parashat Matot-Masei Numbers 30:2-36:13 In the first part of this double parasha the laws for making vows are described; and Moses agrees to allow the tribes of Gad and Reuben to stay in the land east of the Jordan than enter the land of Israel, as long as they lend their support in settling the land. Masei recounts the forty years of journeys (mas'ey) that the Israelites have made since leaving Egypt. The Book of Numbers concludes with Moses providing instructions for conquering the land of Israel, defining its borders, and dividing it among the tribes.

Week ending August 13, 2016

Parashat Devarim Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22 Devarim is the first parasha in the Book of Deuteronomy, which begins a series of speeches by Moses to the Israelites as they are preparing to enter the Land of Israel. In this parasha, Moses who will die in Moab, reminds this generation that they are about to take possession of the land that was promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He recounts the route of travel and the challenges, chastisements, and triumphs that occurred along the way.

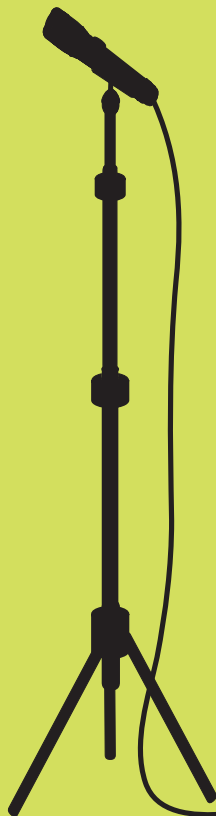
Week ending August 20, 2016

Parashat Va'Etchanan Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11 In this parasha, Moses' appeal to God to allow him to enter the Land of Israel is again denied. Moses continues his oration to the people, reminding them of the covenant at Sinai and the Ten Commandments, and exhorting them to follow the laws given by God. Specific areas of the land are set aside to serve as cities of refuge for those who commit unintentional homicide.

Week ending August 27, 2016

Parashat Ekev Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25 Moses continues to tell the Israelites that, if they maintain their covenant with God by observing all the commandments, God will make them fruitful and victorious over their enemies; and reminds them of the times that the Israelites disobeyed God's commandments and the consequences that befell them. Moses continues by saying that the land will flow with milk and honey if the people obey God's commandments and teach them to their children.

**IT'S TRUE!
WE ARE A
COMMUNITY
THAT MAKES
INCREDIBLE
THINGS
HAPPEN.
TOGETHER,
WE DID IT.
WE SURPASSED
OUR GOAL OF
\$36,000!
AND EVERY
SINGLE GIFT
MATTERED!**



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**FOR ALL THE WAYS
YOU CONTRIBUTED
TO WHO WE ARE
AND TO WHAT WE DO**



THANK YOU!

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We will be celebrating the following children becoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah this month! Mazal Tov!



Victoria Gabrielle Hagen, daughter of Bonnie & Karl Hagen, and sister of Daniel Hagen, will be called to the Torah as Bat Mitzvah on June 4, 2016. Victoria is a seventh grader at Highlands Middle School in White Plains and enjoys playing clarinet in the Highlands Jazz Band. Also an avid violinist and writer, Victoria enjoys many genres of music and creates her own compositions (both musical and literary).

Her mitzvah contributions to her community are many and include volunteering at the Cottage School in Pleasantville (a UJA Federation agency) to help abused, neglected and traumatized young people who are struggling with poverty, developmental disabilities and complex mental illness. As Victoria has reflected in her essay about her time volunteering at the Cottage School, "I love helping these people—young and old, male and female—and I'm glad I put a smile on their faces, because now, I too, am smiling. I truly love to help others, no matter who they are or what they want to do. So, maybe today, maybe tomorrow, or in a few months, or a couple of years—I don't care what I'll be doing. As long as I am helping someone—whether it is making music, performing in a play, cooking, gardening, etc.....! I'll be happy."



Olivia Rosner, daughter of Karen and Bruce Rosner and sister to Jared and Julia, will be called to the Torah as Bat Mitzvah on June 4, 2016. She is finishing up the 7th grade at Edgemont Junior High. Olivia enjoys attending Camp Pembroke and plays tennis and soccer. She is a loving daughter, thoughtful sister, and great friend. Her enthusiasm and warmth are what make her special. For her Mitzvah

Projects Olivia collected clothing from Lost and Found and donated them to Action for Post-Soviet Jewry, a charity founded and run by her Grandmother. She also received her Girl Scout Silver Award by making blankets for kids receiving cancer treatment at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. She purchased the materials for the blankets and then made them with 1st graders from Scarsdale, 4th graders from Edgemont and CKCC clubs at both Greenville and Seely Place Elementary Schools. Olivia learned how important it is to give back to her community, both to her Jewish community in Eastern Europe and to her local community receiving treatments for a serious disease. Thank you, Kol Ami, for making her Bat Mitzvah preparation so meaningful!



Nate Karl son of Michele and Matt Karl, brother to Max and Gabe Karl, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 11, 2016. Nate is a 7th grader at Highlands Middle School. He enjoys playing basketball and soccer and will spend his summer at Camp Lenox in Massachusetts. Nate volunteered at the SPCA in Briarcliff for his mitzvah project.



Joshua Braun, son of Michelle and David Braun, younger brother to Matthew and older brother to Rebecca, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on July 09, 2016. Josh is a 7th grader at Highlands Middle School in White Plains. He is involved in many sports and activities but has a special love for soccer and music. For his mitzvah project, Josh volunteered some of his time to help coach younger soccer players. He will also be doing a mitzvah project

while staying in Israel. Joshua is looking forward to sharing this special day with family and friends at Kol Ami as well as in Israel.



Tristan Antonio David Barrios son of Vania Sitruk and Jose Barrios and stepson to Peter Lazar will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 18th, 2016. Tristan is a 7th grader at Hommocks Middle School. He enjoys playing tennis, baseball and soccer as well as art. Tristan's mitzvah project was to help teach young kids at the

New Rochelle Racquet Club and volunteer at the local animal shelter.

Hunter Rademacher, daughter of Jennifer and Isaac, and **Jimmy Lantagne**, son of James and Sharon will be called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah on July 2, 2016. Hunter is entering 7th grade, loves going to Broadway and reading. Jimmy loves all things Israel and he raised money for his favorite organization, Friends of the IDF. Jimmy is Hunter's uncle. Bonnie and Eric Eilen are the proud grandparents and parents-in-law.

A Message from our Rabbi TOM WEINER



Talking the Talk, then Most Surely Walking the Walk

(From Rabbi Weiner's Address at the Annual Meeting; May 17, 2016)

I thought it might be helpful this year if I did something a little different. Usually my annual reports are a list of activities, projects and programs - each with a short description.

Instead, let's look this year at just one piece of our collective work, but in full detail. This way you can see how, at Kol Ami, an idea becomes a reality. Let this be a model of the way in which an issue or project moves from inception to fruition.

For the past several years Kol Ami has been involved in a number of LGBT initiatives. Some of you have even commented – a bit tongue in cheek – at the plethora of LGBTQ programs. And I've enjoyed that gentle teasing, because that feeling of saturation is a sign of success. The first step was thinking together with all those interested to see if there is broad conviction that a particular issue is valid and deserves synagogue-wide attention.

So the conversations began with the various arms of synagogue life. Members, lay leadership, adult-ed, religious school and ECP, the youth group, worship committee, facilities, and administration. Discussions took place with our Educators, Clergy, Youth Director, High School students, and certainly parents.

Then, to make sure the message gets out, we make a point of reaching people in as many ways as possible:

- High Holiday Sermons
- Teacher training
- Youth Group programs
- Synaplex speakers
- High School teaching
- adult ed series on Gender and Spirituality
- We examined the paperwork, forms and applications of the synagogue to find where we could be more sensitive and inclusive
- We looked at our facility itself and saw we needed a gender neutral bathroom and then designated and labeled one as such
- The worship committee became aware of the dearth of any liturgy in our prayer book that overtly mentions and includes our LGBTQ members. One was created and then physically added to all of the congregations' siddurim.
- Barbara Block has made sure that over the past several years we as a synagogue have observed and celebrated Pride Shabbat

•Our member Susan Ross recognized that no literature or photos or announcements could be found in our hallways and she created a beautiful bulletin board for Kol Ami LGBT information

And how do we know if any of this is working, or if we are just spinning our wheels? Perhaps we begin to know something positive is happening when real people, L or G or B or T or Q folks, adults, and kids and families start to celebrate their journeys, or struggle or explore or seek counsel or advocacy here at their home synagogue, at Kol Ami.

And they have.

Following a High Holiday sermon, a family proudly came forward with their their gay son to offer generous funds and their valuable time to work with us to create more programming

And we know something good is happening when, after transgender speaker addressed the congregation, a number families with gender-fluid young children came forward, and we are doing what we can do to make Kol Ami a place where they each feel fully welcome, recognized, valued and safe.

After that bathroom was designated as gender neutral; families expressed profound gratitude that it is there, and shared the great relief and sense of acceptance and recognition that their children feel.

We knew we were making headway when, at a recent Youth Group event, the high school leaders asked the kids to break into two groups to answer a question, one group for boys and one for girls. Three kids, with slight hesitation pulled themselves aside and said, "We don't know that we belong in either of those groups." Without missing a beat, a couple of our high school leaders said, "Great, let's have a third group!" And the program continued without any fuss.

A lot of good headway has been made, and there is work left to be done. Many of you have been involved in similar work on similarly important issues: Flowering from Shira's preaching on hunger was the creation and work of the Food Pantry, and it's connection to the many parts of Kol Ami life; just as her preaching and teaching on alcoholism and drug addiction led to our hosting weekly AA meetings in the Chapel in the Woods and other resources and counseling. The Green Initiative has led to brilliant and extensive work on our entire facility and increasingly on our daily life as a synagogue.

It is so satisfying and I am so proud to be a part of a community that can so convincingly and passionately talk the talk; and then so brilliantly and effectively walk the walk.

So what's next?

Fondly,

Tom

A Message from our Rabbi

SHIRA MILGROM



“WHERE ARE YOU MOST ‘YOU’?”

When we ask our students, “Where are you most ‘you’: at home, at school, or at camp?” – what do you think most kids answer? Most kids answer “at camp.” As we enter summer days, it’s good to think about why so many kids feel that way. What is it about camp – or summer days – that bring out the best in us? What is it that connects us more truly to

ourselves?

I don’t know the answer; indeed, the answers may vary from person to person. But based on my own experiences, I could venture a few guesses. Camp draws on a wide range of experiences. Unlike school (which is narrowed to an academic focus), camp draws upon and develops so many different parts of ourselves (some of which we may be discovering for the first time!): arts, drama, singing, sports, camping, the outdoors. Camp relies on cooperation (unlike school, in which we are largely in competition with one another.) Camp encourages independence (unlike school, which depends on the authority of teachers and administration.) And of course, we shift from performance and judgment (grades grades grades) to appreciation and being. The intensity of feeling.

There are two months of camp – and ten of everything else. I remember the first two days of being home after camp. The crying, the weeping – oh, the sadness at the end of everything wonderful

and worth living for!! Is there anything we, as adults, can learn from the power of these summer experiences to bring in to the other ten months? We think about that here at Kol Ami. I will tell you that one of the goals of our Kol Ami Religious School is to transform school into something that is more like camp. There are weekend retreats for our 4th-6th graders and for our Confirmation students, trips for our middle school and high school students. I listened to our graduating 12th grade students speaking to the incoming high school students about their years in the youth group. I heard, “No matter how much homework I had, I would never want to miss one of these Wednesday nights.” “I’ve been at Kol Ami since the ECP. My whole life has been here. This place is part of who I am – and who I’ve become.” “I made friends for life here.”

By the time this Connection is in your hands, or on your screen, Memorial Day weekend will have passed - and more than 125 people from Kol Ami will have spent parts of the weekend together – at camp! Kids, adults, families, grandparents with their grandchildren, friends with friends, all of us with each other. Time alone by the lake, drinks on porches, s’mores and Havdalah by the campfire, music, dance, boating, games, Shabbat – life with time to enjoy.

Hey, that must be one of the things that makes camp so different than school – or sometimes, even home. Life – with time to enjoy it.

I wish us all a summer of many moments of life, with the time to enjoy it – and ways to bring that into our lives back at home.

Love,
Shira



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ISRAEL

April 23 - May 3, 2017

On our adventure together we will...

- * Visit Tel Aviv's "White City" & see the stunning architecture
- * Discover mounds of spices, herbs & teas and taste culinary treats on an ethnic tasting tour through Levinsky Market
- * View the ancient ruins & seaside relics in Caesarea
- * Meet with Said Abu Shakra, founder & director of Umm el Fahem Art Gallery
- * Enjoy a tasting tour at one of Israel's many micro breweries
- * Join Galilee cuisine connoisseur, Abbie Rosner, for a culinary tour of the Galilee
- * Visit the home of pianist, Yitzhak Tavor, for a concert overlooking the Galilean Hills
- * Visit the mystical city of Safed & meet with artist David Freedman, for an amazing art and mysticism workshop
- * Venture to the Judean Hills with Chef Moshe Basson to pick herbs & spices we will use to prepare lunch
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- * Visit King Herod's palace retreat atop Masada & float in the healing waters of the Dead Sea







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A Message from Our ECP Director

NAN BLANK



All of us here at the Early Childhood Program find it incredible to believe that on June 17th we will say farewell to another wonderful year. It was a year filled with fabulous experiences, fantastic opportunities for learning and terrific memories. It was a year we can all be very proud of. In fact, it's hard to say who had more fun; the children, our staff or

our families!

This year would not have been possible without our incredible ECP Staff and I want to take this opportunity to thank Laura Abramsky, Paula Altneu, Jackie Barrett, Erica Baker, Erica Berger, Cheryl Bernstein, Lisa Beyer, Stacy Brodsky, Lauri Carey, Meredith Cohen, Rachel Edelson, Susan Epstein, Allison Fiore, Elisa Goldman, Nadine Larit, Anita Kaplan, Debbie Klein, Lisa Lawrence, Joele Levenson, Jen Levy, Dorian Nerenberg, Julie Rabinowitz, Jodi Ruzumna, Barbara Schwartz, Gerrie Schwartz, Sharon Sohl, Jill Staffin, Jen Strassler, Barbara Weiner, Debby Yablow, Debbie Youngstein and Cindy Zieman and our ECP Chair Cindy Musoff for her tremendous dedication and support of the Early Childhood Program. I also want to thank my two new Co-Administrators Tracey Schweber and Lisa Cohen who have worked tirelessly alongside me this year. Our Congregation is truly blessed to have these fabulous women at the helm.

I also want to thank our parents and Temple volunteer community who worked tirelessly on our Family Photo Day, Parent Cocktail Parties, Turkey Trot, Chanukah Party, our Family Concert afternoon, our Shabbat Dinners, our Book Fair chaired by Sara Elkin and Laurie Feinstein, our Purim Carnival, our Model Seders and Passover Play, Speakers Series, Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration, Our Couples Evening Chaired by Danielle Gecht, Liz Ilberg, and Emily Campbell

and their fabulous committee, Family Fun Day, and our Yearbook Chaired by Sara Elkin, Robin Hershkowitz, and Emily Campbell. With your support and dedication our year was filled with excitement and fun; together, we continue to Build a Community of Friends One Family at a Time and for this I am truly thankful.

This year through the hard work of our fundraising chairs and a few large donations, Liz Ilberg, Danielle Gecht, and Emily Campbell were able to raise enough funds to completely renovate the Sandy Playground in our parking lot. Hopefully the Kol Ami Community will enjoy the Playground along with us. With the help of another substantial donation, we were able to build a 3000 square foot Outdoor Classroom enjoyed by all of our children all year round and used in conjunction with our Nature and Garden programs.

Our enrollment for next year is just about full and we are delighted! Next year Pre-k program: A Step Ahead! under the fabulous direction of Stacy Brodsky and Julie Rabinowitz will welcome a class of 12 children! We are already planning our curriculum and programming for our 2's, 3's, 4's and Pre-K's and it all promises to be very exciting. Finally, I want to thank our Congregation, the Board of Trustees, Jess Lorden, Madiha Tubman, Ilene Miller and the entire office staff and Rabbi Shira Milgrom, Rabbi Tom Weiner and Cantor David Rosen for their unending support of our nursery school and all that we do!

It continues to be my greatest pleasure to come to work each day and to be part of such a vibrant community. Thank you for the opportunity to help build a "Community of Friends". I wish you all a healthy, and relaxing summer filled with warm memories and contented smiles.

Be well,
Nan

ECP EVENTS AND REMINDERS

June 5	Family Fun Day 11:30-2:30	June 15	Garden Dedication and School Picnic at 10:45am
June 6	Last Monday Lunch Bunch	June 16	4's and Pre-K Friendship Ceremony
June 6	Mitzvah Day with the Children from the Center for learning in New Rochelle	July 13	Family Movie Night 5:30 Dinner, 5:45 Movie
June 7	Last Tuesday Lunch Bunch	August 5	Shabbat in the Woods and Picnic Dinner and the live Concert of Beth, Scott and friends 5:30 Service, 6:00pm picnic and 6:20pm Concert
June 8	Last Wednesday Lunch Bunch		
June 9	Last Thursday Lunch Bunch		
June 14	ECP Annual Truck Day		



Any Plans for Wednesday Evening, July 13th?
Well we've got just the thing!
Join us at our Family Movie Night!

We'll be showing **The Good Dinosaur**

It's simple! You bring a blanket for your family

And we'll bring the Pizza, Salad and Ice Cream

5:15 for Dinner
5:45 Movie

7:30 Ice Cream/Ices and Home
Join us for a wonderful evening of family fun!

Let us know you'll be coming by filling in the form below or reserving your place
By calling Nan in the Early Childhood office at 949-4717 x 107

Family Name: _____ No. of People: _____

Rain or Shine
Everyone is Welcome

Sunday June 5, 2016
Sunday 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Congregation Kol Ami ECP
Welcomes the community to our
Annual Family Fun Day!!

Rain or Shine
\$48 per family (or \$15 per adult and \$15 per child)
Make your reservation by
Friday June 3

LOTS OF FAMILY FUN!!!

- BBQ
- Arts & Crafts
- Games & Surprises
- Coach Steve
- Train Rides
- Carousel
- The Ice Cream Man

Please Respond by Friday June 3 to the ECP Office

Family Name _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Children _____ Total _____

Please send cash or make checks out to Congregation
And return the bottom part of this page to the ECP office



CONGREGATION KOL AMI early childhood program

building a community of friends one family at a time

Warm, Nurturing and Enriching Registration for 2016-2017 is Now Open

First Friends: A Toddler Program

2, 3, 4 and 5-Day 2's • 3,4,and 5 -Day 3's • Morning 4's
Full & Half-Day 4's • Extended Day Program for 3's & 4's
A Step Ahead! Our Pre- K program designed for children
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**Call for an appointment today
Nan Blank, Director, at Ext. 107**

A Message from Our President

HANK ROUDA



We had another very successful Annual Meeting last month and I wanted to give you some updates from the meeting. We had a very good turnout at the meeting and we had the most proxies that we've ever had. Our first major item of business was to elect the Rabbis, as their contracts expire at the end of this fiscal year. Both Rabbi Milgrom and Rabbi Weiner agreed to new four year contracts. The financial terms are contained in the Budget. I'm extremely pleased to announce that both Rabbi Milgrom and Rabbi Weiner were unanimously elected to new four year contracts!

Second, we presented the Budget for the 2016 - 17 fiscal year. In addition, our Treasurer, Jonathan Litt, updated those present on the current year's budget and some updates to the immediate prior year's final financial statements. We had a challenging fiscal year that started with a discovery that about 25 families who we thought were members, were, in fact no longer members, with some of them having left the temple years ago. While this discovery enabled us to clean-up some outstanding receivables, the loss of this revenue (about \$80,000) created a shortfall that was only overcome by the hard work of the Board, our Executive Director, Jess Lorden, and all of the temple staff. It, however, created a problem as we created this coming year's Budget, as our expense structure is predicated on there being about 25 more members than we actually have. I want to thank Jonathan Litt and the Budget Committee, Jeff Gelfand, Howard Geller and Andrew Levinson, for their incredibly hard work to help us find a path to creating a balanced budget. The Board and professional staff worked diligently to ensure that we can still provide the programming that makes Kol Ami such a special community, while being fiscally prudent. Overall, the proposed budget more clearly reflects the actual revenue available and the actual costs anticipated to run our congregation. The budget also passed with a large majority.

The only major change in the Budget was the introduction of a \$135 per family unit Security Fee. As you're aware, we've been adding armed security during services. The Board made the decision that it was important to add the same security during school hours. The implementation of the Security Fee is designed to defray the cost of providing this necessary security. Both the Kodomono Kuni Japanese School and the non-member ECP families are also paying a Security Fee.

Finally, our immediate Past Presidents, Ronnie Cohn and Mark Seiden, as co-chairs of the Nominating Committee, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of Trustees and Officers for election. We have five Trustees whose terms are up and the Nominating Committee proposed six new Trustees – Judi Brown, Danielle Gecht, Bonnie Hagen, Liz Mayeri, Pam Millian and Jeff

Rothschild. The Nominating Committee also had to replace two Vice Presidents, Lori Abrams and Ellen Kurtz. The Executive Committee for next year will consist of Vice Presidents Gerri Sommers, Scott Musoff and Susan Kohn Arovas; Secretary Rachel Eckhaus; and Treasurer Jonathan Litt. In addition, I was honored to be nominated to serve another term as your President. The slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee was unanimously approved. The Board and the Officers deeply appreciate the support that you have shown us by giving us the opportunity to continue our work of leading this wonderful community.

We have some exciting changes coming in the next year, starting with Rosh Hashanah. Watch your e-mail and mail for more details. I hope that you all have a wonderful summer and I hope to see you at Kol Ami!

L'shalom!

Hank

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914-761-7659**

A Message from Our Religious School

FELICE MILLER BARITZ



Congregation Kol Ami is not just a place. WE are a community where YOU make incredible things happen. This is the opening line in the email our amazing Religious School Co-Chairs- Jen Labovitz and Susan Kahn Arovas- sent out to all the volunteers who helped make our

school the incredible place that it is. It's been a really great year!

Our Religious School volunteers have successfully run more events and programs than I have room to list here... They ran fundraisers and hosted adult cocktail parties. They staffed school wide programs, sponsored and organized mitzvah mornings and ran our Canteen.

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who make these projects and programs a reality for us all. I urge all our families to continue to show your children in the most tangible way possible that their Jewish education matters. Being an active part of what happens at Kol Ami communicates this better than any words ever will. An enormous thank you to our exceptional co-chairs for leading the way.

We've successfully completed hands-on learning for our holiday celebrations, numerous field trips and special art projects and an amazing quantity of enriching programs. Our children danced, sang, and celebrated together. We continue our work together to help all our families build Jewish lives... and we learn how to

build a life of meaning for ourselves and our children. Constantly reassessing how we can best provide a rich and meaningful Jewish learning environment for all our children, we continue to work to provide the opportunity for all Jewish children to have access to a quality Jewish educational experience. Please speak with us if you or someone you know needs support in order to make a Religious School education work for their child.

Online registration is now open.

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO ATTENDED OUR SCHOOL THIS YEAR IN GRADES K-6, YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE AN ONLINE REGISTRATION. NEW students to our school and students entering grades 8-12 MUST complete the online registration.

We will continue to accept registrations through the summer, so spread the word about the wonderful things happening here!

We will work through the summer to improve and enrich our curriculum, prepare teachers and clean and organize our school for a new year.

Our first day of Religious School next fall is Sunday, September 18th.

Back-to-school packets will be mailed home in late August.

Wishing everyone a summer filled with joy, adventure and rest!

Felice & Pam



A Message from Our Executive Director

JESS LORDEN



"Congregation Kol Ami is not just a place....we are a community that makes incredible things happen." This brilliant line was first penned during our Kick-in for Kol Ami fundraiser. This line resonates with me more each day. Here are but a few examples of the amazing work our congregants performed during this past year:

- Provided shiva assistance or led a shiva service
- Donated more food than ever before during our High Holy Day food drive
- Gave an older congregant a ride to or from services or to medical appointments
- Hosted or sponsored a birthday party at the Coachman Family Center
- Supported the Kol Ami Pantry
- Met with, or provided a meal for, a lonely, ill or mourning congregant
- Planted flowers in our garden
- Donated gift cards so the Coachman teenagers would have holiday gifts
- Cooked for the homeless
- Drove into New York City on a Midnight Run
- Volunteered for the Coachman Thanksgiving Feast or Memorial Day Bar-B-Q
- Shared your professional talents to benefit Kol Ami projects
- Donated school supplies, winter coats or stuffed animals for the Coachman children

- Hosted one of the German pastors for a seder in your home
- Donated Stop & Shop gift cards enabling those among us who are hungry to purchase food
- Welcomed Kol Ami friends to share a Shabbat dinner
- Built a community center, repaired school furniture and did reforestation work in Costa Rica
- Donated money to the needy at Purim
- Donated books which were given as gifts to the Coachman children and adults at Thanksgiving
- Helped Kol Ami become more "green"
- Donated toiletries for the women at the Coachman Family Center for Mother's Day
- Sang at nursing homes
- Knitted scarves, blankets and hats for those in need

In our vision statement we say "Here, we practice Tikkun Olam." It is easy to "talk the talk". It is much harder to "walk the walk". I'm proud that at Kol Ami we "walk the walk".

I hope you enjoy a wonderful summer. See you in the Fall.

Regards,

Jess



VOLUNTEERS COOKING AT THE COACHMAN BBQ

“Final Thoughts” by Susan Ross

Our column, “Jewish Journeys,” began with a simple goal-to describe one’s Jewish identity. In the course of those months of publication in “Connections,” our readers have been introduced to a variety of members’ stories and evaluations of those identities.

Each writer had joined Kol Ami based upon recommendations by relatives, friends or clergy. However the route to Kol Ami by the writers, the results were the same, spiritual harmony and cultural fulfillment.

Here are their discoveries.

FOR MYRNA BARZELATTO:

The catalyst that drew Myrna to Kol Ami was Rabbi Shira Milgrom who was welcoming and embracing and invited Myrna to participate at whatever level that she felt comfortable. As a result, Myrna’s experiences and sense of gratification are amazing and far greater than she could have ever anticipated or imagined. For her, Kol Ami is a warm, committed and responsive Jewish community where everyone is welcome and opportunities are limitless. While she sings, prays, works and learns along with other members, most of all, she is appreciative of the many new friendships, since she became a member. She is clearly grateful to be part of something bigger than herself.

FOR SARA ELKIN:

There were many factors that drew Sara to Kol Ami, the strongest of which was the temple’s openness. The clergy’s accessibility to her family speaks to the importance of children in the congregation. With that in mind, her children are developing respect for the clergy and deep personal relationships with them as well. Her older son pretends to be Rabbi Shira or Cantor David and sings songs around the house, while Rabbi Tom got down on the floor to play trains with her younger son and looks for him each day. From attending Friday night programs to becoming an active congregational volunteer, Sara, along with her family, will continue the Jewish journey at Kol Ami.

FOR ANNE D’ORAZIO:

Her Jewish journey began in Venice, Italy while reading a faded newspaper clipping describing the Jewish Ghetto. That event led to a life altogether different from the one that she had planned. For years, after reading the article, she visited the Jewish Ghetto, until she was accepted into the National Endowment For The Humanities. That five week summer program led to a teaching position at Westchester Community College’s Collegium focusing on the Jewish Ghetto. Anne’s catalyst for joining Kol Ami was Rabbi Shira Milgrom whose talks with Anne led to a permanent life decision. From uplifting music and singing, to stirring sermons by Rabbis Tom and Shira, to warm receptions by the congregants, Anne has found a home at Kol Ami. A journey of seemingly random pieces of life’s adventures has led her to Kol Ami’s warm embrace.

FOR PATRICIA HASKEL:

Barbara Wexler was the catalyst for Patricia’s introduction to Kol Ami. The Saturday morning’s studies, with the depth of the Torah’s analysis and discussions by the members, fascinate her. Also impressive for Patricia are the music and sermons at various services. Though Patricia belonged to other temples, she feels a spiritual connection to Kol Ami and for that she is most grateful.

FOR DAVID GRAVITZ:

His Jewish journey has taken him to many places but perhaps his real journey to Kol Ami (JCC then) began on June 1, 1988, when he and his wife heard Anatoly (Natan) Sharansky and Rabbi Mark Winer speak. From that encounter, to services and studies, David has been an integral part of Kol Ami. For almost 30 years, he has participated in adult activities, temple committees and study groups. His Jewish soul has grown tremendously and he looks forward enthusiastically to new journeys in the future.

FOR SUSAN ROSS:

My Jewish journey began in earnest recently at Kol Ami (though a shorter journey occurred years ago when the temple was JCC) with classes and various activities. It was Ilene Miller who first mentioned Kol Ami as a second home and along with Jess Lorden that concept has become a reality for me. I am grateful to the staff for they make Kol Ami home as well. Most of all, I am indebted to Rabbi Tom Weiner who was my catalyst. From the very beginning, he had faith in my writing and speaking abilities and supported my projects. His input and encouragement have enabled me to continue my journey at Kol Ami.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE:

Perhaps, Myrna Barzelatto’s words (paraphrased) best describe Kol Ami for all the writers:

Kol Ami resonates with beautiful people and music and if you listen carefully, you will hear beautiful music emanating from our souls. It has been an honor and a privilege to be part of an amazing group of writers who have given their time and energy to write about their journeys. The final destination for all of us now is Kol Ami and to a person, whether spoken, written or felt that means home.

We thank the readers for your interest in our travels through “Connections” and we hope that in some way our world may become yours as well.

A final and heartfelt thank you to Ilene Miller, a dream editor, and to Jessica Lorden, whose visionary approaches to Kol Ami’s goals were realized in this column. With them, this column made our discoveries much more endearing and memorable.

Women of Reform Judaism

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, June 12th. On that day, our tenth grade Religious School students, listed below, will participate in the Shavout Confirmation Service, dedicating themselves anew to the values of our faith. We rejoice with them and their families on this special occasion.

Sending a personal, simple greeting is traditional for this milestone, delivering the good wishes of the sender and providing the warm pleasure of being remembered to the recipient.

Sisterhood will be offering online access, to send your good wishes and warm congratulations to these young people. Each confirmand will be given a list of greetings being sent to him/her, similar to the letter that accompanies Purim baskets.

The deadline for sending a greeting (at www.nykolami.org) is Friday, June 3rd. We hope you will participate in this meaningful project. Thank you.

Best Wishes,

Sheryl Brady, Rachel Eckhaus, Stacey Matusow
Co-Presidents, Kol Ami Women of Reform Judaism

2016 Confirmands

Charlie Abrams, Sydney Barest, Sloane Bates, Julia Blotner
Matthew Braun, Jared Cole, Sam Cole, Matthew DeMarco
Alistair Gluck, Max Karl, Emily Kopp, Alexander Mayeri
Max Pushkin, Ryder Rose, Lindsay Smith, Nathan Hirsch
Ward, Samantha Weiner, Zoë Weiner
Ruthie Yankwitt

**JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL
WRJ/SISTERHOOD MEETING AND
POTLUCK DINNER ON TUESDAY JULY 26TH.
DETAILS TO FOLLOW!**

“The Prophet” by Susan Ross

Last year, I came to know an unusual man by way of a fascinating adult education class led by Paul Davis.

Long ago, this unique individual captivated his audience by his oratorical gifts. One may imagine that by fine tuning his words, much like a musical instrument, with each sentence a different tone and variation, that he mesmerized those who listened to him.

What set this man apart from others was his sense of religious dedication and an overpowering desire to convey God’s words. There was something indefinable about him—a charismatic quality of such great stature and importance. Not only was he a seeker of truth but a leader of men, women and children.

While other men insisted on comforting predictions, this man was made of sterner stuff, enabling him to rise to the heights of his calling.

Throughout the year, as his revelations became known to me, he seemed more intriguing, as he interpreted his world.

This man is Jeremiah, the Prophet, and the class is “Prophets Seminar.”

As I gained a deeper understanding of Jeremiah’s pronouncements last year, there is much more to appreciate about this unusual prophet this year thanks to Paul’s class with devoted and dedicated members.

Kol Ami

Opportunities for

Cares

Volunteering

Providing endless opportunities for connection and caring in times of joy and in times of sorrow. We call bereaved families, help, lead or participate in shiva services for families in mourning, visit the sick and connect with the homebound. We also work to support the larger Westchester and world communities by knitting for our troops, preparing food for the hungry and through many other activities of mitzvot.

Several of our congregants no longer drive or have difficulty getting to services and special events. Kol Ami Cares maintains a database of members willing and able to provide transportation as needed. Offering a ride even once in a while is hugely appreciated.

Also, within our Kol Ami community are older congregants who would welcome a visit in their homes. Many do not have family living nearby and would appreciate the company. Please join our growing list of members who spend time with our housebound congregants. (B'nai mitzvah students may choose this activity as a Mitzvah Project.)

In addition, Kol Ami Cares delivers meals to our members recovering from illness or surgery. We welcome anyone who can provide a meal for those unable to shop or cook for themselves or their families.

If you or anyone you know can benefit from our assistance, please contact us immediately. Thank you so much to our wonderful volunteers.

Betsy McCormack (betsyrmc@gmail.com)

Ginny Ruder (ginnyruder@gmail.com)



Social Action

Cooking for the Homeless

In the Kol Ami kitchen
Mondays at 12:00 pm: June 6

The Cabin Group - Alcoholics Anonymous

Weekly (closed) Tuesday meetings at 5:45 pm in the
Schulman Chapel in the Woods

AL-ANON

Weekly (closed) Thursday meetings at 7:30 pm in the
Schulman Chapel in the Woods

Mitzvah Knitz

Together we'll knit afghans, caps for
Israeli soldiers and more.
Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month. June 7 at 10:30 am

The Kol Ami Singers

Accompanied by Paul Schwarz, we sing at
local nursing homes and assisted living
facilities. Join us as we bring a little
sunshine to the residents and make a
difference in their lives. For information, call
Murray Shapiro 914-946-7789
Wednesday, June 22nd at 2:30 PM
Sarah Neuman Nursing Home
845 Palmer Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY

Kol Ami Food Pantry Hours

Kol Ami Food Pantry is open to serve our congregants, staff and guests of both. The Pantry is located in the entrance of our gymnasium and is open Sundays 9:30am - 10:30am, Tuesdays 9:30am-11:00am and Thursdays 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Gift cards, private ordering and delivery is also available. For information, gift cards, private ordering/delivery contact Jess Lorden, 914-949-4717 ext. 101.

Mark Your Calendar and Give the Gift of Life Kol Ami Blood Drive

Tuesday June 7, 2016 -- 3:00 – 9:00 pm at Bet Am Shalom

We urge participation by temple members during this semi-annual blood drive.
You don't need to make an appointment.

Think About These Reasons to Give Blood

- There is great satisfaction in knowing you've made a difference in the lives of others
 - As a blood donor you are an anonymous hero to somebody
- "Pay it forward" if you have had a loved one receive blood in an emergency or when needed in surgery
 - It's a donation that only costs a little time
- There is no substitute for blood; there is only one source – YOU
 - Make sure blood will be available when someone needs it

YOU can save lives. Bring a photo ID

For those who have never given, you will be surprised how easy it is. No one likes needles, but can't you endure a small bit of discomfort to save a life? Remember to eat well and have plenty of fluids prior to your giving. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with written parental/guardian permission) and weigh at least 110 pounds.

If you have specific questions about your donor eligibility, call 1-800-688-0900,
or log on to www.nybloodcenter.org and click on Donate Blood,
or call David Klein, Men's Council Blood Drive Chair, at 761-7659.

"For the life of all flesh—its blood is its life." Leviticus 17:14
"Whoever saves a life, as if saves an entire world." Mishna Sanhedrin 4:5

COACHMAN CORNER

We are thrilled to be working closely with friends at the Coachman Family Center in White Plains. Our relationship began in the summer of 2014 and has flourished since that time. The projects include:

Providing school supplies throughout the year

Providing sports equipment

Providing baby toys and equipment

Providing books

Tutoring support

Monthly Birthday Parties for children up to 14

Separate teenage birthday outings

Thanksgiving Feast at Kol Ami

Memorial Day Bar-B-Q at Kol Ami

Knitting blankets for the Coachman children

We welcome all Kol Ami members to join us in these initiatives!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Laura Wilker & Andrew Jeske, Beth & Jonathan Klein along with their children sponsored the April Birthday Party at the Coachman Family Center.

Young at Art provided a mural for the kids to decorate and then had them make animal puppets, which led to a really cute puppet show. The kids had a wonderful time creating the puppets and then weaving a story around it with their Kol Ami friends. After the puppet show, everyone feasted on pizza, snacks and cupcakes.

Our birthday parties continued in May with another wonderful celebration sponsored by Allison & Mitch Danzig, Robin & Warren Hershkowitz and their families. The sponsors decorated the recreational room beautifully and set the tone for a colorful and spirited party. The kids enjoyed decorating picture frames as memorable party favors. Danny Bernstein from Backyard Sports returned and with the help of Cooper and Mason Danzig provided an afternoon of hockey games, instilling a sense of sportsmanship and camaraderie that brought many smiles and bonded the Kol Ami and Coachman children together.

These parties could not be possible without the incredible generosity and support of our community. As we look ahead to the summer and fall months, PLEASE consider helping us continue spreading Tikun Olam by bringing joy to the Coachman children and demonstrating that every life is worth celebrating.

"I would encourage all Kol Ami families to have this wonderful experience! Helping kids at the Coachman celebrate their

birthdays not only gives back to really deserving kids and families, but enriched our lives as well. Having our own kids see the disparity between what we have and what others struggle to provide for their own families hopefully puts things in perspective for our kids." – Prior Kol Ami Sponsor

We have the following 2016 dates still available for sponsorship:

July 10th
September 18th
October 9th
November 6th
December 11th

If you are interested, please contact: Alison Adler (aadler3@verizon.net) or Lisa Hochman (lisahochman@mac.com).

YOU can make a difference!



ENGAGE AND LEARN

Current Events with Beth & Gene Kava

Mondays, 11:00 am - 12:30pm

June 6, 20

Each session will provide participants an opportunity for in-depth examination of a current issue of the day.

Participants will examine issues, through various perspectives, using readings, video, or a guest speaker.

Kol Ami Book Club

Wednesdays, at 9:15 am in Room 20

June 1st "The Periodic Table" by Primo Levy

July 6th "The Door" by Magda Szabo

Aug 3rd "Gilead" by Marilyn Robinson

Sept 7th "The Children Act" by Ian McEwan

Come whether you've read the book or not; the discussion is always lively.

For more information contact Doris Dingott at 289-0869 or DLDingott@gmail.com

Mussar Classes

Mondays, 12:30 - 2:00 pm

June 6

This workshop will introduce Mussar practice through tikkun middot ("repairing ourselves from the inside out"), so that we can act with greater compassion, kindness, and love in our homes, friendships and work. Facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax, Spiritual Care Coordinator, WJCS. Please contact Rabbi Wax at pwax@wjcs.com or 914-761-0600 x149 to register.

Women in Transition

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month,

June 14, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Are you attempting an adjustment to a major life change? Please join us in an interactive discussion group. Topics to be discussed include but not limited to: retirement, widowhood, aging, changing relationships with adult children, and other life transitions. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Sheila Sturmer at sturmersheila@gmail.com or 914-391-1227

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

Now in its 5th year - Newcomers Always Welcome!

Thursdays 9:30 - 10:45 am

Join us in learning mindfulness meditation, a practice of training the mind and the heart so that we can live with greater clarity, acceptance and connection. No meditation experience necessary. Led by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW, and certified meditation teacher.

Prohets Seminar

Mondays at 7:30pm

By studying the book of Jeremiah, we will be examining the history surrounding the Babylonian exile as well as the prophet Jeremiah himself. Jeremiah reveals the psychology of the prophet. He lays bare his sorrow. The primary text will be Jeremiah, part of the Soncino Books of the Bible series, interpretations by Hedichel, Buber and others will be examined. Prerequisite - curiosity!

Parenting Teens Workshops

Discussion of a range of parenting issues related to adolescence, including physical and emotional development, trust and control issues, and staying connected in the midst of the turmoil.

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month

Last session June 9 at 12:00pm

Susan Davis, LCSW

The Arts

Congregational Choir

Thursdays 7:45 - 9:30 pm

For High School Students and Adults

Cantor David Rosen and Lenora Eve, Accompanist

Last rehearsal June 16

Mah Jongg

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Email Betsyrmc@aol.com

(Betsyrmc@aol.com)

for information

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KOL AMI

Congregation Kol Ami is grateful for the many donations that you give both in honor of joyous occasions and in memory of beloved family and friends.

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clearer, a donor form is printed on the back of each monthly newsletter. Donor forms are also available in the Main Office and on our website (www.nykolami.org). We thank you for the generosity that goes into each of these donations!

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Please indicate your choice below and mail this form and a check to Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606. If you are interested in planned giving opportunities, please call the temple office at 914-949-4717.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Kol Ami Fund (our general fund)	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Action Fund
<input type="checkbox"/> Audrey Greenberg Scholarship Fund (provides ECP tuition assistance for families in need)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kol Ami Cares Fund (supports activities of the Caring Community Program)	<input type="checkbox"/> Synaplex Circle Fund
<input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Gruber Scholarship Fund (provides scholarships for high school graduates).	<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Council Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> WRJ Sisterhood Fund
<input type="checkbox"/> Cantor David Rosen's Discretionary Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi Shira Milgrom's Discretionary Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities Fund (supports youth-related programs, scholarships and trips)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rick Kraver College Youth Fund (supports special programs for our college students)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi Tom Weiner's Discretionary Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Leadership Fund (supports scholarships to young people to develop leadership)
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Program Fund (supports teacher education and student scholarships)	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious School Fund (supports special projects as determined by the Religious School Committee)	Plaques and Remembrances <input type="checkbox"/> Yahrzeit Plaques \$750 <input type="checkbox"/> Tree of Life Leaf \$180 (Available in Gold, Silver and Copper)
<input type="checkbox"/> Flowers and Landscaping Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Retreat Fund	Giving Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush or <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor a Friday Night Shabbat Oneg <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor a Religious School Sunday Morning Bagel Breakfast
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund for the Needy (provides assistance to those in need)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Fund for the Confirmands (10th graders)	

JUNE 2016 Calendar

Wed June 1

9:00 am KA Reads Book Club
10:30 am Mah Jongg

Thu June 2

9:30 am Jewish Meditation

Fri June 3

5:30 pm Shabbat In The Woods
6:15 pm Evening Shabbat Service
7:30 pm 5 Synagogues of White Plains
Unity Shabbat Dinner and Program -
Temple Israel Center

Sat June 4

Shabbat Lift
9:00 am Coffee & Community
9:30 am Study
11:00 am Service
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service: B'nai
Mitzvah of Olivia Rosner and Victoria
Hagen

Mon June 6

9:15 am Grandparenting
11:00 am Current Events
12:00 pm Cooking for the Homeless
12:30 pm Mussar Class
7:30 pm Prophets Seminar

Tues June 7

10:30 am Mitzvah Knits

Wed June 8

10:30 am Mah Jongg

Thu June 9

9:30 am Jewish Meditation

Fri June 10

5:30 pm Shabbat In The Woods
6:15 pm Evening Shabbat Service
7:30 pm Confirmation Dinner/Blessings

Sat June 11

Erev Shavuot
Shabbat Lift - Special Speaker
Avner Gvaryahu, of "Breaking the
Silence"
9:00 am Coffee & Community
9:30 am Study
11:00 am Service
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service: Bar
Mitzvah of Nate Karl
5:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service: Bat
Mitzvah of Rachel Bortstein

Sun June 12

Shavuot
10:00 am Shavuot service/Confirmation/
Brunch

Mon June 13

Shavuot Office Closed
10:00am Shavuot and Yizkor Service

Tue June 14

11:30 am Women in Transition

Wed June 15

10:30 am Mah Jongg
7:30 pm Executive Meeting

Thu June 16

9:30 am Jewish Meditation
11:00 am Wise Aging
7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
8:00 pm Board Meeting

Fri June 17

5:30 pm Shabbat In The Woods
6:15 pm Evening Shabbat Service
Gay Pride Shabbat Service

Sat June 18

Shabbat Lift
9:00 am Coffee & Community
9:30 am Study
11:00 am Service
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service: Bar
Mitzvah of Tristan Barrios

Mon June 20

11:00 am Current Events
7:30 pm Prophets Seminar

Wed June 22

10:30 am Mah Jongg

Thu June 23

9:30 am Jewish Meditation

Fri June 24

5:30 pm Shabbat In The Woods
6:15 pm Evening Shabbat Service

Sat June 25

Shabbat Lift
9:00 am Coffee & Community
9:30 am Study
11:00 am Service

Mon June 27

7:30 pm Prophets Seminar

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