Another name for Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur is “Project Renewal.” It’s about the existential rediscovery of “self.”

Several years ago, while attending a rabbinical convention, I participated in a workshop led by a noted psychotherapist. Participants were asked to relate their greatest achievement and lowest moment in life. One Rabbi, a prominent scholar and author, shocked all of us by breaking down in tears as he proclaimed his whole life a failure. Even though he had touched the lives of thousands of Jews through his lectures and writings, his inability to manage the organizational demands of the congregation had caused his dismissal from several pulpits. Blind to the good he had done and the love, esteem and respect of those closest to him, he judged his life a failure because he couldn’t maintain a pulpit.

We live in a time and place where “what we are” is “who we are.” A common greeting that usually follows “How are you?” is “What do you do?” In Arthur Miller’s classic play, *The Death of a Salesman*, his lead character, Willy Loman, sees his entire existence reflected in his failure as a salesman. Consequently, he
becomes a failure as a husband, a father, and a human being. Each of us is fashioned in the image of God, not in the image of a doctor, lawyer, stockbroker, or other professional pursuit. Each of us is endowed with unique and special qualities no one else has. We each have the ability to change the world with a simple smile, an act of kindness, or a tear of joy. The Talmud teaches that when we nurture another soul, it is as if we’ve saved an entire world.

Each of us is “a world unto ourselves.” The success of “our world” is not determined by “what we do”, but “who we are.” On Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur we stand in judgment, prepared to undertake a personal “Project Renewal” so “who we are” becomes, in fact, “who we want to be.”

“L’shana Tova Tikotaivu v’Taikhotaimu” – May we all be inscribed for a year of happiness, health, and peace.

Rabbi Howard Siegel & Ellen Lefkowitz

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**Message from the Rabbi**

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

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

- Rabbi Howard Siegel
- Avi Elias
- Courtney Elias
- Barbara Freedland
- Martha Birnbaum
- Julian Melamed
- Craig Kalter
- Marilyn Daniels
- Sydney Gad
- David Caine
- Justin Gad
WOW! It’s that time of year, again. The High Holidays are rapidly approaching!

We kicked off the month of Elul, a month of introspection, with our annual Open House to welcome everyone back from summer vacations and celebrate the start of school – specifically, Kol Yeladim! It was wonderful to see such an enthusiastic turnout, capped off by our 2nd annual drum circle! We also launched live-streaming our Shabbat and Holiday services!

As we are now in the month of Elul, this is a time for introspection. We are looking inward, both personally and organizationally, as we hope to be inscribed in the Book of Life for 5779. Organizationally, we are looking at how we can better serve our Congregants of ALL ages. Our Rabbi Search Committee has spent time reviewing what worked well during last year’s search and making enhancements for the upcoming search, which we plan to launch by submitting our revised application during Hol Ha’Moed Sukkot! Our Executive Committee and Board of Trustees have even begun the always challenging task of seating a nominating committee!

Personally, I have spent quite a bit of time looking inward at my successes and opportunities after my first year serving as your Congregational President. Suffice it to say, I have fallen short in several ways – I am, after all, equally human. For those who I have offended by not greeting in an appropriate manner, by responding in a manner that was insufficient for your need or in any other way, please accept my profound apology. I try to learn something from each and every interaction I have with others.

This year we are privileged to celebrate the High Holy Days with new Mahzorim, the High Holy Day Prayer Book – The Mahzor Lev Shalom – through the kind generosity of the Pross Family! Thank you so much to Ron and Susan for enhancing this year’s High Holidays in this way! We will be dedicating the new Mahzorim on Selichot – as Rabbi Siegel has communicated in an e-mail. I am confident that this High Holy Day season will be additionally uplifting, not only because of our new Mahzorim, but also we will welcome Rabbi Leon Rosenblum to the Bimah to lead us as our High Holiday Cantor. His voice is warm and welcoming and easy to join with in offering our prayers to Hashem.

I look forward to seeing you at shul as we approach the busiest part of our calendar – Yomim Tovim, holidays, as well as B’nai Mitzvot!

The Future is Here, We Are It!
Life Streaming at Congregation Kol Ami

Congregation Kol Ami is pleased to provide Live Streaming video of our Friday and Saturday Shabbat Services, B’nai Mitzvahs, as well as High Holiday Services. If you are sick, out of town, or just unable to attend services, with the click of a button you can now watch our services live from our Kol Ami.org website. On occasion, we may live stream speakers and other special programs and events.

Rabbi Howard Siegel is thrilled that you have decided to join us for worship even though you can’t be with us in person. Copies of our prayer books, Siddur Sim Shalom and Mahzor Lev Shalem, are available to borrow from Kol Ami.

We try our best to ensure a successful broadcast, but since there is no staff working on Shabbat or High Holidays, technical difficulties may arise at times with the live stream technology. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

Live Cycle Events

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

Mazel Tov:
Justin Gad and his family on him becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
Helene and Leonard Marks on the birth of their Grandson, Ronen Hayes Tischler.

Hamakom Yinakhem, Condolences to:
Lisa and Alan Cohen and their family on the passing of their beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, Doris Kalisman.
There’s a new program at Kol Ami and you’re already included! In February 2018, Congregation Kol Ami launched a program that is already bearing rich fruit. The “Guess Who’s Coming to Shabbas” program that was originally begun in a Pennsylvania synagogue already has connected nearly two dozen families in our Kol Ami family.

Begun in 2012 by Debbie Albert, a member of Temple Sinai in Dresher, Pa., the goal of the Shabbat initiative is to bring congregants together, using Friday night dinners as the initial meeting point. In a 2013 article written for the Conservative movement’s biannual magazine, CJ: Voices of Conservative Judaism, Ms. Albert called the program a living memorial to her father, Bernie Albert, and said it was designed to “engage the unengaged, be interactive, and help strengthen our congregation.”

The intention of the program is to help our members get to know each other and to create meaningful memories. There is an essential sense of caring and relationships that is part of being a member of a synagogue. The goal of the program is to build and foster relationships. They can be formed and strengthened around the Shabbat table.

We encourage our congregational families to step out of their comfort zones, inviting guests — whether one or two families — they do not know, or do not know very well.

The program is coordinated by congregants Jennifer Zimmer and Jody Rappaport. This is not just for people who are observant. This is about having one Friday night Shabbat dinner. The synagogue provides brochures containing the Shabbat brachot and a challah to each of the host families.

There are no rules for participation. A kosher home is not required, but serving a pareve or dairy meal is encouraged, or a meal fit for the guests’ needs (i.e. vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free). Break out the fine china if you like, or serve pizza on paper plates. Host on your own, or team up with another family. It’s not about the food, but about sharing a meal. And while hosts are free to invite guests of their own choosing, the synagogue can help match families that are similar in age or in the number and ages of their children.

There is no expectation that the invitations will be reciprocal. We hope that guests will offer to serve as hosts in the future; however, that is not a condition of participation. Nor should congregants worry that this is a veiled attempt to make them more observant. This is not about changing your life; it is about creating community. It is targeted to all members of the congregation, regardless of age, marital status, or other similar considerations. The hope is to grow the program exponentially, leading to 100% inclusion of our members.

So please don’t be shy. Let us know if you can host! We want more of us to get to know one another outside the walls of the synagogue. Our first date in the fall will be for Sukkot, September 28, 2018.

Email Jody Rappaport or Jennifer Zimmer at guesswhokolami@gmail.com for more information.
The Facility Focus
By Mike Korenvaes - House Committee Chair

House Highlights

1. We received proposals or contacted 7 companies for additional lighting on the exterior of our building as part of the Homeland Security Grant. After receiving approval from Homeland Security and the State of Florida, we installed our new lighting in August. The following are the new lighting locations.
   - Wall unit on the Northeast corner of the school.
   - Quad lights on a 12’ pole at the front of the school by hedges to provide additional lighting for the school and the North parking lot.
   - On the West side by the gate an additional light was added to the power pole facing south.
   - On the West side two 12’ pole lights were added to provide lighting for the driveway and grass area.
   - New lights replaced what we had in the SW grass parking area.

All of these will provide us with additional security and safety.

2. All books from all locations have been consolidated into two areas and are under review for future usage. Many of these books are old editions.

Future Projects

1. Power washing the Nicole Kleban Memorial Garden and South side of property.
2. Doing cleaning maintenance to our Star Memorial in the Nicole Kleban Memorial Garden.
3. Coordinating the installation of the Homeland Security Grant remaining projects. The next one to be worked on is additional cameras.

Security Spotlight
by Jon Zimmer

Last month we provided an article from the Florida Jewish Home that was written by Zalman Myer-Smith. This article was entitled Security Today at our Synagogues and School. We promised to respond to you with what we have already done and what needs to be accomplished:

- Start security by creating a perimeter as far out as possible – Accomplished with fence.
- Make one point of access – Accomplished at front office entry.
- Check camera systems, alarm and fire systems are functioning – All are on a regular preventative maintenance (PM) schedule.
- Identify ushers who can meet and greet – We have security volunteers at every service.
- Meet with your local police liaison – This is done on a regular basis and we have a coordinator.
- Make sure first aid kits, AED and fire extinguishers are in working order – On a regularly scheduled PM program.
- Confirm door locks are working – Done 2x per week and checked daily before closing the building.
- Move trash receptacles away from the building – Done.
- Have volunteers walk the exterior of the building – Done twice a week by volunteers and done during the week by staff.
- Train staff to report suspicious behavior – Mitch covers this with staff.
- Make sure exterior lights are functioning properly – Done every two weeks.
- Allow registered nurse or doctor, etc. to leave equipment on site – We do not have professional on site.

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 in the month of August.

Ben Miele Cindy Schiff
Dan Ochman Jon Zimmer
Marc Tindell Mario Rodriguez
Mike Korenvaes

Looking to get involved?
Contact the Kol Ami office at 813-962-6338 or email Mitchell Weiss at execdirector@kolami.org
Highlights from our Open House on Sunday, August 19
Congregation Kol Ami Presents

Pop Up Shabbat

Friday, October 5
6:30PM

Lake Park
17302 N Dale Mabry Highway
Lutz, FL 33548

Join us for an off-site Shabbat Service and Oneg surrounded by nature! All are welcome! All are free!
*There will be no services at Kol Ami this evening*

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

The Social Committee welcomes you to the Kol Ami Sukkah Social

Join us in the Sukkah for drinks & desserts under the stars!
Featuring Live Music by Some Assembly Required

Sunday, Sept. 29 at 8:30 p.m.
Please join us for our next Howard Kanter Kiddush Fund Luncheon on Saturday, September 8, 2018. This complimentary luncheon is catered by Edibles by Ethel and is 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) help 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, September 8. 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.

For more information on any TOLLL classes, please call Kol Ami at 813-962-6338 or email frontoffice@kolami.org.

Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel

 Saturdays, September 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 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!

L’Chaim - Sharing Life’s Lessons

Tuesday September 4 at 11:00 a.m.

- Discussion topics vary with a different leader each week. Friendly group sharing our life’s lessons. Everyone is welcome.

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Requests for food increased 20% in 12 months
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Fill a Grocery Bag with non-perishable food (no glass)
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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.
Nefesh Mountain: The Sound of Appalachia, the Soul of Judaism

It’s Jewish style music like you have never heard before. Bluegrass Today has said of Nefesh Mountain “A highly-effective blend of these two spheres… only rarely have we heard a prominent Jewish counterpoint to the gospel music that has been a part of bluegrass since Bill Monroe’s earliest recordings.” To learn more about them, go to their website: www.nefeshmountain.com.

This concert will bring ruach to Kol Ami and the Tampa Bay area. Sue and I heard the band perform about a year ago. They had over 300 people in the audience, literally dancing in the aisles. After a 1.5 hour performance and three encores, all wanted more. We felt we had to bring this ruach to Kol Ami and the Tampa Bay area.

Another objective is to raise money toward helping our Kol Ami kids to go to a summer Jewish experience of their choice. Thanks to the Brotherhood Board and a group of committed Kol Ami families, we have raised sufficient funds to cover our projected direct costs. Thus, funds we raise from sponsorships and ads to our concert program booklet go to the scholarship fund to assist our youth in attending a summer Jewish experience of their choice.

Brotherhood & Sisterhood Welcome Coffee

Sunday, September 9
10:00 - 11:00am

Enjoy coffee and a light breakfast while socializing with new and returning members. Learn about the exciting events Brotherhood & Sisterhood have planned for the upcoming year!

RSVP kindly requested by Wednesday, September 5

Barry Dvorchik, Brotherhood President
Brotherhood.kolami@gmail.com
Cindy Korenvaes, Sisterhood President
Sisterhood.kolami.tampa@gmail.com

The Brotherhood has purposely set ticket prices as low as we could. So too are the sponsorship levels of:

Gold.......$100       Silver.......$80       Bronze....... $50

You can purchase tickets ($36/adult, $10/student) and become a sponsor by simply calling the Kol Ami office at (813) 962-6338.

The Board of the Brotherhood hopes that 5779 brings each of us only health, happiness and prosperity. May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life!

Barry Dvorchik
Brotherhood President
Mazelgrams

A Mazelgram is a quick and easy way to send your Kol Ami friends and family Rosh Hashanah greetings. Just look through the list sent to your home in the mail (alphabetized by first names), indicate the ones you want to send greetings to, fill out the first page (the order form) and return with your check to Kol Ami. Each individual name you choose costs $1.25. You even have the option to send greetings to the whole congregation for $118! That is less than 30¢ per greeting! You can even select a greeting for your Mazelgrams.

By supporting Mazelgrams, you take care of purchasing, writing, addressing, and mailing out all those cards in one easy step. You also support Kol Ami Sisterhood in being able to do many of the things we do for the synagogue throughout the year.

Remember to watch the deadline of September 1 and get your Mazelgrams order in early! Send all Mazelgrams to Sisterhood c/o Congregation Kol Ami. Order forms for Mazelgrams are now available in the office.

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, September 23, 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 Sisterhood Simcha Kiddush prices, please contact Sisterhood: sisterhood.kolami.tampa@gmail.com.

Kol Ami Sisterhood

By Cindy Korenvaes - Sisterhood President

Sisterhood 2018-2019 Calendar of Events

Welcome Coffee with Brotherhood
9/9/18......10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Paid Up Membership Event
10/21/18......5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Challah Baking with Kol Yeladim
10/28/18......9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Am Yisrael Chai Speaker
10/29/18......7:30 p.m.

Froyo Fresh Fundraiser
11/4/18......11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Dinner Done
11/7/18......7:00 p.m.

Kol Ami Chanukah Party
12/8/18......6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Ronald McDonald House
12/26/18......4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Havdalah and Hollywood Take 4
1/12/19......7:00 - 10:00 pm

Hamantaschen Baking
2/24/19......9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Softball Tournament
3/3/19......11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Purim Carnival
3/24/19......9:00 am - 3:30 p.m.

Mah Jongg Tournament at Aston Gardens
3/24/19......9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Sisterhood/Brotherhood Shabbat Scholar in Residence
3/29 - 3/31/19

Kol Ami Picnic
5/19/19......11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Torah Fund Brunch
6/2/19......10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Still to be Scheduled

Sweet Tomatoes Night
Pink Shabbat

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KOL AMI
AM ISRAEL CHAI 4TH ANNUAL LECTURE
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IS MEDIA COVERAGE OF ISRAEL BIASED?
A MIDDLE EASTERNER'S PERSPECTIVE

MONDAY
OCTOBER 29, 2018
8:00 PM

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EVE HAROW
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Eve Harow is a U.S. born Israeli who works
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media portray the Jewish homeland. Eve will
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happening in Israel and the need to evaluate
issues facing the Jewish homeland from a
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You will come away from this evening better
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Congregation Kol Ami
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CAMERA is the oldest and largest Middle East media monitoring organization in the world.
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 September are:

**Citrus Park:** September 6
**Brandon:** September 13

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.
We are off and running! Opening day at Kol Yeladim was a huge success. Students and parents participated in a Circle of Kavod, led by Ms. Rachel Degani. We learned about the Parsha of the week and came together to sing the Israeli national anthem, *Hatikvah*. We look forward to continuing these new traditions each Sunday, and we also hope to see many parents joining us! Our USY members will be offering bagels and coffee each Sunday for $5 in the Social Hall to raise funds for our Camp Fund. We hope you will come for the Circle of Kavod and learning, and stay for a light breakfast each week!

Our first Shabbat school will take place Saturday, September 8th for all 6th and 7th grade students. Rabbi Siegel, Amy Wasser, and I are very excited to be joined by our High School tutors, Joey Benjamin, Jacob Nair, Naomi Rappaport, and Rachel Tirrell to help our Pre B’nai and B’nai Mitzvah students prepare for their special day. The dates for Shabbat School are posted on our school calendar on the Kol Ami Website.

Please join us for our High Holiday Youth programming for ages Pre K - 8th Grade. We will have Jr. Congregation, games, and snacks from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Rosh Hashanah (Monday and Tuesday, September 10th and 11th) and on Yom Kippur (Wednesday, September 19th). We look forward to seeing everyone in the Jacobson/Wolf Chapel. We do encourage your children to stay in the program until you can come and get them. This is a safety procedure that we would like to follow.

L’shanah Tovah,
Jennifer Halls
The Academy at Kol Ami

We invite all 8th - 12th graders to join us for a year of discussion and learning. Classes will meet at Kol Ami on Sunday mornings, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Grades 8 / 9 and 11 / 12 meet once per month. Confirmation (10th Grade) meets twice per month.

For more information, Academy dates, or to register, please visit the Post B’nai Mitzvah Class on the Kol Ami website.

8th / 9th Grade

The 8th and 9th grades will be instructed by Rachel Degani. We will engage the students through discussions that will bring Pirkei Avot, the ethics of our fathers, and Torah to the forefront of their lives. We will also include some young adult Jewish book studies and writing from a Jewish perspective.

Confirmation (10th Grade)

Confirmation will be instructed by Rabbi Siegel. The Kol Ami Confirmation program will be a program of Jewish and American Civics! The late U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice, Louis Brandeis said, “We must learn to be better Jews by first learning to be better Americans.” This year’s class will explore the basics of democracy and government in a uniquely Jewish way.

The culminating event will be a 4-day trip to Washington, DC to meet with politicians, Jewish activists, and experience “up close and personal” the workings of the Federal government, and how teenage Jews can make a difference. (Trip pricing and dates will be available soon.)

Brunch with the Rabbi (11th / 12th Grade)

The 11th and 12th grades will be instructed by Rabbi Siegel. We will be 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 will help to bring Jewish values and perspectives to light which will help to guide them through these times.
USY’s Board has been working hard to make 2018-2019 an unforgettable year. Many new concepts will be applied this year to improve the USY experience here at Kol Ami, including creative programming, youth lounge nights, fundraising, and social action events.

• On-site, creative programming incorporating multiple aspects of USY will be implemented at a variety of events this year, such as a PJ Brunch, game night, lock-in, and their most recent, kick-off party. These aspects include religious, social, educational, Israeli affairs, social action, leadership, and success principles to provide a variety of lenses to make events both meaningful and fun.

• Youth lounge nights will also be introduced this year as a bi-monthly forum where teens can hang out, eat, play games, and do homework.

• On the fundraising front, USYers are going to begin selling coffee and bagels at Religious School to raise money for USY needs and social action causes.

• Some social action events are also in the works for this coming year such as volunteering at Metropolitan Ministries and their annual Give Kids the World Retreat.

USY’s Board, Ari Solomon, Joey Benjamin, Alissa Chernin, Zoey Flansburg, and Naomi Rappaport, is very excited to create an inclusive and safe environment where teens can come together to be social, learn, grow, and affect change in the world.

Boneem and Chaverim had a blast kicking off the new year at Altitude on August 19th. Boneem is looking forward to celebrating Sukkot in their own unique way for their Sukkah party on September 23rd.

Kadima had an incredible kick-off event at QZar where they played laser tag and held elections for their new Kadima Board on August 26th. They are excited to play games and hang out for their next event at Dave & Busters on September 30th.

(Youth Groups cont’d. on next page)
USY started their year off right with their annual car wash fundraiser at Open House, and a very memorable Kick-off party where multiple aspects of USY were implemented, including an obstacle course, a social action scavenger hunt, and home-made Israeli salad on August 25th! KAUSY’s next event will be at Topgolf on September 16th.

**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.

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.

**KAUSY ANNOUNCES**

**YOOUTH LOUNGE NIGHTS**

7:15 - 9:15PM, 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY NIGHT OF EACH MONTH IN 2018

September 12
September 26
October 10
October 24
November 14
November 28
December 12

**EAT, HANG OUT, DO HOMEWORK, PLAY GAMES, CHILL**

**Topgolf**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
1:00 - 3:00PM

$20 per person
Includes Lunch
Transportation TBA

Topgolf Tampa
10690 Palm River Road
Tampa, FL 33619

Please RSVP to Rachel at youth@kolami.org no later than Friday, September 7

**Actions:**

- Eat
- Hang out
- Do homework
- Play games
- Chill

**All dates are tentative and subject to change**
September 16, 2018

On Rosh HaShanah, it is customary to go to a body of water and symbolically cast our sins into the water during the Tashlich Service. This year, we will reverse the process and, as a united community, remove our sins from the water and clean up our water fronts.

Hillels of the Florida Suncoast’s Tikkun HaYam program is joining together with Keep Pinellas Beautiful and Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful for our first-ever Reverse Tashlich.

Come be a part of Tikkun HaYam, the world’s only Jewish marine conservation organization, and our inaugural Reverse Tashlich event happening in Tampa Bay!

To register to participate and join a team in Reverse Tashlich, visit repairthesea.org/reverse-tashlich

All materials will be provided!
Please wear close-toed shoes, comfortable clothing and adequate sun protection.
Community service hours available.
**September 2018 Events & Happenings at Kol Ami**

### Saturday, September 1
**SELICHOT**
TOLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel.........................8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services......................................................9:30 a.m.
Sisterhood Kiddush ...........................................12:00 p.m.
Selichot Service ...............................................8:30 p.m.

### Monday, September 3
**OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY**

### Tuesday, September 4
TOLL: L’Chaim- Sharing Life’s Lessons ......................11:00 a.m.
Sisterhood Needle Workers.............................1:30 p.m.
Executive Committee Meeting .........................7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 5
Kol Yeladim Religious School .........................5:00 p.m.

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### Thursday, September 6
Board of Trustees Meeting.................................7:30 p.m.

### Friday, September 7
Shabbat Services (Birthday/ Anniversary Shabbat)......6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, September 8
TOLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel.........................8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services......................................................9:30 a.m.
Howard Kanter Kiddush Luncheon...........................12:00 p.m.

### Sunday, September 9
**EREV ROSH HASHANAH**
Kol Yeladim Religious School ................................9:00 a.m.
Brotherhood High Holiday Chair Set-Up ..................9:00 a.m.
Brotherhood and Sisterhood Welcome Coffee .............10:00 a.m.
Academy: Confirmation 10th Grade Class ..................10:30 a.m.
Erev Rosh Hashanah Service/Ma’ariv .......................6:30 p.m.

### Monday, September 10
**ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 / OFFICE CLOSED**
Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Service..................................9:00 a.m.
Tashlich and Ma’ariv Service
   (Lipshutz Residence, 3417 Nundy Road) ...............6:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 11
**ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2 / OFFICE CLOSED**
Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Services..................................9:00 a.m.
Evening Minyan ..................................................7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 12
Kol Yeladim Religious School ..........................5:00 p.m.
KAUSY Youth Lounge Night ................................7:15 p.m.

### Friday, September 14
Shabbat Services ..............................................6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, September 15
**SHABBAT SHUVAH**
TOLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel.........................8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services......................................................9:30 a.m.
Sisterhood Kiddush ...........................................12:00 p.m.

*(September Calendar continued on next page)*
September 2018 Events & Happenings at Kol Ami (cont’d)

**Sunday, September 16**
- Kol Yeladim Religious School .............................................. 9:00 a.m.
- Reverse Tashlich Community Program:
  - Takomah Trail Park ......................................................... 9:00 a.m.
- Kol Yeladim Religious School Board Meeting ....................... 9:30 a.m.
- Kever Avot Service at Gan Shalom Cemetery ....................... 12:00 p.m.
- USY Event at Top Golf .......................................................... 1:00 p.m.

**Monday, September 17**
- Brotherhood Board Meeting .................................................. 6:45 p.m.
- Sisterhood Board Meeting .................................................... 6:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 18**
- **EREV YOM KIPPUR / KOL NIDRE**
  - OFFICE CLOSES AT 1:00 PM
  - Kol Nidre Service ............................................................. 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 19**
- **YOM KIPPUR / OFFICE CLOSED**
  - Shacharit/ Yizkor Services .............................................. 9:00 a.m.
  - Rabbi’s Discussion ........................................................... 4:15 p.m.
  - Mincha Service ............................................................... 6:00 p.m.
  - Neilah ........................................................................... 7:00 p.m.
  - Shofar ........................................................................... 8:10 p.m.
  - Break The Fast ................................................................. 8:15 p.m.

**Friday, September 21**
- Shabbat Services ............................................................... 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, September 22**
- **TOLLL: GUTSY TORAH WITH RABBI SIEGEL**
  - TOLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel .................................. 8:30 a.m.
  - Shabbat Services ............................................................... 9:30 a.m.
  - Sisterhood Kiddush ........................................................... 12:00 p.m.

**Sunday, September 23**
- **EREV SUKKOT**
  - Kol Yeladim Religious School .............................................. 9:00 a.m.
  - Brotherhood Sukkah Set-Up ............................................... 9:00 a.m.
  - Sisterhood Needleworkers ................................................... 10:00 a.m.
  - Academy (8th -12th grades) ............................................... 10:30 a.m.
  - Boneem Sukkah Party at Kol Ami ...................................... 12:45 p.m.
  - Erev Sukkot Services .......................................................... 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, September 24**
- **OFFICE CLOSED / SUKKOT DAY 1**
  - Sukkot Services ............................................................... 9:30 a.m.
  - Kiddush Luncheon .............................................................. 12:00 p.m.
  - Erev Sukkot Day 2 Services-Ma’ariv ................................ 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 25**
- **OFFICE CLOSED / SUKKOT DAY 2**
  - Sukkot Day 2 Services ...................................................... 9:30 a.m.
  - Kiddush Luncheon .............................................................. 12:00 p.m.
  - Sukkot Concluding Services / Ma’ariv Services .............. 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 26**
- **SUkkOT**
  - Kol Yeladim Religious School ............................................ 9:00 a.m.
  - Sukkot Music Program and Service .................................... 6:30 p.m.
  - Pizza in the Sukkah ........................................................... 7:00 p.m.
  - KAUSY Youth Lounge Night ................................................. 7:15 p.m.

**Thursday, September 27**
- **SUkkOT**

**Friday, September 28**
- **SUkkOT**
  - Shabbat Services ............................................................... 6:30 p.m.
  - Guess Who’s Coming to Shabbas (off-site) ...................... 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, September 29**
- **SUkkOT**
  - TOLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel ................................ 8:30 a.m.
  - Shabbat Services ............................................................... 9:30 a.m.
  - Sisterhood Kiddush ........................................................... 12:00 p.m.
  - Kol Ami Sukkah Social ....................................................... 8:30 p.m.

**Sunday, September 30**
- **SUkkOT / EREV SHEMINI ATZERET / HOSHANAH RABA**
  - Kol Yeladim SHEMINI ATZERET ...................................... 9:00 a.m.
  - Kadima Event at Dave & Buster’s ....................................... 1:00 p.m.
  - Erev Shemini Atzeret Service ........................................... 6:30 p.m.
Yahrzeits

Elul Yahrzeits
21 Sherle L. Solomon
22 Ida Fromm
   Esther Pearl
   William Meyer Singer
   Murray Horowitz
   Ray Bluestone
23 Isaac Barret Solomon
   Sylvan Alter
   Arthur Pross
   Judy Spitzer
   Beril Sinnreich
24 Barney Herson
25 Lorraine Friedman
   Herbert Sprinzeches
26 Allen Pearlstein
   Beatrice Katz
   Henry Marofsky
   Stephen Bacon
27 Gilbert Greenspon

Tishrei Yahrzeits
1 Kresla Pila
   Zemech Pila
   Shmuel Pila
   Wolf Pila
   Lois Price
2 Charles Peterson
   Irving Pross
3 Jack Roth
4 Harry Rudowsky
   Joseph W. Field
5 Stella Cotzen
   Abraham Bittker
   Barbara Edtter

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 September Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat will be celebrated on Friday, September 7, at Shabbat services, starting at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to join us!

September Birthdays
1 Carma Goldstein
   Anya Goldstein
   Stanley Bush
2 Benjamin Miele
   Lisa Eshkov
   Arlene Capeluto
   Sheba Solson
5 Sally Pliskow
   Eryn Solomon
   Devin Chernin
6 Adam Pearlman
   Jonathan Schonwetter
7 Deborah White
   Susan Lafer
   Camaron Koury
   Breena Levison
8 Luna Kattan
   Carol Simon
   Bradley Schilit
9 Matthew Niehoff
   S. Gilbert Weisman
   Raymond Reed
11 Joshua Fink
12 Stephen Goldman
Morris Richard Singer
Miriam Krischer
Jack Fogel
Charles Druian
Fay Rosenberg
Julius Kaplan
Murray Danny Shur
Molly Kanarek
William Nemitoft
Sally Schaechter
Evelyn Garcy
Irene Pincus Weissblatt
Mollie Mackler
Andor Szentivanyi
Lena Valk
Ethel Herzog
Zelda Young
Abraham Carmen
Warren Levenson
Beckie Eisenstein
Bernard Wilder
Jay Fink
Harry Zalkin
Claire Eve Schreiner
Irene Oakes
Doris Goldsmith
Aleksandra Meek
Carolyn Haber Wilder
Simon Jacobson
Jeanne Closner
William Lepler
Edith Skoorka
Claire Eve Schreiner
Esther Robbins
Bernard Nastir
Maurice Kanarek
Blanche Alexander
Pinchas Lieberman
Beatrice Kasoff
Dorothy Savage
Betty Fox
Edna Citrin
Gerald Solomon
Michael Judelson
Irving Katz
Jack Wieder
Daniel Vider
Leonard Zimmerman
Pennie Pearlman
Eleanor Miller
Bernard Goldsmith
Andrew Gravina

September Anniversaries
1 Paul & Lisa Weinberger
   Jeremy & Michal Nelson
   Dave & Sharon Cross
   Stanley & Sheila Bush
   Carnot & Alice Nelson
2 Howard & Stephanie Bergen
   Isaac & Sheba Solson
4 Jason & Mandy Levy
   Kip & Judy Levitt
5 Kevin & Staci Cross
12 David & Judy Zaritt
13 Leonard Zimmerman
17 Michael Judelson
18 Lawrence & Tracey Siegel
22 Herm & Anita Greenberg
24 Richard & Enid Dembo
25 Isaac Solson
26 Leah Wasserman
28 Kai Koury
30 Jon Benjamin

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