Remember the story of the woman who always cut off the end quarter of her pot roast before placing it in the oven? Her daughter watched her do this each week and when she grew up, she, too, cut off the end quarter of her pot roasts before placing them in the oven. On one occasion, the mother observed her daughter chopping away the end portion of the roast and asked, “Why?” Her daughter was surprised by her mother’s question. “Mom, isn’t this the way our family has always made a pot roast?” “No, dear” replied the mother. “I shortened the roast because it would otherwise not fit in the oven!”

Maintaining practices and institutions whose meaning is either forgotten or no longer relevant is not how a tradition is meaningfully passed from one generation to another. Sometimes we just have to let go of the “good ole days” to embrace the realities of the present.

In my twenties, I was a camp director of a Jewish summer camp in the Pacific Northwest. Being relatively close in age to the counseling staff, and only a decade removed from the campers, my realities and theirs were quite similar. I enjoyed considerable success and

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fulfillment. Twenty-some years later I was appointed Executive Director of this same camp. I had been away from Jewish camping for two decades, but I remembered how my life was impacted by the programs and experiences I encountered at camp. I was determined to replicate my experience for this new generation of Jewish campers. This time I failed. Not because I didn’t try, but because my reality and theirs was different. They were not interested in my memories. They wanted their own, reflective of their reality.

Judaism is a story of “Tradition & Change.” What changes is the tradition. It is still called “tradition,” but in each generation, it’s new, whether it be new words in our liturgy (adding the names of the matriarchs – Sara, Rebecca, Rachel & Leah – to the Amidah), new ritual traditions (women wearing the Tallit & Tefillin), or changes in the way we educate our youth or reach out to the adult population.

Using the expression, “This is the way we’ve always done it,” usually means “this is the way I’ve always done it.” Sometimes never change, yet nothing stays the same. One of the ancient rabbinic legends (Midrash) teaches when Moses ascended to Heaven, he heard about the great Rabbi Akiva (a teacher who lived 1200 years after him) who was considered the master of Torah. Moses begged God to allow him to return to earth to learn “his” Torah from this great master. God was apprehensive but finally consented. Moses found a place in the back of Rabbi Akiva’s academy. The more he listened, the more perturbed he became. Moses did not understand a word of what they were discussing. Suddenly, Rabbi Akiva concluded the discussion with the words, “And this is the Torah Moses received on Sinai.”

A smile visited Moses’ face and he contently returned to his heavenly abode. Moses realized the Torah was the same Torah he received on Sinai, but its understanding and interpretation belongs to the present generation.

What was true in Rabbi Akiva’s generation is no less true in ours! Bringing Judaism into the future means re-tooling it in the present – a challenge that has faced every generation.

Rabbi Howard Siegel

Request from Rabbi Siegel

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.
By Avi Elias, President

With the Jewish holidays behind us, we now prepare for the secular holidays, specifically, Thanksgiving. The irony of the timing between Thanksgiving – a time when, as Americans, we reflect on all of the good things in our lives – and Chanukah – a holiday that is best known for showering our children with 8 days of gifts, is not wasted on me. I find it quite appropriate to reflect on all that we have, teaching the concepts of humility and thankfulness, just before we celebrate Chanukah with the excesses of gift giving.

It is in this spirit that I share some of the things for which I am thankful:

I am thankful for my family. For being my rock and for their support as I serve our Congregation as President.

I am thankful that I have found a spiritual home in Congregation Kol Ami – a place through good times and bad I can join with my fellow Jews in celebration of our heritage.

I am thankful for the friends and extended family I have found through my involvement at Congregation Kol Ami and the warmth they provide at synagogue and throughout the year.

I am thankful for the members of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees for saying “Hineini,” stepping up and providing leadership to our Kehillah Kedoshah – our holy congregation – at such a critically important time in our synagogue’s history!

As important, I am thankful to the families of our Executive Committee and Board of Trustees members for making the additional sacrifices to allow these wonderful people the time and energy to serve in leadership roles for our Congregation.

I am thankful to all who have inspired me over the years to serve our Congregation, who consistently step up to help in a variety of ways. There are too many to enumerate in this word-limited column…

I am thankful for Mitch Weiss, our Executive Director, who works tirelessly, every day, even when on vacation, to ensure the smooth operation of Congregation Kol Ami. It is not an easy job to serve as shepherd for so many sheep, each with their own priorities, and still make it look effortless.

I am thankful for Rabbi Siegel for his leadership through these stormy waters. Thank you, Rabbi, for your spiritual leadership and modeling a love for Judaism that is infectious. You are helping us find our best selves as we search for our Future Rabbi.

I am thankful for the support I have received from our Congregants as we have navigated the winds of change. I am equally thankful to those who have challenged me and our leadership on various issues. Each of our viewpoints is important. I have tried to hear these viewpoints as they have been offered.

As you gather with your family this Thanksgiving, remember to take stock in all that you have – physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We, all too often, take these people, our fortunes and freedoms for granted.

From my family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!
New Member Shabbat & Dinner
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16
6:30PM SERVICES
7:30PM DINNER

Join us for a special Friday-night Shabbat and Shabbat Dinner in honor of our new members!
To reserve seats, contact the front office.
Please include your meal order and any dietary restrictions with your RSVP.
Please RSVP by Friday, November 9.

Adults $18 | Children $11 | Under 3 yrs FREE

Entree Selections:
- Brisket
- Salmon Primavera
- Sweet Potato Quinoa Casserole (V, GF)
  Served with Challah, Salad, Fresh Vegetables and Dessert

Kids' Meal:
- Chicken Nuggets
  Served with Challah, Tater Tots, Apple Sauce and Dessert

Congregation Kol Ami Proudly Presents

Shalom Chaverim!

Last year we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Congregation Kol Ami. This year we are proudly announcing our principal fundraiser, “L’Chaim To The Future”. We will be celebrating with a dinner dance and silent auction on Saturday, December 15, 2018. The evening will feature a cocktail reception plus a fabulous dinner, open bar, a silent auction and music and dancing. The event is our principal fundraiser and the funds realized from the evening will be used to continue to provide the various services to our Congregation and the greater Jewish community for which we are known. So, dust off your Hoverboards, tune up the DeLorean and set the Flux Capacitor to December 15, 2018.

We are extending an early invitation to support the event with these unique benefits.

- Reserved Table, Tickets and Special parking
- Sponsors will receive ads in the event program
- Companies logos will be on signage and an ad in the program

$1,800 DeLorean Special: Full-page Ad in Program • 4 Tickets • Special Parking
$1,450 Flux Capacitor: 1/2-page Ad in Program • 2 Tickets • Special Parking
$ 720 Jigowatt: 1/4-page Ad in Program • 2 Tickets • Special Parking
$ 360 McFly: 1/4-page Ad in Program • 2 Tickets
$180 Hoverboard: Listing in the Program • 2 Tickets

You can make your commitment to the event by calling or emailing Mitchell Weiss at execdirector@kolami.org. Additionally, we ask for your assistance in obtaining items from businesses for our silent auction (see next page). Your support will help ensure the success of this event. We would be honored if you and your business would be part of it. We look forward to having you join us.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Amsterdam-Miele & Larry Caine, 2018 Fundraising Chairs
Attention:
Business Owners

On Saturday evening, December 15, 2018, Congregation Kol Ami will host its annual fundraiser, “L’Chaim To The Future,” a dinner dance and auction evening. Please consider donating any item(s) that you deem popular (in-demand) for our silent auction. The event is our Synagogue’s principal fundraiser this year, and the funds realized from the evening will be used to continue to provide the various services to our Congregation and the greater Jewish community for which we are known. We expect the event to be a great success, with over 200 people attending from the congregation and the community. Of course, we would be even more successful with your involvement and that is the purpose of this letter. We hope that we can count on your participation in our wonderful event.

Our Kol Ami members are a close group of friends and families who recognize and appreciate the support of businesses like yours. All donations will be acknowledged in the auction booklet. In addition, a display of your item(s) will be created for the silent auction. Your support will make a huge impact on the success of our event and the success of Congregation Kol Ami. Products or services that you donate are greatly appreciated.

Kindly return the Silent Auction Donation Form (at right) with your donation, and address it to “L’Chaim To The Future” at the Kol Ami address listed at the bottom, by November 15, 2018. Please be sure to keep a copy of the auction form as a receipt for your tax-deductible donation. If donating a certificate, we respectfully request that the certificate expire no sooner than August 31, 2019.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of Congregation Kol Ami. If you have any questions or want to schedule a pickup for your item(s), please feel free to leave a message at (813) 962-6338 or email Mitchell Weiss at execdirector@kolami.org.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Amsterdam-Miele
Larry Caine
2018 Fundraising Chairs

Silent Auction Donation Form

Donated by (name as it will appear in the auction catalog):

Contact Person:

Address:

Phone / Fax / Email:

Item Description (includes restrictions/expiration date). Use add’l page, if needed):

Retail Value: $ _____________________

Donor Signature:

Kol Ami Contact (whom can we thank for soliciting the donation):

All donations are requested by November 15, 2018.

Mail or fax form to: Congregation Kol Ami
ATTN: L’Chaim To The Future Annual Fundraiser
3919 Moran Road
Tampa, FL 33618

FAX: (813)968-2219

Congregation Kol Ami is a non-profit organization 501c(3) status; Tax ID 59-1803680. All contributions are tax-deductible within the limits provided by law.

Please return the original form and keep a copy as your official receipt.
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 next date in the Fall is November 30th.

Email Jody Rappaport or Jennifer Zimmer at guesswhokolami@gmail.com for more information.
House Highlights

1. Thank you to the following 12 individuals who constructed the Sukkah for all of us to enjoy many times this holiday season:
   - Aaron Binder
   - Al Lenok
   - Ari Horowitz
   - Dan Ochman
   - Dan Zohar
   - Darren Kasenetz
   - Dave Cross
   - Herm Greenberg
   - Jon Zimmer
   - Mike Korenvaes
   - Mitch Weiss
   - Yoav Rappaport.

And a special thank you to Dan Zohar for taking the lead this year, and in the past, by providing the palms and his leadership.

2. I am currently working on the additional camera installation for the Homeland Security Grant. The plan is to add 10 additional cameras to the 21 cameras that we already have on our property. I will be finalizing the drawings and will be calling on 4-6 companies to get pricing.

3. All books from all locations have been consolidated into two areas. The books that are no longer used, mostly due to being outdated, will be put in the Ganizah. On November 4, we will open up the Ganizah, and with Rabbi Siegel’s direction, and the school and congregants’ involvement, we will be burying these books.

4. The LED sign for our school now has a permanent structure and direct electricity.

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. Cutting back some of our bushes that have grown beautifully due to all the rain.
4. Planting some additional bushes on the West side.

Security Spotlight

by Jon Zimmer

As we all should know, Kol Ami has received two grants from the Department of Homeland Security in the last four years, which has enabled our shul to have drastic security improvements, such as more lighting, cameras, and a fence. Despite all this, it’s important to be on the lookout for “visitors” at our synagogue who may want to cause us harm. Sadly in the US, violent incidents by depraved individuals still occur from time to time.

Please read the article below and use it as a reminder to always keep an eye out when we are at our spiritual home.

A California man faces charges of vandalism and arson after setting a small fire outside a local congregation and drawing a devil on its walkway, the Sacramento Bee reported Tuesday.

Police were alerted of a person, later identified as Brett Allen Bisnett, loitering around Congregation Beth Shalom in Modesto on Monday evening.

Bisnett, who told police he has mental health issues, had set a teddy bear on fire a few feet away from the wall, according to the Bee. He also drew what he said was a devil in black permanent marker on the concrete, telling the officers that it was God who instructed him to do it.

There is also surveillance video of him pulling plants from the ground.

Lt. Steve Stanfield told the publication it’s most likely not a hate crime. He infers the fire was set for warmth.

As of Tuesday morning, the drawing was still visible outside the synagogue’s entrance. The plants Bisnett pulled were also found on the ground, as was the package the marker he apparently used came in.

He faces charges of vandalism to a place of worship, arson and a parole violation, the Bee reported.

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

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

Alyssa Fisher is a news writer at the Forward. Email her at fisher@forward.com, or follow her on Twitter at @alyssalfisher.

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.

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

Rabbi Siegel
Ethel Pila
Carolyn Fink
Jason Fink
Lea Visher
Steven Specter
Julian Melamed
Barbara Freedland

We thank you for your efforts and dedication to Torah study. Todah Rabbah!
Holiday Tent
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
4:00PM-6:15PM

Join us as we bring HOPE to those in need this holiday season by volunteering at the Metropolitan Ministries Holiday Tent. Space is limited! Register now online at: http://kolamisocialaction.metromin.volunteerhub.com/

Once registered, please contact Yoav Rappaport to coordinate: yodie3@yahoo.com

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
4:00PM-6:15PM

Buy a pan of Caramel Heaven in November and December. $40. All proceeds go to the Tree of Life Congregation families. To order visit http://lynnscatering.com/contact/

Certified kosher possible just specify.

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

Mazel Tov to:
Ron & Cindy Schiff on the Aufruf of their daughter Tamara Schiff and Justin Aronstein.
Ephraim & Nancy Graff on the Birth of their Grandson, Jonah Henry Bowmer.
Jason Fink and his family on him becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
Izak Kattan and his family on him becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
Zara Kattan and her family on her becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Hamakom Yinakhem, Condolences to:
Rina Donchin & family at the passing of their beloved Husband, Father, and Grandfather, Emanuel “Manny” Donchin.

Israel Trip
March 2-14, 2019

• A journey of inspiration, education and connection
• Experience authentic Israel from ancient history to modern culture
• Encounter the communities, challenges and triumphs of the nation
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Check Our Trip Website:
https://www.daattravel.com/
Congregation-Kol-Ami-of-Tampa-Back-in-Israel
Please join us for our next Howard Kanter Kiddush Fund Luncheon on Saturday, November 17, 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 ensure 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, November 17. 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 TOLL classes, please call Kol Ami at 813-962-6338 or email frontoffice@kolami.org.

Shabbat in November

Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel

Saturdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17 and 24 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!

Tuesdays in November

L’Chaim - Sharing Life’s Lessons

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 13, and 27 at 11:00 a.m.

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

Wednesdays in November

“Good Ole Fashioned Bible Study” with Rabbi Siegel

Wednesdays, Nov. 14 and 28 at 11:00 a.m.

• Each week a different topic of Torah study will be discussed utilizing articles written by contemporary Rabbis and Bible scholars. Among the weekly topics of Torah discussion will be: Justice, women, ecology, land of Israel, relations with Gentiles at home and abroad, War and Peace, and many others!

Thursdays in November

Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel

Thursdays, Nov. 1, 15 and 29 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.
Congregation Kol Ami extends its warm wishes.

on this wonderful honor.

For more information about our Community Food Bank, contact Lea Merrill Davidson-Bern, Food Bank Director and Volunteer Coordinator, at 813-960-1848.

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.

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Bluegrass & Judaism

Nefesh Mountain: The Sound of Appalachia, the Soul of Judaism

Last month, I announced that Brotherhood would be bringing the bluegrass band, Nefesh Mountain, here to Kol Ami on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 8 P.M. Beginning with this month’s Chai Lites you will see the first of many flyers announcing this family friendly community-wide event. Community-wide advertising will begin in November of 2018.

The purpose of this event is two-fold. First is to bring fun and ruach to Kol Ami.

Nefesh Mountain (www.nefeshmountain.com) has played to full houses throughout the world. Rhea Boucher in The Tablet has said “Nefesh Mountain Captures the Sound of Appalachia and the Soul of Judaism. They are the place where Bluegrass and Old-Time music meet with Jewish heritage and tradition.”

Second is to fund scholarships for our kids towards a summer Jewish experience.

All funds from scholarship sponsors and ad revenue go directly to the Brotherhood scholarship fund.

Brotherhood has worked hard to set the cost of tickets as low as possible ($36 per adult; $10/student). We have also set the scholarship sponsor levels low (Gold = $175; Silver = $155; Bronze = $135) to include 2 tickets. Our intent is to make this concert affordable to all.

We trust that you will respond, not only by purchasing tickets, but by also becoming a scholarship sponsor.

As seating is limited we are opening up ticket and scholarship sponsor purchases to the Kol Ami family beginning now, 2 months ahead of our community-wide advertising.

To order tickets and also to become a scholarship sponsor simply call the Kol Ami office at 813-962-6338.

Thanking you in advance for your support of this event.

Barry

Brotherhood is looking for someone with PR experience – a volunteer – to help develop an advertising strategy for our upcoming Concert to Benefit the Kids.

Please contact Barry Dvorchik at 813-951-2789 if you are willing to assist.
A Busy Month for Sisterhood

From the start of Rosh Hashanah in September through the first week of October, Sisterhood was kept very busy in the kitchen. In addition to the regular Friday night Onegs and Saturday morning Kiddush lunches, there was a Break-the-Fast Dinner after Neilah, as well as Kiddush lunches for Sukkot, Shemeni Atzeret and Simchat Torah. There were also Onegs for Erev Sukkot and Erev Simchat Torah. This came to a grand total of 6 Onegs, 8 Kiddush lunches and Break-the-Fast in a period of 4 weeks!

While Sisterhood is always happy to provide these for the congregation, it could not happen without the help in preparation, serving, and clean-up of many people. Many thanks to: Sheila Bush, Marilyn Daniels, Sue Dvorchik, Ronna Hellman, Cindy Korenvaes, Susan Leibowitz, Jane Melamed, Amanda Moonitz, Gwen Niehoff, Sylvia Richman, Brian Shaw, Sheila Shaw and Carol Tarica.

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Tzedakah of the Season

Sisterhood has a new initiative to share with our Congregation. **Tzedakah of the Season** highlights and shares information about local, Israeli, and global non-profit organizations they might not know about and perhaps be interested in volunteering or supporting.

Each season a new organization will be featured. For more information or questions, please contact Lea Merrill Davidson-Bern, local Mitzvah Diva, at parrothead613@hotmail.com or 813-962-3268.

If you are interested in donating to any of the organizations, we will be sending all donations at the end of the season to the organization. A check can be made out to the organization and mailed or left in the Shul office for Sisterhood, attention Lea Merrill.

As always, thank you for your support and consideration.
Happy Hour + Game Night = Fun Night!

Sisterhood chose to do a simple and relaxed Paid Up Membership event this year. The evening started with do it yourself cocktails or wine followed by a light dinner and dessert. Then came the game fun. Ladies played mah jongg (a given with Sisterhood), Mexican Train Dominos, and a card game. Also available were games like Clue, Boggle and Trivial Pursuit. Throughout the evening, names were drawn for grab bag gifts. Everyone left with smiles on their faces having completely enjoyed themselves.

Many thanks to all the ladies who volunteered to help with this event from creating invitations, helping with mailing, preparing the food, setting the room and cleaning up to make this night a success. Thank you so much Roberta Baer, Diane Botwinik, Sheila Bush, Sharon Cross, Sue Dvorchik, Cindy Korenvaes, Susan Leibowitz, Gwen Neihoff, Sheri Peterson, Sylvia Richman, Carol Tarica, and Lisa Teblum. A very special thanks goes to Stanley Bush, who volunteered to be our “security volunteer”. Thank you also to Mitch Weiss for making sure the room was set up for us.

If you weren’t able to make it to this year’s event, we hope you will join us next year or even better, come to some of our upcoming programs/events. There will be several more fun events coming up this year like Havdalah and Hollywood in January and our annual Mah Jongg Tournament in March.

Sisterhood Needleworkers

The Sisterhood Needlework Group meets every Tuesday at 1:30 at Kol Ami and on occasional Sunday mornings. It is open to everyone and provides crafters an opportunity to socialize, exchange information, and learn new techniques.

One of the current charity projects the group participates in is Warming the World, a local nonprofit organization that provides hats to newborns around the world. Hats can be knitted or crocheted; however, many of our group prefer to use a circular loom. Last year, the organization sent hats to six states (IL, TN, MS, AL, FL and MN), Puerto Rico, Ecuador, Brazil, Iceland, Guam, Burundi, Somaliland, the American Heart Association, several organizations that help Moms worldwide, and one organization the helps babies locally.

For information about the Sisterhood Needlework Group or contributing to Warming the World, 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.
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.

Kids’ Konnections
By Jennifer Halls, Education Director

We had so much fun in October! Daniel Wind our technology teacher has been working with our 3rd-7th graders to learn how to make video clips and use our new editing software. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for some of the great work that the students are creating. With Parshat Noach this month, our students learned about the Mitzvah – Being Kind to Animals. We topped things off with a wonderful Parade of Pets in our “Barking Lot”! Our students also got to learn a bit about self-defense this month. Our students had the opportunity to learn a little Krav Maga with Grand Master Stephen J. Del Castillo, a 7th degree black belt! We would like to thank our fabulous Sisterhood for helping us bake Challah this month. Jody Rappaport shared her challah baking recipe and expertise with the school, and Lisa Teblum was instrumental in getting this new baking activity off the ground!

Students have been hard at work (and play) at Religious School. Our students have been learning new prayers and practicing and reviewing others. Shabbat School has been a great learning experience for all our 6th and 7th graders as well as our tutors and junior tutors. Orlando Dixon and Jacob Chernin led us in the Torah Service and Ashly Weinberger led us in Musaf during our Shabbat School. We love to see our students becoming active participants in our services! Be sure to come and join us to wish all our outstanding students a Yasher Koach. We would also like to say Mazal Tov to Jason Fink and Lia Agliata on becoming B’nei Mitzvah!

Calling all Parents!!! The school is going to be donating a basket for the silent auction at our Annual Gala event on December 15, 2018. We will be sending out emails with specific items that you can donate for our Back to the Future themed basket. We need everyone’s help to create the BEST basket. It’s very competitive…I want to get the most money for our basket! We can do this!!

Upcoming Events
11/4......Academy/Confirmation, 10:30 -11:30 a.m.
11/4......Genizah Program Led by Rabbi Siegel, 10:30 a.m.
11/11......No School (Veterans’ Day)
11/17.....Shabbat School 6th & 7th Grade
11/18 - 11/25......No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Wishing all a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends! Thank you!!
Join us!
Friday, December 7
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

All young families are welcome!

Join us as we celebrate Shabbat at several exciting programs throughout the year filled with guitar-playing, singing, dancing, friendship and delicious food!

Friday evenings throughout the year

Enjoy a pizza dinner followed by a child-friendly musical service led by Rabbi Siegel.
And then it’s on to our ice cream dessert!

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

Cost for this event is $5 per person, with a $25 family maximum.
Children 3 & under are free.

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!

Kol Yeladim Religious School Presents

Hanukkah Supplies School Fundraiser!

Wednesday, October 24 - Monday, December 10

Tired of buying overpriced Hanukkah candles and cards at the store? Search no more, because, boy, do we have the bargain for you!

Box of Fancy Candles (limited supply) - $5
Box of Standard Candles - $4
Pack of 8 Hanukkah Cards/Invitations - $3

Supplies may be purchased at the front office and the school office. All forms of payment accepted (cash or check preferred). All proceeds will go towards Kol Yeladim’s Gift Basket to be auctioned at this year’s Gala.

Shop for a cause!
Izak Kattan
November 3, 2018 / 25 Cheshvan 5779

Izak Kattan is a 7th grader at Hillel Academy, where he prides himself on being good at sports, especially soccer. He also enjoys jogging with his mom and playing video games with his friends. Izak values funny and good-hearted people as friends. One thing people may not know about Izak is that he doesn’t like the color red, even though he wears it a lot.

If he could meet anyone in the world, it would be his abuelito (grandfather), who he never knew but heard many amazing stories about. According to his abuelita (grandmother), Izak can be described as hard-headed but good-hearted. Izak’s idea of happiness is being surrounded by family and friends, and having a lot of money. His mitzvah project has been raising money for a good cause. Izak’s favorite Jewish holiday is Chanukah, because of the presents, of course. He also loves that his family’s holiday tradition is to celebrate all of them with the extended family as much as possible. Mazal tov to Izak!

Zara Kattan
November 5, 2018 / 27 Cheshvan 5779

Zara Kattan is a 7th grader at Hillel Academy. Zara considers her greatest achievement so far that she has qualified for the Duke TIP academic talent program. Zara loves to paint, play volleyball, dance, spend time with friends, and travel. She sees herself someday living either in New York or Connecticut and running a business empire. Not surprisingly, she considers Oprah one of her inspirations, though others who inspire her are her mom and dad, Martin Luther King, Jr., Albert Einstein and J.K. Rowling.

Zara’s favorite Jewish holiday is Chanukah because “I love spending time with family, and sometimes we go to Panama. Our tradition is to be together on every special occasion, eat delicious food and talk.” To share in her becoming a bat mitzvah, she has grandmothers, uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends coming from Colombia, Panama, Mexico, Miami, New York, and San Antonio, TX. She isn’t planning a party; instead, it will be a reunion to enjoy time together with people she’s closest with. Mazal tov to Zara!

David Caine
November 10, 2018 / 2 Kislev 5779

David Caine is a 7th grader at Hillel Academy. He already has a passion that he plans to turn into a career and has already turned into a mitzvah project: Helping the environment through cleanups, donating time and money, and raising awareness. David sees himself studying environmental science in college and ultimately working at SeaWorld. The person who inspires him most and who he would have loved to meet is Steve Irwin, the late Australian “Crocodile Hunter” and conservationist.

David’s hobbies include karate, which he’s been doing with his dad for about five years and has earned a black belt, hiking, playing Minecraft and hanging out with friends, writing, and reading.

Family from California, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas, Canada, and South Florida will be coming to Tampa to share in David’s big day. His party will be held at Kol Ami and its theme, unsurprisingly, will be “the Environment and Tikun Olam.” Mazal tov to David!
On October 14th, Kol Ami families got to show off their pets for the annual Parade of the Pets / Blessing of the Beasts program for the weekly Torah portion of Noach. Afterwards, Boneem and Chaverim kids got together with our friends from Rodeph Sholom for a Pet Parade After-party. Together we made dog and cat toys that we could either bring home to our pets or donate to pets in need. We then ate food and played animal themed games such as animal freeze dance, animal red rover, and animal relay races. All in all, the kids had a blast sharing and acting like various animals, being creative, and getting to give back to pets in need and some of our most beloved family members – our pets!

Chaverim and Boneem had a lot of fun at their Pet party following Kol Ami’s annual Pet Parade/ Blessing of the Beasts. Boneem is looking forward to movie night with Kadima and our friends at Rodeph Sholom.

Kadima had a blast at Kadima Convention and is very excited for their movie night with Boneem at Rodeph Sholom.

BONEEM & KADIMA PRESENT

Movie Night!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17
7:00 - 10:00PM

Join Kol Ami & Rodeph Sholom for a night of movies and a whole lot of fun! Build your own pizza, ice cream bar, games, & crafts!

Open to all 3rd - 8th graders.

$12 members | $15 non-members

Location: Congregation Rodeph Sholom
2713 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa, FL 33629

RSVP by 11/14 to Rachel at youth@kolami.org

Kadima Event:
Friendly game of Laser Tag at Q-Zar

(Youth Groups continued on. next page)
USY is looking forward to their PJ Brunch on November 4th and selecting an upcoming leader to attend RGBW – Regional General Board Weekend/Young Leaders from November 9th-11th. All regional board members will be attending and a freshman who shows leadership abilities. Kol Ami USY is proud to say we have 2 members who are on regional board, Ari Solomon and Joey Benjamin!

**USY Invites All Jewish High Schoolers**

**PJ Brunch**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**12:30 - 2:30PM**

Join Congregation Kol Ami and Rodeph Sholom for a fun gathering in your PJs for games and a creative Brunch.

**Cost:**
- $10 for USY Members
- $12 for Non-Members

**Location:**
Congregation Kol Ami
3919 Moran Rd
Tampa, FL 33618

Please RSVP by 11/2 to Rachel at youth@kolami.org

**Save the Date!**

**USY International Convention 2018**

Orlando, FL
December 23 - 27

Registration is now open:
https://www.regpacks.com/usyic18
Contact Rachel at youth@kolami.org for more info!

**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 November are:

- **Citrus Park:** November 1
- **Brandon:** November 8

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.
November 2018 Events & Happenings at Kol Ami

**Thursday, November 1**
TOLL: Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel .............................. 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, November 2**
Shabbat Services ................................................................ 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, November 3**
TOLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel ................................. 8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services (Bar Mitzvah of Izak Kattan) ...................... 9:30 a.m.
Kiddush Luncheon in honor of
Bar Mitzvah of Izak Kattan ............................................. 12:00 p.m.

**Sunday, November 4**
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
Kol Yeladim Religious School ........................................... 9:00 a.m.
Academy (8-12th Grades) .............................................. 10:30 a.m.
Genizah Program with Kol Yeladim School ....................... 10:30 a.m.
Sisterhood Fundraiser at FROYO FRESH ......................... 11:00 a.m.
USY Event: PJ Brunch .................................................. 12:30 p.m.

**Monday, November 5**
Bat Mitzvah Service of Zara Kattan ................................. 8:00 a.m.
Kiddush Brunch in honor of
Bat Mitzvah of Zara Kattan ........................................ 9:00 a.m.
Executive Committee Meeting ...................................... 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 6**
TOLL: L’Chaim - Sharing Life’s Lessons ............................ 11:00 a.m.
Sisterhood Needle Workers .......................................... 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 7**
Kol Yeladim Religious School .......................................... 5:00 p.m.
Sisterhood at Dinner Done ........................................... 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, November 9**
Shabbat Services ........................................................ 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, November 10**
TOLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel ............................... 8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services (Bar Mitzvah of David Caine) .................. 9:30 a.m.
Kiddush Luncheon in honor of
Bar Mitzvah of David Caine ........................................ 12:00 p.m.

**Sunday, November 11**
VETERAN’S DAY / NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Monday, November 12**
Sisterhood Board Meeting ............................................. 6:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 13**
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, November 14**
TOLL: “Good Ole Fashioned Bible Study”
with Rabbi Siegel .......................................................... 11:00 a.m.
Kol Yeladim Religious School ........................................ 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 15**
TOLL: Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel ............................. 10:30 a.m.
Board of Trustees Meeting ........................................... 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, November 16**
New Member Shabbat Services
(Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat) ...................................... 6:30 p.m.
New Member Shabbat Dinner ........................................ 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, November 17**
TOLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel ............................... 8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services ......................................................... 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat School (6th & 7th grades) ................................. 9:30 a.m.
Howard Kanter Kiddush Luncheon ................................. 12:00 p.m.
Boneem & Kadima Movie Night .................................... 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, November 18**
8 over 80 Event at Congregation Schaarai Zedek .............. 1:00 p.m.

**Monday, November 19**
Brotherhood Board Meeting ......................................... 6:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 20**
Sisterhood Needle Workers .......................................... 1:30 p.m.

**Thursday, November 22**
OFFICE CLOSED / THANKSGIVING DAY

**Friday, November 23**
OFFICE CLOSED
Shabbat Services ....................................................... 6:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, November 24
TOLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel..............................8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services ............................................................9:30 a.m.
Sisterhood Kiddush Luncheon ...................................... 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 27
TOLL: L’Chaim - Sharing Life’s Lessons .........................11:00 a.m.
Sisterhood Needle Workers..........................................1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 28
TOLL: “Good Ole Fashioned Bible Study”
       with Rabbi Siegel ...............................................11:00 a.m.
Kol Yeladim Religious School ..................................... 5:00 p.m.
Scholar-in-Residence Committee Meeting .......................7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 29
TOLL: Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel .........................10:30 a.m.

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

Kol Ami’s KAMEL Program

Sponsored by Ma’asim Tovim (Good Deeds) Committee, the Kol Ami Medical Equipment Loan (KAMEL) Program pairs up congregants who are willing to loan their currently unused medical equipment to other congregants who are in need of such equipment on either a short- or long-term basis.

If you have extra equipment (e.g., canes, walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs, grab bars, etc.) you are willing to lend, or if you would like to borrow equipment, please contact Ma’asim Tovim Chair, Sue Dvorchik at susiedv1@gmail.com or contact the Kol Ami office at (813) 962-6338.

We will try to make the “shidduch” (match)!
Cheshvan Yahrzeits
23 Joseph Rosenberg
Sophie Segel
24 Mary Zimmerman
David Caplin
25 Arthur Stein
Saly Finsterwald
Ralph R. Berger
Zsuszi Kalman
Rhonda Tiamfook
George Berger
26 Henry Taylor
Milton Herman
Evelyn Kirschenbaum
28 Reeva Flaxman
29 Lilian Bohorad
Allan Fox
Sarah Wishinsky
Bernard Spitz
30 Arthur Lesher
Kislev Yahrzeits
1 Gloria Aaron
2 Saul Arkin
Joan Caine

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 November Birthday / Anniversary Shabbat will be celebrated on Friday, November 16, at Shabbat services, starting at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to join us!

November Birthdays
2 Randi Piburn
5 Judith Goldberg
Wayne Greenberg
7 Nathan Goldman
Carol Lieber
8 Isabel Aarons
Cass Fisher
Jeffrey Fox
Robyn Jacobson
Michael Sinnreich
Joshua Stamps
11 Luisa Kattan
Bruce Shanker
Beverly Yeshion Roetter
12 Robert Karp
16 Pearlene Pearlstein
Galina Tashkouskaya
19 Debbie Gitomer
20 Richard Kanter
Jacqueline Levy
Randie Specter
21 Steven Baker
Alfredo Perez
22 Anita Altmann
Frank Entis
Lawrence Tirrell
12 Jennifer Flansburg
24 Maria Diaz
25 Maria Diaz
26 Howard Heidenberg
27 Rochelle Rudowsky
29 Sherry Blecher
30 Brian Broverman
Sam Goldberg
Mark Gleyzerman
Bennett Breger
18 Sara Kurjan
Edwin Strauss
Lilian Shur
Nathan Pearlman
19 Ruth Wolff
Gloria Fink
Joseph Alexander
Tzipora Berkovits
Sonia Katz
Marlene Rivkin Hyman
21 Sidney Lewis
Samuel Kalter
21 Deborah Rock Mann
Albert Goldsmith
22 Martin Fink
Eva Perlman
Hilda Gordon
Leon Ritter
Max Chesler
Sylvia Kaufman
Renee Emma Michel
Louis Kasoff
Marvin Kurjan
Mildred Lieberman
Bernard Greenspon
Stuart Botwinik

November Anniversaries
5 Moises & Luisa Kattan
6 Jody Sampson & Prakash Nair
7 Neil & Sari Solondz
10 Steve & Ellen Ehrenpreis
11 Jeffrey & Stacy Gad
15 Jordan & Machiko Peltz
17 Ethan & Janet Goldstein
19 Howard Heidenberg & Sandy Goodman
21 Steve & Jacki Permuth
22 Adam & Carrie Scheiner
24 Darin Blatt & Suzanne Strulowitz
Ephraim & Nancy Graff
Jeffrey & Jamie Krischer
25 Robert & Claudia Valins
Michael & Sharon Visher
26 Noah & Robyn Jacobson
27 David Berger & Lydia Abrams
28 Keith & Guenita Kanarek
30 Don Roetter & Beverly Yeshion Roetter
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.

Donate!
There are many ways to get involved in Congregation Kol Ami and making a donation is always a great way to support our Shul and the programs that we offer. You can now make your donations on-line using your credit card. To do so, go to: https://kolami.org/donate-payments.
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