“Thou Shalt Not Take God’s Name in Vain!” Jews understand this commandment as referring to the use of God’s actual name.

In Hebrew the name is spelled “Yud” “Hay” “Vav” “Hay”, but pronounced “Adonai.” “Adonai” is not God’s name, but a descriptive salutation meaning “My Lord”. We are careful not to pronounce God’s name even in prayer.

What might be the consequence of actually attempting a pronunciation of God’s name? Will the earth open up swallowing the offender or might one be struck by a lightning bolt (with a tilt of the hat to a certain hockey team)? I believe we would all survive the moment, albeit with a tinge of guilt.

So, why not pronounce God’s name? Just maybe this commandment comes to teach that the God of Israel is the God of all people. No single religious group is endowed with a personal knowledge of God’s name or with the exclusive right to use it. The 17th century Jewish philo-sopher Baruch Spinoza taught, “God didn’t create the universe; God is the universe.”

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Just want to express my heartfelt gratitude for a job well done this year to Christie, Lisa, Steve, Abby & Rachel

Mitchell Weiss, Executive Director

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

Howard Baer  Barbara Freedland  Susan Leibowitz
Nancy Berman  Terri Hinds  David Pearlman
Barry Dvorchik  Mark Jaffe  Steven Specter
Craig Kalter

We thank you for your efforts and dedication to Torah study. Todah Rabbah!
## Shavuot – May 19, 20 & 21

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### 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:**
Lea Visher and her family on her becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

**Hamakom Yinakhem,**
Condolements to:
- Josh & Debbie Newhouse at the passing of his beloved Grandmother, Marjorie Browett.
- Brodie & Kara Newhouse at the passing of their beloved Great-Grandmother, Marjorie Browett.
- David Kravetzky & Elanit Aarons at the passing of his beloved Father, Morris Kravetzky.
- Jon Benjamin at the passing of his beloved Mother, Sheila Benjamin.
- Joey & Jenna Benjamin at the passing of their beloved Grandmother, Sheila Benjamin.

### Shabbat & Services at Kol Ami

**May Candle Lighting Times**
- May 4 ........................................... 7:48 p.m.
- May 11 ......................................... 7:52 p.m.
- May 18 ......................................... 7:56 p.m.
- May 19 ......................................... 9:05 p.m.
- May 20 ......................................... 9:06 p.m.
- May 25 ......................................... 8:00 p.m.

**May Torah Portions**
- May 5 ................................................. Emor
- May 12 .............................................. Behar-Bechukotai
- May 19 ............................................ Bamidbar / Erev Shavuot
- May 26 ............................................. Nasso

**Weekly Service Schedule**
- Friday Evenings ............................. 6:30 p.m.
- Shabbat Mornings ........................... 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Minyan .................................. 9:15 a.m.
- Mon. – Thurs. Minyanim .................... 7:30 p.m.
In a world blessed with a range of possibilities and choice that would have stunned our forebears, we all too often seem reluctant to commit to any firm statements of belief. Taking a firm position necessarily reduces choice, and, in truth, we are a society embracing the idea of choice so strongly that we shy away from narrowing the possibilities of choice.

Conservative Judaism is not immune from this, and today we clearly confront the challenge of laying out a clearly defined set of commitments. We, as a movement, have tried to preserve the possibilities of choice to such an extent that the boundary lines are left blurry. What is the role and importance of Kashrut? How far can the societal principle of gender equality extend in the interpretation of Halacha? What essential commitments define the difference between a conservative, a Reform, or an Orthodox Jew? These questions are institutional reflections of the question – how do we put our faith firmly in God’s hands and consciously affirm our beliefs? Is then, the Torah and its mitzvot, and our need for choice and change mutually exclusive? In a word? No.

The Torah gives us two distinct sets of laws. The first we note as mishpatim, or laws, which are commonly referred to as rules or ordinances. Chukim, are commonly referred to as Statutes. The subtle difference between chukim and mishpatim can teach us a lot about our relationship with God, which is timeless, but more than that, the difference between these two types of laws, can teach us that in reality, the Torah can expand our range of choices rather than restrict them.

On Shavuoth, which will begin on Saturday evening the 19th of May, we will once again celebrate the revelation at Sinai and the receiving of the Torah.

As a service to our members, we are offering the opportunity to honor loved ones’ anniversaries, birthdays, other special occasions, or to express your gratitude for someone’s kindness. With a donation of $25 we will procure a quarter-page spot in the Chai Lites.

If you are interested, contact Mitch at execdirector@kolami.org

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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.

On the first day of Shavuoth we read from the Torah the Ten Commandments. These are only the first of 613 mitzvot given in the Torah. Really though, these are not commandments per se but rather they are mishpatim, or ordinances, and chukim, statutes. Mishpatim are the rules we follow not only because God commanded them to us, but because they make sense to us as human beings. Ramban identifies these as “civil laws.” These are the laws that even God stated would be logical to not only the Israelites but to the other nations as well. In parasha Va’etchanan, we read, “See, I have imparted to you laws and rules, as the Lord my God has commanded me….. Observe them faithfully, for that will be proof of your wisdom and discernment to other peoples, who on hearing of all these laws will say, “Surely, that great nation is a wise and discerning people.” This to me is an indication that these laws offer us the choices which will allow us to prosper and become wise. They are the laws which guide us, not dictate to us, how to live our lives.

However, there is a great meaning in suspending our common sense in favor of something higher. This is what our chukim are about. If the mishpatim guide behavior between people, then chukim guide human behavior towards God. It’s really remarkable that our tradition acknowledges, that a whole bunch of the mitzvot do not make sense. If we expect everything to make sense in terms of our own experiences and level of understanding, then we deny the possibility of anything greater or beyond our own experiences. We deny ourselves the experiences from which we draw our wisdom, which in turn allows us infinite choice, and the ability to affect change. The Torah, and our tradition is full of opportunities to change our world for the better. To me, that is the true revelation.

L’shalom,
Cantor Beth
April was National Volunteer Appreciation Month and I neglected to thank all of our volunteers, so let me right that oversight first –

THANK YOU! To all of our many volunteers – be they under the auspices of Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Chai Guys, Chavurot, the Board of Trustees, Torah readers, Haftarah chanters, service leaders, and others.

THANK YOU! Without the invaluable time and energy of our many volunteers, we would not be able to accomplish all that we do each and every day!

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Imagine your aging parent, dependent on others to be driven places, synagogue included, and not being able to attend services as they might like…imagine being far from those you love on a critically important day and you can’t be present physically… imagine being able to offer our services to another Jewish community devastated by a natural disaster.

All of these dreams will soon be a reality through the live-streaming of our services!

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of several congregants, we have been given the opportunity to bring our Kehillah Kedoshah, our holy community, into the 21st Century by broadcasting our services live via the internet! By logging into your member portal at www.kolami.org, you can be transported from anywhere with internet access to the comforts of our sanctuary to virtually participate in services. Controlled entirely by timers so as not to interfere with Halacha, our services will be broadcast in their entirety over the internet. So yes – if you have a loved one, perhaps at Weinberg Village, who cannot get to Congregation Kol Ami, with a little training from a millennial or post-millennial grandchild, he/she can participate in services, virtually, and maintain the Jewish identity of which they are so proud!

This is not new to the Conservative movement. Not long after assuming the role of President, I was speaking to our assigned United Synagogue representative about this very topic. She shared with me a story of a congregation in Jacksonville that sustained major flooding as a result of Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Matthew left their synagogue uninhabitable for Yom Kippur services. Our United Synagogue representative was notified and leapt into action – reaching out to a congregation in South Florida that had live-streaming services. She provided the log-in information to the Jacksonville synagogue and the South Florida Rabbi welcomed the Jacksonville congregants to their Yom Kippur service live from the Bimah. What better way to seek atonement for our sins than to extend the ability to attend services on the holiest day of our calendar to those in greatest need of spiritual uplifting? G-d willing, we will never be called upon to serve in this capacity, but it is good to know, that if called upon, we, too, can say “Hineini!”

We are living in truly exciting times. This is just one more way that Kol Ami is a place where Judaism and Joy are one!

The future is here. We are it!
House Highlights

1. A total inspection of our property was done by our insurance company both for the interior and the exterior. The only items of concern were the tree branches over the school and board room. This was immediately acted upon and removed by a certified tree company.

2. Power washing has begun at the office entrance under the blue canopy. This will be completed in the month of May.

3. All windows, the low windows and the high ones, were cleaned by a professional cleaning company.

Future Projects

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

Security Spotlight

by Jon Zimmer

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 as well as Passover in the month of April.

Ben Miele  Dan Ochman  Mario Rodriguez
Cindy Schiff  Jack Rudowsky  Mike Korenvaes
Jon Zimmer

Sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush

Sponsor for a Life Cycle Event

Birthday, Graduation, Anniversary, Baby Naming or Wedding

Friday Oneg $40
Saturday Kiddush $180
Help Kol Ami!!

Contact the executive director – Mitchell Weiss at 813-962-6338 or execdirector@kolami.org
April 13-15, 2018 was a wonderful weekend at Kol Ami! We held the Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar in Residence featuring Rabbi Hayim Herring combined with our Sisterhood and Brotherhood Shabbat.

Rabbi Herring, who is an author, presenter and nonprofit organizational futurist, with a specialty in congregations and Jewish nonprofit organizations, provided a very engaging and thought-provoking weekend.

On Friday evening, Rabbi Herring spoke about the changed landscape of the Jewish community and the forces that continue to disrupt Jewish life as we have known it until recently.

On Shabbat morning, he spoke of about how every member is empowered to rethink how a congregation conducts its work so that it can be more inclusive of new ideas and possibilities. His presentation was engrossing and enjoyed by all who attended.

On Sunday, Rabbi Herring did a workshop with all those present to provide ideas on how to re-envision Congregation Kol Ami as an engaged congregation. The ideas that were developed will provide our Strategic Planning Committee with a good start on things that can be done at Kol Ami.

I would like to thank the many members of my committee who helped make this a very successful and enjoyable weekend:

Howard Baer          Amanda Moonitz          Rabbi Siegel
Roberta Baer         Gwen Niehoff           Lisa Teblum
Barry Dvorchik       Sheri Peterson         Sandy Wainberg
Sue Dvorchik         Cindy Schiff           Mitch Weiss
Nancy Graff          Ron Schiff             Jon Zimmer
Cathy Grossman       Brian Shaw             Members of Brotherhood
Carol Jaffe          Sheila Shaw            Members of Sisterhood

Without the support of the many members of our Congregation who graciously give money to be sponsors of the weekend, we would not be able to bring you such exciting and gratifying speakers. Their support is very much appreciated.

Patrons
Blossom Liebowitz • Brian & Sheila Shaw

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Max & Dora Rattes • Paul & Rae Wallach • Amy Wasser & Family

Contributors
Stanley & Sheila Bush • Yoav & Jody Rappaport
Sylvia Richman & Marv Halem

Finally, I would like to thank Ethel Pila and her Edibles by Ethel staff for providing delicious meals and beautiful arrangements for Friday evening and Shabbat lunch. I want to also thank the Brotherhood and Sisterhood for the fantastic brunch they sponsored and served on Sunday morning.

We all look forward to providing Kol Ami with another outstanding Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar in Residence weekend next year.

B’Shalom, Sharon Cross
Who Nu?  
With Dr. Tanya Gold

The TOLLL Who Nu? program wrapped up this spring session with Dr. Tanya Gold’s discussion of Holistic Medicine on April 8. This was the third in a medical series, the first two being David Gollin’s discussion of Alzheimer’s Disease, and Dr. David Berger’s discussion of medical marijuana indications and use.

Dr. Tanya Gold is an MD who is Board Certified with the American Board of Integrative Health Medicine. She is a believer in Holistic Medicine as well as in the utilization of conventional modalities when warranted.

The meeting was very interactive, with attendees asking questions of interest to them. Tanya first shared her personal story with her history of autoimmune disorders, including Lyme disease and a disorder of the eye called uveitis. She has been able to control both of these with a holistic approach including natural treatments, healthy eating, rest, positive attitude, Yoga, meditation and supplements. One of Tanya’s major focuses is on the maintenance of adequate levels of Vitamin D. She cites the importance of keeping your Vitamin D level above minimum recommended levels.

Tanya is known around our synagogue for her positive attitude and her willingness to help the community obtain their optimal health. There are a few things she would like everyone to know. These include the fact that exercise does not have to include one hour of cardio; studies have shown that even seven to ten minutes with some high intensity weight training will keep a person younger. In addition, Tanya would like everyone to know they can feel better and get healthy no matter what their age. Everyone needs to focus on their own personal health as a priority. As she concluded: if you don’t focus on your health, who will?

Thank you to Dr. Gold and Dr. Berger for their time and sharing their stories, and to David Gollins for his candid discussion of his personal journey with a loved one with early-onset Alzheimer’s Disease.
Howard Kanter
Kiddush Fund Luncheon

Please join us for our next Howard Kanter Kiddush Fund Luncheon on Saturday, May 19, 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, May 19. 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 May are:
- Citrus Park: May 3
- Brandon: May 10

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.

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK
Requests for food increased 20% in 12 months
Now serving more than 5,700 families annually

Fill a Grocery Bag
with non-perishable food (no glass)
Tuna • Peanut Butter • Pasta • Cereal • Canned Fruit • Cookies • Rice • Beans

Write a Check
to Tampa Jewish Family Services
Enables agency to purchase food when it’s needed.

Donate a Gift Card ($10 or $20)

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.
Sisterhood Needle Workers

Sisterhood Needle Workers meet weekly, every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. in the Jaffe Board Room.

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.
Kol Ami Brotherhood

BROTHERHOOD PRESENTS

CIGAR & SCOTCH NIGHT

Thursday, May 17
7:00 - 10:30 PM

Join Brotherhood at Davidoff of Geneva for a cigar and scotch tasting event. Sample a number of fine scotch whiskeys while enjoying pizza provided by Brotherhood. Cigars will be available for your purchase.

Cost to attend is $20 per person. This event is limited to the first 25 people to RSVP. Reserve your space today!
Davidoff of Geneva 4142 Boy Scout Boulevard

RSVP & PAYMENT REQUESTED BY MAY 11 TO THE MAIN OFFICE
FRONTOFFICE@KOLAMI.ORG | 813-962-6338
Congratulations to the Graduating B’nai Mitzvah Class of 5778!

Our Adventures Are Just Beginning

Saturday, May 12

9:30 AM Services Followed by Kiddush Luncheon

Join us in celebrating the graduation of our 7th Grade B’Nai Mitzvah students as they lead Shabbat Services on Saturday, May 12. Following Services, a special Kiddush Luncheon will be held in honor of their graduation.
Join us as we celebrate Shabbat at several exciting programs throughout the year filled with guitar-playing, singing, dancing, friendship and delicious food!

Enjoy a pizza dinner followed by a child-friendly musical service led by Rabbi Siegel and David Berger

And then it’s on to our ice cream dessert!

PJs not required – dress comfortably.
(Parents, please dress comfortably too – jeans are okay).

Everyone is welcome! These programs are recommended for families with children ages 15 months through 2nd grade.

Watch your emails for details about each of these special events!
Only one week left of Religious School this academic year! I know the students are happy about it and maybe the parents too! It may only be a week but we have so much happening!

Let’s take a look back at April before we rush into May. We had so many wonderful programs here at Kol Yeladim. The students were able to participate in an anti-bullying/self-defense class. They were very enthusiastic and enjoyed the program that we tied into Yom Hazikaron Lashoah ve-laG’vurah (Yom Ha Shoah), Holocaust Remembrance Day. We also had a wonderful Israel Independence Day program, led by Ms. Idit; Playing games, cooking, and learning, what could be more fun?

May brings us our final class of the year on Sunday, May 6. We will have a few hours to wrap up the year and then we will join the synagogue for our Annual Picnic. It will be amazing! Please plan to attend with your children. There will be inflatables (those will require a signed waiver), great food and lots of fun for all!

Please join us for our ALL School Shabbat and Family Dinner on Friday, May 11th. Please RSVP to the main Kol Ami office. On Saturday, May 12th, our B’nai Mitzvah class will have their graduation Shabbat and special Kiddush luncheon. Our students have worked so hard, they deserve a big crowd for their final Shabbat as 7th graders! We can’t wait to see them on the Bimah ALL the time as Post-B’nai Mitzvah students! Mazel Tov to our 7th graders and their families.

The year is not even over but we have registration packets available for the 2018-2019 school year. You can get a 10% discount for registering before May 15th! You can register online at www.kolami.org or we can send home a hard copy with your student. We are looking forward to a great year ahead!

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 super hero! Look for details in the Weekly Watch, Shabbat Shalom booklet and in the community! Discounted registration ends May 4th.

Congregation Kol Ami • May 2018 • Iyar / Sivan 5778

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**Kids’ Konnections**

By Jennifer Halls, Co-Education Director

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Kol Yeladim Early Bird Registration for the 2018-19 School Year

**Early Bird Registration:**
Receive 10% off tuition when you enroll by Tuesday, May 15!

Don’t miss your chance to save!

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*Early Bird Discount does not apply to Book, Programming & Snack Fees

Creating a strong Jewish identity through personalized learning & community engagement! For information and to register, contact Jennifer Halls at education@kolami.org or 813-960-3654.

Registration Forms are available online at www.kolami.org.

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Congregation Kol Ami is now proud to offer a complimentary, 1-year membership to non-affiliated JCC & Hillel families!

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Sunday, 5/6 .........Annual Kol Ami Picnic
Friday, 5/11 .........All School Shabbat and Dinner
Saturday, 5/12 ......B’nai Mitzvah Class Graduation Shabbat and Kiddush Luncheon
Friday, 5/4 .........Discounted Registration deadline for Camp Kavod
Tuesday, 5/15 ......Early Bird Registration for 2018-19 School Year Ends

In other news, I am excited to announce that I will be continuing as the Kol Yeladim Religious School Director for the upcoming school year! I will report to Rabbi Siegel on day-to-day operational issues and curriculum oversight, with continued governance from the School Board. Abby Salem-Goldman, our part-time Administrative Assistant, will join us full-time continuing to support our Kol Yeladim Religious School. Abby is essential to making our school run efficiently and with creativity! We are both very excited to continue to move our school and synagogue in a new direction.
Youth Groups
By Rachel Degani, Youth Director

Orlando Hosts USY Sub-region-wide SATO Event!

On April 8th, 2018, USY had a sub-region wide SATO Sunday event in Orlando, Florida. SATO stands for Social Action Tikkun Olam. At this event every year, the chapters compete in a ruach competition called “Schmooze-lips.” In order to prepare, KAUSY got together and prepared a cute song, an incredible poster created by Ari Solomon, and an extremely creative jar by Alissa Chernin where money was raised for Social Action purposes.

At the SATO event, USYers hung out, played carnival games, ate food, and elected their sub-regional board. KAUSY then got to present for the schmooze-lips contest and we are proud to say we won for BEST SATO JAR! All in all, it was a great event and we’re excited to compete again next year.
USY was very busy in the month of April! They had a lot of fun for their SATO Sunday event spending time with their sub-region, Mercaz on April 8th, regional convention on April 20-22nd, and their elections / beach day on April 29th. They are looking forward to their yearly USY service/ board inductions and Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on May 18th.

Mazel Tov to our USY Chapter – KAUSY, during the USY Hanegev Regional Convention

"CHAPTER ON THE RISE", Accepting the Award, Joey Benjamin (left) and Ari Solomon

Looking to get involved?
Contact the Kol Ami office at 813-962-6338 or email Mitchell Weiss at execdirector@kolami.org

KAUSY PRESENTS
Give Kids the World Weekend
Orlando, FL
FRIDAY, JUNE 8 through SUNDAY, JUNE 10
MORE INFO COMING SOON!

(DINNERS cont’d. on next page)
BONEEM & KADIMA @ TREE HOPPERS
*JUNE.03.2018
9:00AM – 2:30PM

All Jewish 3rd - 8th Graders are invited!
Members: $35  Non-members: $38
*Additional transportation costs may apply*

Tree Hoppers
Aerial Adventure Park
27839 Saint Joe Road
Dade City, FL 33525

9:00am Leave Kol Ami
9:45am Arrive at Tree Hoppers
10:00am Start Tree Hopping
12pm Lunch (included)
1:45pm Leave Tree Hoppers
2:30pm Arrive at Kol Ami

Please fill out a waiver online at www.waiver.treehoppers.com and RSVP to youth@kolami.org no later than Friday, June 1st.

“In the event of inclement weather, this event will be rescheduled”

CHAVERIM & BONEEM

Chaverim and Boneem had a great time celebrating and learning about Israeli Independence Day at the Cohn JCC on April 22nd. Boneem is looking forward to their last event of the year at TreeHoppers with Kadima on June 3rd!

KADIMA

Kadima had a blast with friends from all over the region at Adventure Island on April 29th. They are excited for the Mother’s Day Havdallah and Yogurt Outing on May 12th and their final event of the year at Tree Hoppers on June 3rd.
May 2018 Events & Happenings at Kol Ami

**Tuesday, May 1**
TOLLL: L’Chaim—Sharing Life’s Lessons (offsite: Brunchies) .................................................. 11:00 a.m.
Sisterhood Needle Workers ........................................ 1:30 p.m.
Maimonides Society of Tampa Event
(Bryan Glazer JCC) ...................................................... 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 2**
TOLLL: If I Am Not for Myself – with Rabbi Siegel .......... 11:00 a.m.
Kol Yeladim Religious School ................................. 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 3**
LAG B’OMER
TOLLL: Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel ......................... 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, May 4**
Shabbat Services .................................................. 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 5**
TOLLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel .......................... 8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services (Bat Mitzvah of Aliyah Bergen) .... 9:30 a.m.
Kiddush Luncheon in honor of Bat Mitzvah of Aliyah Bergen .... 12:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 6**
Last Day Kol Yeladim Religious School ...................... 9:00 a.m.
Congregational Annual End of the Year Picnic ............ 11:30 a.m.

**Monday, May 7**
Executive Committee Meeting ................................. 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 8**
Sisterhood Needle Workers ................................... 1:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting ..................................... 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 9**
TOLLL: If I Am Not for Myself – with Rabbi Siegel .... 11:00 a.m.

**Thursday, May 10**
TOLLL: Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel .................. 10:30 a.m.
Board of Trustees Meeting ........................................ 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, May 11**
All Kol Yeladim School led Shabbat Services / Anniversary and Birthday Shabbat ......................... 6:30 p.m.
Congregational Shabbat Dinner .................................. 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 12**
TOLLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel ....................... 8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services: B’nai Mitzvah Class Graduation ........ 9:30 a.m.
Kiddush Luncheon ................................................ 12:00 p.m.
Kadima: Mother’s Day Havdallah & Yogurt Outing .... 9:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 13**
MOTHER’S DAY

**Monday, May 14**
Sisterhood Board Meeting ....................................... 6:45 p.m.
Brotherhood Board Meeting ...................................... 6:45 p.m.

(Calendar continued on next page)

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May 2018 Events & Happenings at Kol Ami (cont’d)

Tuesday, May 15
Sisterhood Needle Workers............................................. 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16
TOLLL: If I Am Not for Myself – with Rabbi Siegel.............11:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 17
TOLLL: Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel..............................10:30 a.m.
Brotherhood: Cigar & Scotch Night
(offsit: Davidoff of Geneva)............................................ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 18
USY led Shabbat Services ............................................... 6:30 p.m.
USY Pasta Dinner Fundraiser ........................................... 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 19
EREV SHAVUOT
Shabbat Services ........................................................... 9:30 a.m.
Howard Kanter Kiddush Luncheon................................. 12:00 p.m.
Erev Shavuot Day 1 Services & Tikkun Leil Shavuot ........ 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 20
SHAVUOT DAY 1
Shavuot Day 1 Services ................................................... 9:30 a.m.
Kiddush Luncheon .......................................................... 12:00 p.m.
Erev Shavuot Day 2 Services .......................................... 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 21
OFFICE CLOSED / SHAVUOT DAY 2
Shavuot Day 2 Services / Yizkor...................................... 9:30 a.m.
Kiddush Luncheon .......................................................... 12:00 p.m.
Shavuot Concluding Services ......................................... 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22
Sisterhood Needle Workers............................................. 1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 25
Shabbat Services ............................................................ 6:30 p.m.
Guess Who’s Coming to Shabbas ..................................... 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 26
TOLLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel.............................. 8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services ............................................................ 9:30 a.m.

Monday, May 28
MEMORIAL DAY / OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, May 29
Sisterhood Needle Workers............................................. 1:30 p.m.
TOLLL: Book Club ........................................................... 7:00 p.m.
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parent Meeting .................................... 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30
TOLLL: If I Am Not for Myself – with Rabbi Siegel.............11:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 31
TOLLL: Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel..............................10:30 a.m.

Chai-R-ing Babysitters

Babysitters: Send your name & telephone number to frontoffice@kolami.org.

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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Yahrzeits

Iyar Yahrzeits
16 Molly Roetter
Yehudis Pearlman
17 Maurice Rosenberg
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18 Bernard Sprinczeles
19 Joseph Stern
Harry Chudnow
Lena Pearlstein
20 Augusta Lydia Hinds
21 Doris Friedman
Rabbi Theodore Brod

Emanuel Lebowitz
Philip Seplowe
Howard Wells
Elizabeth Weiss
Emma Rosenberg
Philip Klemper
Eva Leibowitz
Chaim Kornnvaes
Sylvia Katz
Rose Cohen
Nathan Seymour
Scheiner
Arthur Peltz

25 Mort Bergen
26 Shelly Hirshorn
Jennie Starr
27 Jean Leibowitz
Anne Daniels
Paul Kraselsky
Fanny Schaechter
28 Rose Kessler
Philip Linenberg
Ronald Schoenberg
29 Jeffrey Dabrow
Frances Berger
Shema Abramson

Sivan Yahrzeits
1 Emil Kempler
2 Albert Teller
3 Leo Shaw
Larry Wasser
Sadie Ward
Isidore Breger

Dorothy Hersch
4 Florence Walk
5 Marshall "Al" Frank
6 Justin Alexander
David Rimonin
Carole Gorecki
7 Avron Kalveriski
Bernard Miller
Philip Botwinik
Isaac M. Leed
Meyer Jacobs
Charles Szasz
8 Elaine Breitbart-Estrin
9 Arthur Ensign
Phyllis Glassberg
Sylvia Siegel
Albert C. Vitt
Sally Myers
10 Evelyn Goren
Gerald Altman

May Birthdays
1 Howard Bergen
Rebecca Rosenwasser
Felicia Scheiner
3 Sheila Shaw
Nicole Yunger Halpern
Joann Marofsky
Brooks Crampton
Samantha Wilder
Jonathan Heidenberg
Susan Levitt
Stephanie Bergen
Mary Zohar
Jordan Peltz
Alice Nelson
Elana Goldman
Hilda Steinberger

9 Briana Miele
Jason Fink
10 Anna Binder
Julie Lybanon
11 Erin Pearlman
Beth Arkin
12 Davina Horowitz
Steven Lieber
13 Sara Young
Susan Hyatt
14 Susan Leibowitz
Henry Hyatt
16 Adam Gainsburg
Sophia Perez
17 Ruth Elozory

18 Shirley Entis
Harriet Chesler
Dora Rattes
Darryl Shaw
Sharon Richmond

20 Susan Pross
21 Anita Greenberg
Avi Friedman-Shaw
22 Hannah Lazarus
Steve Permut
23 Daniel Heidenberg
Michael Visher
Lili Kaufmann
Jack Zichlin
25 Robin Viders
Steven Kossoff
Cynthia Schif
Ethan Fisch

Lev Bergen
Deena Wasser
Rachel Davidson

26 Stacy Gad
Nathaniel Shull
27 Jason Levy
Heather Hall
29 Deena Wasser
Rachel Davidson

Birthdays
& Anniversaries

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 May Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat will be celebrated on Friday, May 11, at Shabbat services, starting at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to join us!
Building Fund

IN HONOR OF
Ron Pross receiving the Tampa Maimonides Leadership Award
By Sheila & Stanley Bush

Endowment Fund

IN HONOR OF
Herm & Anita Greenberg receiving the STARR Award from the Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival
By Sheri & Bill Peterson
Birth of Aleara Lyn Peterson, Granddaughter of Sheri & Bill Peterson
By Lisa & Gary Teblum
Ron Pross receiving the Tampa Maimonides Leadership Award
By Sheri & Bill Peterson

IN MEMORY OF
Grandfather of Bonnie Amsterdam-Miele & Great-Great-Grandfather of Briana Miele, Solomon Feiner
By Cindy & Mike Korenvaes
Lisa & Gary Teblum
Brother of Steve Freedman, Frank Freedman
By Cindy & Mike Korenvaes
Lisa & Gary Teblum
Grandmother, Anne Teblum
By Gary & Lisa Teblum

General Fund

IN HONOR OF
Sue Dvorchik
By Sheila Shaw
Jamie Kirschner
By Sheila Shaw
Birth of Aleara Lyn Peterson, Granddaughter of Sheri & Bill Peterson
By Sharon & Dave Cross
Mark & Carol Jaffe
Ethel Pila
By Sheila Shaw

IN MEMORY OF
Aunt, Ruth Cohen
By Marvin Halem & Sylvia Richman
Brother of Steve Freedman, Frank Freedman
By Nat & Debbie Doliner
Mark & Carol Jaffe
Robert & Fred Lipschutz
Helene & Leonard Marks
Ethel & Kalman Pila
Terry & Marc Rosenwasser
Randie & Steven Specter
Father, Joseph Halem
By Marvin Halem & Sylvia Richman
Mother, Beatrice Jaffe
By Mark & Carol Jaffe
Father, Irving Jaffe
By Mark & Carol Jaffe
Father, Robert Lubin
By Carol & Mark Jaffe

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May Anniversaries

2  Ami & Dalit Drimmer
4  David & Karen Horwitz
7  Cass & Mariana Fisher
8  Paul & Yael Lieber
10 Kefa & Ella Dixon
11 William Fries & Marcy Kesler Fries
13 Gary & Lisa Teblum
16 Tad & Lili Chalfant
Arthur & Janet Simon
Mayer Fishman & Donna Goldman
Ross & Samantha Ruffkess
Peter & Nancy Berman
Merv & Ronna Hellman
Mario Rodriguez & Andie Friedman
23 Curtis & Barbara Freedland
Edward & Sheila Rudd
24 Stan & Janet Cotzen
25 Richard & Bonnie Hoffman
Ethan & Monique Levy
Lou Astra & Eileen Greenbaum-Astra
26 Bonnie Amsterdam-Miele & Benjamin Miele
Steven & Ellen Glassberg
Marc & Adrienne Sanders
29 Lew & Ileana Berger
30 Brenden & Jodi Crampton
Mike Binder & Amy Feder-Binder
Steven & Gail Baker
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Mother, Virginia Laffer  
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Wife, Iris Hellman  
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Uncle, Irving Hellman  
By Mervin & Ronna Hellman  
Mother, Pauline Hellman  
By Mervin Hellman  
Sister, Loretta Morales  
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**Larry Wasser Fund**

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Grandfather of Bonnie Amsterdam-Miele & Great-Grandfather of Briana Miele, Solomon Feiner  
By Marilyn & Alan Daniels  
Brother of Steve Freedman, Frank Freedman  
By Marilyn & Alan Daniels  
Linda & Max Zaikin

**Ma’asim Tovim Fund**

**IN HONOR OF**
Birth of Aleara Lyn Peterson, Granddaughter of Sheri & Bill Peterson  
By Steve & Denise Freedman  
Ron Pross receiving the Tampa Maimonides Leadership Award  
By Jamie & Jeff Krischer

**IN MEMORY OF**
Grandmother of Josh Newhouse, Marjorie Browett  
By Cindy & Mike Korenvaes

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By Debby & Wayne Greenberg  
Grandmother, Yehudis Pearlman  
By Nathan Pearlman & Wendy Polsky Pearlman

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**IN HONOR OF**
Ron Pross receiving the Tampa Maimonides Leadership Award  
By Jeff & Terri Hinds

**School Fund**

**IN HONOR OF**
Birth of Aleara Lyn Peterson, Granddaughter of Sheri & Bill Peterson  
By Steve & Denise Freedman  
Ron Pross receiving the Tampa Maimonides Leadership Award  
By Jamie & Jeff Krischer

**IN MEMORY OF**
Grandmother of Josh Newhouse, Marjorie Browett  
By Cindy & Mike Korenvaes

**Yellow Candle Fund**

**GET WELL WISHES TO:**
Harold & Marilyn Perlman  
By Sheri & Bill Peterson

**IN MEMORY OF**
Brother of Steve Freedman, Frank Freedman  
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**Youth Fund**

**IN HONOR OF**
Grandfather of Bonnie Amsterdam-Miele & Great-Grandfather of Briana Miele, Solomon Feiner  
By Sheri & Bill Peterson  
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Father-in-law, Max Friedman  
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Uncle, Irving Hellman  
By Alan Hellman  
Mother, Anna Patera  
By Shelly & Susan Wine  
Aunt, Minnie Rosenwasser  
By Marc & Terry Rosenwasser

**IN MEMORY OF**
Father, Samuel Weinapple  
By Shelly & Susan Wine

**IN MEMORY OF**
Grandmother of Josh Newhouse, Marjorie Browett  
By Cindy & Mike Korenvaes

**IN MEMORY OF**
Mother of Sheila Shaw, Rena Waks  
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