Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial
Scholar in Residence Weekend

Congregation Kol Ami, Sisterhood and Brotherhood cordially invite you to

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Kol Ami wishes a hearty Mazel Tov to Dr. Ron Pross who will be presented the Tampa Maimonides Leadership Award for his outstanding commitment to the medical community and Federation at the Maimonides Society of Tampa Reception and Program on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC.

Request from Rabbi Siegel & Cantor Beth
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 visit and they may be included in a prayer for recovery at Shabbat Services.
Life Cycle Events

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

Mazel Tov to:

Elanit Aarons and David Kravetzky on their marriage.

Sheri and Bill Peterson on the birth of their Granddaughter, Aleara Lyn Peterson.

Victor & Tammy Bobo on the birth of their Grandson, Luca Nelson Edwards.


Hamakom Yinakhem, Condolences to:

Sheila & Brian Shaw at the passing of her beloved Mother, Rena Waks.

Darryl Shaw & Suzanne Friedman at the passing of his beloved Grandmother, Rena Waks.

Avi, Davida, & Batia Shaw-Friedman at the passing of their beloved Great Grandmother, Rena Waks.

Steve & Denise Freedman at the passing of his beloved Brother, Frank Freedman.

Bonnie Amsterdam-Miele & Ben Miele at the passing of her beloved Grandfather, Solomon Feiner.

Kol Ami wishes to acknowledge our congregants who have recently read Torah:

Kerri Aaron  Justin Gad
Cole Bennett  Sydney Gad
Keaton Bennett  Wayne Greenberg
Martha Birnbaum  Mark Jaffe
Barbara Freedland  Craig Kalter
Denise Freedman  Collette Turner

We thank you for your efforts and dedication to Torah study. Todah Rabbah!

Looking to get involved?

Contact the Kol Ami office at 813-962-6338 or email Mitchell Weiss at execdirector@kolami.org.
Beginning at sunset on April 11, the 27th day of Nisan, we begin our commemoration of Yom HaShoah, the Day of Remembrance of those who perished in the Holocaust. It is a somber day in which the entirety of Israel observes a deep silence for a period of two minutes – at sundown and again at 11 a.m. on the following morning. People stop where they are, get out of their cars, and quietly stand. The warning implicit in the sirens blaring across the entire country is the only sound.

It was not always so.

WWII ended in 1945 and Israel became a country in 1948, yet Yom HaShoah was not recognized in law by Israel’s Knesset until 1953, with public observance codified in law only in 1959. This delay is not as surprising as may first appear. In the early 1950’s, Israeli education about the Holocaust emphasized the suffering of European Jews at the hands of the Nazis, rather than Jewish efforts to resist. Of the nine million Jews who resided in Europe in the early 1930s, approximately six million – roughly two-thirds – were systematically concentrated, tortured and slain by Adolf Hitler’s Nazi Germany. Estimates are that as many as a million of this number were children. An inconceivably large network of more than 40,000 facilities across the German-occupied European territories was used to execute the Nazi plan.

Nonetheless, studies conducted in the early 1950’s reflected a widespread view among Israeli youth that European Jews were “led like lambs to the slaughter” – a feeling strongly contrary to the abiding and powerful sense of mission they felt to secure the existence of Israel. However, by the end of the 1950’s, Israeli educational curricula began to change by documenting the active, as well as the passive, actions of European Jews in resisting their tormentors.

For example, Jews offered armed resistance in more than 100 ghettos in occupied Poland and in the Soviet Union. And, of course, most of us are well familiar with the Warsaw Ghetto resistance that shocked the world. Jewish prisoners also rose up against their guards at the concentration camps. At Treblinka in August, 1943 and Sobibor in October, 1943, for example, prisoners armed with stolen weapons attacked the S.S. staff. Most were killed, but several dozen escaped and survived the war. Even at Auschwitz-Birkenau, members of the Jewish Special Detachment mutinied against the S.S. guards, with many hundreds of Jews killed both during and after the mutiny. As these remarkable events became known, public opinion shifted.

By the early 1960’s, on Yom HaShoah, the sound of the siren in the streets of Israel silenced all other sounds. All radio and television programming on that day relates to Yom HaShoah, and there is no public entertainment. The impact of this annual commemoration is felt in every Jewish community in the world. In our own country, the President’s Commission on the Holocaust was established in 1979 with annual civic ceremonies held in Washington every year thereafter. Synagogues everywhere run programs to remind their congregations of the significance of this tragedy for all of humanity, and to stress the importance to all of us of our Jewish community.

Let us continue to mark this day with the reverence and solemnity it deserves, and may we be ever alert to the implicit warning it conveys: Never Again.

B’Shalom,
Cantor Beth Schlossberg
By Avi Elias, President

Spring is in the air…and so is the pollen! Spring is always an exciting time of year – the season of renewal and liberation! As we each prepare to celebrate Passover with our friends and families and discuss how we can liberate ourselves from that which holds us back, I would like to share a story about a small part of our Kol Ami family…

Each year, a group of young-at-heart, and some younger than others, gathers to represent Congregation Kol Ami in the Jewish Community Center Annual Co-Ed Softball Tournament. For many of the last 12 years, this has been a tradition! Each year, they practice in the hot Florida sun for hours every Sunday, practicing their swings and defense, only to underperform in the tournament. In evaluating their own Mitzraim (Egypt) last year, it was clear something had to change to turn around their performance. The old guard stepped aside from the leadership and coaching of the team to the talented minds of two of the younger guard. In doing so, in just two short years, the team went from 0 wins over 3 games, to 1 win, 1 loss and 1 tie last year, to this year’s performance of 2 wins and 1 loss, losing to the eventual champions! Their focus on defense and strategy energized the team to perform to their best! Mazel tov to the Kol Amigos for representing our Congregation so valiantly – David Berger and Jason Broverman, Co-Captains, the father-son duos of Dan “Coach” and Elijah Ochman, David and Rob Bern, Karla Edelson-Solomon, Audrey Shor, Mike Korevaes, Gwen and Matt Niehoff, Michael Leaf, and me! Jeff Gad, who has played in so many of these tournaments, was unable to play this year after succumbing to a nagging injury. Jeff, you were missed!

It is these kinds of relationships that truly make Congregation Kol Ami the place where Judaism and Joy are one! At the end of the day, it is relationships that keep us at Kol Ami – where friends become family and we share a love for Judaism in a variety of ways.

As you share Passover with your family and friends, I hope that you are able to find a spiritual renewal that will guide you to chart a new course to free yourself of those things which you identify as obstacles in your life. May we each have a mighty hand and an outstretched arm to persevere with these life changes, as Hashem did when freeing our ancestors from the bondage of slavery.

The future is here, we are it!
House Highlights

On Sunday, March 4th, the Chai Guys met. Thank you to Amy Binder, Aaron Binder, Jon Zimmer and Ari Horowitz for a great job. We did the following:

1. Trimmed all the bushes and trees at the sides of the entrance to the Sanctuary.
2. Cleaned up and trimmed the 9 planters at the Sanctuary entrance.
3. Trimmed and cleaned up the bushes and small trees on the east side by the building.
4. Raised the tree limbs all along the fence line in the east yard.
5. Raised the tree limbs on the north fence line.
6. The power washer was repaired and is now working – thanks to Ari!
7. Trimmer the trees and bushes in the Nicole Keblan Memorial Garden.
8. Two signs were repaired in the Nicole Keblan Memorial Garden:
   - The Kol Ami Sculpture Garden dedicated in loving memory of Nicole Elaine Kleban and the Kol Ami Star 2007, granite and stainless steel on marble base created and built by Bradley Arthur.
   - Bradley Arthur built new wood plates for the signage to sit on.
   - Ari Horowitz removed the old plates and installed the new.
   - Mike Korenvaes repaired the base and painted it.

Other items fixed or purchased this month:
1. New room dividers were purchased for the Social Hall and Board Room.
2. The irrigation system was inspected and repairs made as needed. This was done by volunteers.

Future Projects

1. Power washing the Memorial Garden.
2. Doing cleaning maintenance to our Star Memorial in the Nicole Kleban Memorial Garden.
4. Power washing the entrance to the office.

Security Spotlight

by Jon Zimmer

As Jews, we know possibly better than any group of people that it’s abhorrently wrong to vilify a whole group of people based on religious beliefs, ethnicity, and other characteristics. However, we cannot be naive and must realize there are extremists out there who follow religious, racial or other types of radical and bigoted philosophies. The following is part of an article our friends at the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) covered about long-time anti-Semite “Minister” Louis Farrakhan and a recent bigoted, anti-Semitic and sexist speech he made:

Farrakhan’s wide-ranging speech lasted for three hours, and touched on a number of issues in the news, including gun violence.

In his opening remarks, he insisted that he is not an anti-Semite, but rather a truth teller, adding that the “powerful Jews are my enemy.” Apparentely to illustrate that point, he remarked that when evangelist Billy Graham met with President Nixon, Graham warned Nixon about Jewish power, and told the Presi-
Kol Amigos Softball posts winning record in JCC Tourney!

By David Berger and Jason Broverman

Practice? Who needs practice? Apparently, we did. After going 0-3 in the tournament 2 years ago, and then posting an improved 1-1-1 in 2017, the Kol Amigos posted a 2-1 record at the 12th Annual JCC Softball Tournament. Taking a more aggressive approach to defense and base running during practice through the very extended spring training, the Kol Amigos put together a great effort and they were rewarded for it.

The first game, against the Jewish Leadership Training Institute, started off as a back and forth affair, with the score tied 8-8 until the fearless Amigos put together a big inning and won the game 13-8. This found the team sporting a 2-game winning streak from the end of the last tournament, and wanting more!

The second game was against Congregation Rodeph Sholom, and your heros took off right from the start. With a consistent offense and solid defense, they broke the game open with a 10-1 lead. The game ended 10-3, and the team had now gone 4 games straight without a loss.

Well, that changed in about 3 minutes, as the Kol Amigos ran into the corporate buzz-saw that is the Edwin Taylor Corporation, who chooses to play in this one and only tournament each year, and then crushes the competition. An 18-2 loss did nothing to dampen the spirits of the Kol Amigos, and spirits were shared at Beef O’Brady’s afterwards.

Thanks to everyone who participated throughout the year, and those who supported the team at the tournament. The team will start practicing for the 13th Annual JCC Tournament after the High Holidays. New Amigos are always welcome and encouraged to join us for fun, friendship and, of course, softball!

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Farrakhan also promoted the anti-Semitic conspiracy trope that Jews control the government and Hollywood. He told the crowd that the “white people running Mexico are Mexican-Jews,” and went on to say that Ukraine, France, Poland and Germany are controlled by Jews who “take on the culture, the money, the business” of those countries.

He told the audience, “the Jews have control over those agencies of government, particularly the FBI, and in life “when you want something in this world, the Jew holds the door.” He claimed that Jewish people are the ones responsible for the “degenerate behavior in Hollywood turning men into women and women into men,” and that Jews are “the mother and father of apartheid.”

He also promoted the “Pot Plot” conspiracy that the Jews and the US government are manipulating strains of marijuana to feminize black men. “God did not create man to lay with man. But you are being chemically programmed against your nature, you don’t know it.”

He even mentioned the Women’s March, saying that while he thought the event was a good thing, women need to learn how to cook so their husbands don’t become obese. Tamika Mallory, one of the March organizers, was in the audience, and got a special shout-out from Farrakhan. Mallory posted two Instagram photos from the event, which Carmen Perez, another Women’s March organizer, commented on with “raise the roof” emojis.

The live-stream program ended with Ishmael Muhammad promoting the multiple volumes of the Nation of Islam’s virulently anti-Semitic book series, The Secret History Between Blacks and Jews

If you have any information or suggestions to share regarding safety and security, or if you are interested in joining the Security Team, please feel free to contact Jon Zimmer at jonzimmer3@gmail.com

Yasher Koach to the following team members who volunteered their time to cover all Friday and Saturday Shabbat services in the month of March.

Marc Tindell Mario Rodriguez
Jon Zimmer Yoav Rappaport
Ben Miele Mike Korenaes
Purim Carnival 2018

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers!

Alpha Epsilon Pi Members
Joey Benjamin
Ali Bergen
Rob Bern
Michael Binder
David Caine
Rachel Degani
Brenda Dunayer
Jillian Dunayer
Ellen Ehrenpreis
Jeremy Ehrenpreis
Amanda Entel
Sarah Entel
Jennifer Flansburg
Sam Forman
Beth Gaffney
Kaili Gaffney
Alan Goldman
Idit Hacham
Charlie Halls
Chris Halls
Jennifer Halls
Lily Halls
Jeff Hinds
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Moises Kattan
Cindy Korenvaes
Mike Korenvaes
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Jessica Swere
Lexi Swere
Carol Tarica
Gary Teblum
Lisa Teblum
Dana Tirrell
Lea Visher
Kaiya Walsh
Talia Walsh
Tanya Walsh
Amy Wasser
Kat Williams
Sarah Young
Jon Zimmer

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers!
Howard Kanter Kiddush Fund Luncheon

Please join us for our next Howard Kanter Kiddush Fund Luncheon on Saturday, April 21, 2018. These complimentary luncheons are catered by Edibles by Ethel and are also open to non-members in the greater Jewish Community.

Although members are not required to RSVP to attend, we do ask that any non-members who plan to attend contact the Kol Ami office at (813) 962-6338 to make reservations so we can prepare appropriately.

The Kiddush Fund, created by Kol Ami member, Howard Kanter (z”l), provides one Kiddush Luncheon per month on a Shabbat that does not have a Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by members or another committee of the synagogue.

Your extra donations (in addition to your usual contributions to Kol Ami) helps insure this effort for years to come. Donors are recognized in the Weekly Watch and Shabbat Shalom the week of the sponsored luncheon.

We hope to see you on Saturday, April 21. Also, please be sure to mingle and introduce yourself to someone you don’t know at these wonderful opportunities to make new friends and enjoy fellowship with your Kol Ami family.

Tampa Jewish Family Services Community Food Bank

Tampa Jewish Family Services (TJFS) food distribution is offered once a month at the agency’s Citrus Park and Brandon locations.

Distribution dates for April are:

Citrus Park: April 5
Brandon: April 12

Both locations offer emergency food bank distribution on weekdays by appointment only. Pick-up for both services must be arranged in advance by calling 813-960-1848. Please help spread the word in your community that this service is available in Citrus Park and Brandon. If you would like to make a contribution, please drop off canned goods or a monetary donation to the agency’s Citrus Park location at 13009 Community Campus Drive, Tampa, FL 33625. Brandon location is Congregation Beth Shalom, 706 Bryan Rd, Brandon, FL 33511.

TJFS will never turn away an individual or family in need.
Sisterhood Needle Workers

Sisterhood Needle Workers meet weekly, every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. in the Jaffe Board Room. A special Sunday session has been planned for Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

The Needle Workers make fabric quilt wall hangings, and are knitting and crocheting squares to make quilts and afghans. All of these are donated to the First Nesters, a group that provides housing for local teens aging out of foster care. The Needle Workers are also donating to other charitable organizations.

If you love to knit and visit with friends, please consider joining us. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Tarica at carol.tarica@yahoo.com.

Let Sisterhood share your Simcha!

Does your family have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah coming up? Celebrating a special Birthday, Anniversary, Baby Naming or other Simcha? Would you like to sponsor a Kiddush or Kiddush luncheon?

For more information about and Sisterhood Simcha Kiddush prices, please contact Sisterhood: sisterhood.kolami.tampa@gmail.com.

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Thank you for helping to provide essential services to those in our community who need it most.

For more information about the TJFS Community Food Bank, contact Lea Merrill Davidson-Bern, Food Bank Director and Volunteer Coordinator, at 813-960-1848.
For more information on any TOLL classes, please call Kol Ami at 813-962-6338 or email frontoffice@kolami.org.

### Tuesdays in April

**L’Chaim-Sharing Life’s Lessons**  
Tuesdays, April 10, 17 and 24 at 11:00 a.m.  
- Discussion topics vary with a different leader each week.  
  Friendly group sharing our life’s lessons. Everyone is welcome.  
  Coordinators: Debby Greenberg, Sue Dvorchik, Sylvia Richman

### Wednesdays in April

**If I Am Not for Myself Who is for me: A Course in Jewish Ethics** with Rabbi Siegel  
Wednesdays, April 4, 11 and 18 at 11:00 a.m.  
- This course will use Pirke Avot: Ethics of Our Ancestors as a springboard to discussion and debate on issues of the day in the light of Jewish moral/ethical demands.

### Thursdays in April

**Talmud Study** with Rabbi Siegel  
Thursdays, April 5, 12 and 19 at 10:30 a.m.  
- Swimming in the Sea of Talmud: Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel  
  "How about taking a dip in the sea of Talmud (Jewish Law)?"  
  Jewish Law confronts everything from Capital punishment to How to Make Rain. There is seldom a dull moment in this learning. This is open to everyone from beginners thru experts. Texts are provided.

### Fridays in April

**Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar In Residence**  
Friday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m.  
- Rabbi Hyman Herring, “Who Moved my Jewish Community?”  
  A broad overview of the changed landscape of the Jewish community and the forces that continue to disrupt Jewish life as we have known it until recently. Following services there will be a Shabbat dinner – reservations are mandatory.

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### Shabbat in April

**Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel**  
Saturdays, April 7, 21 and 28 at 8:30 a.m.  
- A weekly Shabbat morning discussion of the Torah portion of the week with some attitude. A wonderful way to learn there is more to Torah than meets the eye!

**Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar In Residence**  
Saturday, April 14 at 9:30 a.m.  
- Rabbi Hyman Herring will present a Dvar Torah entitled “Your Role in Transitioning to an Engaged Congregation.” Understand how a congregation can conduct its work so that it can be more inclusive of new ideas and possibilities.

### Sundays in April

**Who Nu? “What is Holistic Medicine?”** by Dr. Tanya Gold  
Sunday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m.  
- Talk will provide attendees with an overview of its different components and supporting evidence. It will be an interactive discussion and include holistic treatments for common ailments, based on the audience’s interests.

**Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar In Residence**  
Sunday, April 15 at 10:00 a.m.  
- Rabbi Hyman Herring will present a workshop entitled “Inspiring Community Through Practices of Engagement.” Using insights from the Shabbat presentations as a framework, learn how we can re-envision Congregation Kol Ami as an engaging congregation.

### Mondays in April

**Conversational Hebrew**  
Mondays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 1:00 p.m.  
- The book they will be using is Colloquial Hebrew, by Zippi Littleton and Tamar Wang. No knowledge of Hebrew is required, but knowledge of the Alef Bet is helpful.
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.

Please join us for this exciting, enlightening and engaging weekend!

**Friday, April 13**

**Shabbat Evening Service at 6:00 p.m.**
Rabbi Herring will present a D’Var Torah on “Who Moved my Jewish Community?”
Hear a broad overview of the changed landscape of the Jewish community and the forces that continue to disrupt Jewish life as we have known it.

**Shabbat Dinner, reservations required**
Following services, please join your fellow congregants and Rabbi Herring for a delicious, catered, kosher Shabbat dinner.
RSVP and make your dinner selection on the form on the next page.

**Adult dinner:** $20
**Children’s dinner:** ages 4 to 12: $15  |  age 3 & younger: free

**Saturday, April 14**

**Shabbat Morning Service at 9:30 a.m.**
Rabbi Herring will present a D’var Torah on “Your Role in Transitioning to an Engaged Congregation.”
Every member is empowered to rethink how a congregation conducts its work so that it can be more inclusive of new ideas and possibilities. Learn some proven principles of engagement that work in a congregational setting.

**Kiddush luncheon following services**
Hosted by Kol Ami Sisterhood, Brotherhood and Adult Education.

**Sunday, April 15**

**Brunch at 10:00 a.m.**
Please join us for brunch sponsored by Kol Ami Sisterhood and Brotherhood.
Rabbi Herring will present a workshop on “Inspiring Community Through Practices of Engagement.” Participants will draw upon the congregation’s recently revised mission statement and insights from the Shabbat presentations as a framework for reenvisioning Congregation Kol Ami as an engaged congregation.

(see next page for more information)
Rabbi Hayim Herring, Ph.D., is an author, presenter and non-profit organizational futurist, with a specialty in congregations and Jewish nonprofit organizations. Since moving to Minneapolis in 1985, he has served as a rabbi of Beth El Synagogue, a senior federation executive and executive director at S.T.A.R. (Synagogues: Transformation and Renewal). Hayim has worked with over 300 rabbis and congregations of all sizes and denominations throughout North America on a wide range of issues, including continuing rabbinic education, volunteer leadership development, governance, strategic planning, organizational foresight and innovation. A prolific author, his most recent publications are *Keeping Faith in Rabbis: A Community Conversation on Rabbinical Education*, edited with Ellie Roscher (Avenida Books, 2014); *Tomorrow’s Synagogue Today: A Guide for Study and Action* (a workbook published by UJA-Federation/Synergy in cooperation with The Alban Institute, 2013); *Tomorrow’s Synagogue Today: Creating Vibrant Centers of Jewish Life* (Rowman and Littlefield/Alban Books, 2012) and *Leading Congregations and Nonprofits in a Connected World: Platforms, People, and Purpose*, with Dr. Terri Elton (Rowman and Littlefield, Fall 2016), which shares emerging practices for leading and organizing congregations and nonprofits in our increasingly networked lives. He is currently conducting research for a new book on creating and sustaining multigenerational communities.
The Academy at Kol Ami

For more information, please visit the Post B’nai Mitzvah Class on the Kol Ami website.

8th & 9th Grades
The 8th and 9th grades are instructed by Jennifer Halls. We engage the students through discussions that will bring Pirkei Avot, the ethics of our fathers, and Torah to the forefront of their lives. We also include some young adult Jewish book studies and writings from a Jewish perspective. The last class will meet at Kol Ami on Sunday morning, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., on April 8.

Brunch with the Rabbi (10th - 12th Grades)
The 10th - 12th grades are instructed by Rabbi Siegel. We are using a curriculum based on Jewish “middot” utilizing Jewish texts, short films, interesting narratives, and classroom discussion. High school can be filled with confusing and difficult events and even more difficult decisions.

Our Academy program helps to bring Jewish values and perspectives to light which will help to guide them through these times. The last brunch will take place on Sunday, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., on April 8.

The Academy Calendar

8th / 9th Grades
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
April 8, 2018

Brunch with the Rabbi (10th - 12th grades)
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
April 8, 2018

Note that dates and times are subject to change.

Cell phones, pagers, cameras, and other electronic devices should not be used anywhere in the building or on the grounds on Shabbat and holidays. In addition, cell phones should be turned off during funerals, weddings, baby naming ceremonies, britot and during classes.

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With baseball season almost here, Kol Yeladim is in our home stretch! We start off the month with Pesach and at my home, that means Spring cleaning! My kids will hunt for Chametz and I will put the Matzah pizza in the oven. Here at school we had a wonderful All Kid’s Seder in the Social Hall led by our B’nai Mitzvah class, Rabbi Siegel, and Cantor Beth. The food was amazing but the kehillah was spectacular! Classes will resume on April 8th.

April is looking like a fantastic month! We will have an Artist in Residence, Shihan Steve, who will present an Anti-Bullying/ Self-Defense class with all our students. This ties in with Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. We teach our kids to be Up Standers and not just By Standers; no one deserves to be bullied whether it is at school, home, or on the world stage. This wonderful program will be on Sunday, April 8th. We hope you can join us.

Our 6th grade class will lead Saturday morning Shabbat services on April 21 and our B’nai Mitzvah class will have their class Shabbat and Graduation on Saturday, May 12. We look forward to showing off all of their hard work this year.

As we wind down for the academic year, let’s gear up for Summer! Camp Kavod is coming to Kol Ami! We will be offering a 1-week summer camp for incoming 3rd – 7th grade students. Come create the next great Jewish superhero! Look for details in the Weekly Watch, Shabbat Shalom booklet, the ChaiLites and in the community!

4/1....... No School (Pesach)
4/4....... No School (Pesach)
4/8....... Academy at Kol Ami
4/8....... Artist in Residence, Grandmaster Stephen J. Del Castillo
Presentation: Anti-Bullying / Self Defense Workshop
4/15..... 5th Grade Jewcology Trip to Hillel
4/21..... 6th Grade Class Shabbat

Lea Visher
April 28, 2018 / 13 Iyar 5778
Lea Visher is a 7th grader at Hillel Academy, where she is a member of both the National Junior Honor Society and Student Council. She is also a student at Kol Yeladim and board member of Kadima. A self-described stubborn, overachieving perfectionist, Lea is a competitive swimmer, and likes to cook and play volleyball. Lea believes her greatest achievement so far is that she manages a strong academic and sports schedule but is still preparing well for her Bat Mitzvah. Even so, Lea says her idea of perfect happiness is “having a semi-organized life where I have everything under control, but I can also sit back and let loose.” Pretty realistic goal, Lea!

Lea’s favorite Jewish holiday is Passover, because she believes we should appreciate the freedoms we have that many others don’t have. For Lea’s mitzvah project, she collected donations and volunteered at Metropolitan Ministries. Family and friends from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia plan to come to celebrate her big day with her. Mazal tov to Lea!
On March 10th, USY had a blast inducting the 8th graders in with a surprise lock-in. Incoming 9th graders were surprised at their houses by USYers to be blindfolded and taken in a van for a night of bonding, games, and fun. After all 8th graders were gathered, they were brought to a lake in Hannah Lazarus’s neighborhood where they were sworn in with an induction ceremony including candles and a fire breathing show. They then rode go-carts at Grand Prix until closing and enjoyed their traditional midnight breakfast at IHOP. With full bellies, all USYers and future USYers then returned to Hannah’s house for bonding, community building, and very little – but some sleeping.

They are looking forward to their regional social action event in Orlando (SATO), regional convention, annual beach day, and elections this month!
Kadima stayed up all night battling for first place in a series of games and competitions for their candy-themed color war lock-in. They also had fun filling up on chocolate for their annual chocolate seder for the month of March. They are looking forward to their next event which will be Israeli Independence Day at the JCC and a region-wide day of fun at Adventure Island for the month of April.

Chaverim and Boneem were invited for a day of lego fun and pizza at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC and for their annual Chocolate Seder. Both groups are looking forward to their next events in April and May at the JCC Cohn Campus for Israeli Independence Day and a Lag B’Omer camp fire.
April 2018 Events & Happenings at Kol Ami

Sunday, April 1
PASSOVER DAY II
Pesah II Services (followed by Kiddush) .......................... 9:30 a.m.

Monday, April 2
PASSOVER
TOLL: Conversational Hebrew ......................................... 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3
PASSOVER
Sisterhood Needle Workers ............................................ 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4
PASSOVER
TOLL: If I Am Not for Myself - with Rabbi Siegel ............. 11:00 a.m.
NO Kol Yeladim Religious School

Thursday, April 5
PASSOVER
TOLL: Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel ............................. 10:30 a.m.
Erev Pesah VII Services / Ma’ariv ................................... 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 6
PASSOVER VII / OFFICE CLOSED
Pesah VII Services (followed by Kiddush) ......................... 9:30 a.m.
Erev Pesah VIII Services/Shabbat Services ..................... 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 7
PASSOVER DAY VIII
Pesah VIII Services/ Yizkor (followed by Kiddush) .......... 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 8
Kol Yeladim Religious School ........................................ 9:00 a.m.
Sisterhood Needleworkers ............................................. 10:00 a.m.
Academy: 8th & 9th Grades .......................................... 10:00 a.m.
Academy: 10th- 12th Grades .......................................... 10:00 a.m.
TOLL: Who Nu? With Dr. Tanya Gold ............................. 10:00 a.m.
USY Mercaz SATO Sunday ............................................. 11:00 a.m.
Self-Defense Workshop for Ages 13 to 99 ...................... 11:00 a.m.
Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration
(Congregation Schaarai Zedek) ..................................... 2:00 p.m.

Monday, April 9
TOLL: Conversational Hebrew ........................................ 1:00 p.m.
Executive Committee Meeting ..................................... 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10
TOLL: L’Chaim - Sharing Life’s Lessons ......................... 11:00 a.m.
Sisterhood Needle Workers .......................................... 1:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting ....................................... 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11
TOLL: If I Am Not for Myself - with Rabbi Siegel .......... 11:00 a.m.
Kol Yeladim Religious School .................................... 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 12
YOM HASHOAH
TOLL: Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel .......................... 10:30 a.m.
Yom HaShoah Commemoration
(Florida Holocaust Museum) .................................... 5:30 p.m.
Board of Trustees Meeting ......................................... 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 13
Shabbat Services: Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial
Scholar in Residence and
Brotherhood and Sisterhood Shabbat ....................... 6:00 p.m.
Scholar in Residence Shabbat Dinner ......................... 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday, April 14
Shabbat Services: Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar in Residence and Brotherhood and Sisterhood Shabbat ........................................... 9:30 a.m.
Kiddush Luncheon............................................................ 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 15
Kol Yeladim Religious School ............................................. 9:00 a.m.
TBJEC 5th Graders at Hillel Academy................................. 9:00 a.m.
Scholar in Residence Brunch and Workshop ....................... 10:00 a.m.
Tampa Jewish Family Services Trifecta............................... 5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 16
TOLL: Conversational Hebrew........................................... 1:00 p.m.
Sisterhood Board Meeting................................................. 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17
TOLL: L’Chaim - Sharing Life’s Lessons ......................... 11:00 a.m.
Sisterhood Needle Workers.............................................. 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18
YOM HAZIKARON
TOLL: If I Am Not for Myself- with Rabbi Siegel ............. 11:00 a.m.
Kol Yeladim Religious School ......................................... 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 19
YOM HA’AZMAUT
TOLL: Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel ............................... 10:30 a.m.

Friday, April 20
Shabbat Services: Board of Trustees Installation (Birthday and Anniversary Shabbat) ....................... 6:30 p.m.
Board Of Trustees Installation Shabbat Dinner....................... 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 21
TOLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel............................... 8:30 a.m.
6th Grade Led Shabbat Services ...................................... 9:30 a.m.
Howard Kanter Kiddush Luncheon................................... 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 22
Kol Yeladim Religious School ......................................... 9:00 a.m.
Chaverim, Boneem, Kadima program at Israeli
Independence Day Celebration at Bryan Glazer JCC............. 12:00 p.m.
Israeli Independence Day Celebration (Bryan Glazer JCC) ......... 12:00 p.m.

Monday, April 23
TOLL: Conversational Hebrew........................................... 1:00 p.m.
Brotherhood Board Meeting (off site, Sweet Tomatoes) ....... 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24
TOLL: L’Chaim - Sharing Life’s Lessons ......................... 11:00 a.m.
Sisterhood Needle Workers.............................................. 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25
Kol Yeladim Religious School ......................................... 5:00 p.m.

Friday, April 27
Shabbat Services .......................................................... 6:30 p.m.
Guess Who’s Coming to Shabbas...................................... 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 28
TOLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel............................... 8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services (Bat Mitzvah of Lea Visher) ................. 9:30 a.m.
Kiddush Luncheon in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Lea Visher .... 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 29
Kol Yeladim Religious School ......................................... 9:00 a.m.
Kol Yeladim Religious School Board Meeting..................... 9:30 a.m.
Brotherhood General Meeting......................................... 10:00 a.m.
USY Elections and Beach Day.......................................... 12:30 p.m.
Kadima: Adventure Island Day........................................ 1:00 p.m.
JCC Golf Tournament..................................................... 1:00 p.m.

Monday, April 30
TOLL: Conversational Hebrew........................................... 1:00 p.m.

Chai-R-ing Babysitters

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Parents: Email frontoffice@kolami.org for contact info for babysitters. Interview the sitters you hire – we do not provide references for babysitters.
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   David Daniel Aaron
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19 Pauline Lieberman
   Mark Aron
   Neal Levenson
20 Israel Zitrin
   Lee Stevens Binder
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   Eva Bencze
21 Larry Frisby
   Robert Lubin
22 Robert Susman

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   Lewis Daught
14 Fred Cobin
   Dorothy Bogan
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15 Anne Fogel
   Esther Tarica

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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.

Birthdays

Once a month, we celebrate all of our members’ birthdays and anniversaries for that month. Your name(s) and birthday or anniversary will be included in the Shabbat Shalom and you will be invited up to the bima for a special treat.

The April Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat will be celebrated on Friday, April 20, at Shabbat services, starting at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to join us!

April Birthdays

1 Simon Sinnreich
   Howard Entel
2 Jennifer Zimmer
   Miriam Hinds
   Jacob Nair
3 Eric Akrish
   Jeffrey Simon
   Carol Haber
   Manny Donchin
   Marvin Halem
4 Joseph DePaul
   Judith Szentivanyi
5 Eric Weiner
   Nace Capeluto
   Richard Everson
   Rana Levy
6 Rita Herson
7 Herb Herzog
   Rabbi Raphael Ostovsky
8 Whitney Fries
9 Enid Gildar
   Tamara Bobo
   Sandy Goodman
10 Daniel Wallach
    Dalton Niehoff
11 Marcia Hark
    Edward Thornburg
12 Ami Drimmer
    Steve Ehrenpreis
    Anna Visher
13 Wendy DePaul
14 Janet Simon
   David Zohar
   Andrea Weiss
   Maya Goldgof
15 Alexander Turner
   Shlomo Korman
   Lisa Caine
   Ilana Berman
16 Yana Dixon
   Jeremiah Horowitz
   Todd Haber
   Sarah Entel
17 Todd Haber
   Samual Grossman
   Gary Teblum
   Mary Stevens
18 Emily Arthur
   Camryn Cross
   Tad Chalfant
   Dorothy Bogan
19 Karen Closner
   Dylan Baker
   Theresa Gainsburg
20 Jackson Kuhn
   Katherine Gray
   Ilena Berman
21 Stephen Viders
   Ronald Schonwetter
22 Lauren Laffer
   Samuel Grossman
   Gary Teblum
23 Lynd Chernin
   Mary Stevens
24 Ephraim Graff
   Mel Segel
   Linda Turner
25 Keith Schlicht
   Max Zalkin
   Lynn Chernin
   David Goldman
26 Izak Kattan
   Alana Carranza
   Harriet Rosenzweig
27 Richard Levine
28 Bonnie Hoffman
29 Max Zalkin
30 Sharon Dabrow
   Alana Carranza
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- Father, Alfred Mackler  
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- Mother of Sheila Shaw, Rena Waks  
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- Father, Stuart Pliskow  
  By Jared & Ethan Pliskow

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- Grandmother, Frances Finkel  
  By Bruce & Jill Goldsmith
- Grandmother, Helen Goldsmith  
  By Craig & Ann Kalter
- Father, Sanford Marvin Kalter  
  By Craig & Ann Kalter
- Grandfather, Charles Teblum  
  By Gary & Lisa Teblum
- Mother of Sheila Shaw, Rena Waks  
  By Tammy & Victor Bobo

**Howard Kanter Kiddush Fund**

**IN HONOR OF**
- Birthday of Lewis Berger  
  By Ron & Susan Pross

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  - Sister, Francine Zalkin Foster  
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    By Judith Sachs
  - Mother of Sheila Shaw, Rena Waks  
    By Sharon & Dave Cross

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- Birth of Aleara Lyn, Granddaughter of Sheri & Bill Peterson  
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  By Sandy & Max Zalkin

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  By Carol & Sam Weinstein
Mother of Sheila Shaw,
Rena Waks
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  By Walter Sanders

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Mother of Sheila Shaw,
Rena Waks
  By Walter Sanders
Father, Morris Walk
  By Donna & Bill Wares

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  Amy Wasser

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Birth of Aleara Lyn,
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  By Jamie & Jeff Krischer
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Mitch Weiss
  By Jamie & Jeff Krischer

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  By Wendy Hart
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Mother, Pauline Hellman
  By Alan Hellman

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Frank Freedman
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Father, Max Goldman
  By Nate Goldman
Wife, Rosalynn Goldman
  By Nathan Goldman
Mother of Sheila Shaw,
Rena Waks
  By Sheri & Bill Peterson

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