The celebration of Hanukkah begins Sunday evening, December 2 at sundown. The holiday is associated with the famous “miracle of oil” story. Just enough oil for the ancient Temple menorah to be lit for one night lasted eight nights. In the Talmud, the school of Hillel entered into a debate with the school of Shammai: How should the Hanukiyah (Hanukkah menorah) be lit? Shammai argued we light 8 candles on the first night and to symbolize the steady decrease in oil, we light one less each night. Hillel argued we light one candle on the first night and an additional one each of the eight nights since the greatness of the miracle—the fact so little oil lasted so long-increased with each additional candle. Hillel won! He taught that Hanukkah is not about doing “less with more,” rather “more with less.”

My colleague and friend, Rabbi Jack Reimer, tells the following story: “On Nov. 18, 1995, Itzhak Perlman, the violinist, came on stage to give a concert at Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center in New York City. If you have ever been to a Perlman concert, you know that getting on stage is no small achievement for him. He was stricken with polio as a child, and so he has braces on both legs. Dust off your Hoverboards, tune up the DeLorean and set the Flux Capacitor! Stay tuned for more details for ways to become a sponsor for the evening and for ways to participate in making certain our silent auction is a great success. Be there or be square!
and walks with the aid of two crutches. To see him walk across the stage one step at a time, painfully and slowly, is an awe-some sight. He walks painfully, yet majestically, until he reaches his chair. Then he sits down, slowly, puts his crutches on the floor, undoes the clasps on his legs, tucks one foot back and extends the other foot forward. Then he bends down and picks up the violin, puts it under his chin, nods to the conductor and proceeds to play.

By now, the audience is used to this ritual. They sit quietly while he makes his way across the stage to his chair. They remain reverently silent while he undoes the clasps on his legs. They wait until he is ready to play.

But this time, something went wrong. Just as he finished the first few bars, one of the strings on his violin broke. You could hear it snap – it went off like gunfire across the room. There was no mistaking what that sound meant. There was no mistaking what he had to do.

People who were there that night thought to themselves: “We figured that he would have to get up, put on the clasps again, pick up the crutches and limp his way off stage – to either find another violin or else find another string for this one.”

But he didn’t. Instead, he waited a moment, closed his eyes and then signaled the conductor to begin again. The orchestra began, and he played from where he had left off. And he played with such passion and such power and such purity as they had never heard before.

Of course, anyone knows that it is impossible to play a sym-phonic work with just three strings. I know that, and you know that, but that night, Itzhak Perlman refused to know that. You could see him modulating, changing, recomposing the piece in his head. At one point, it sounded like he was de-tuning the strings to get new sounds from them that they had never made before.

When he finished, there was an awesome silence in the room. And then people rose and cheered. There was an extraordinary outburst of applause from every corner of the auditorium. We were all on our feet, screaming and cheering, doing everything we could to show how much we appreciated what he had done.

He smiled, wiped the sweat from his brow, raised his bow to quiet us, and then he said – not boastfully, but in a quiet, pen-sive, reverent tone -- “You know, sometimes it is the artist’s task to find out how much music you can still make with what you have left.”

What a powerful line that is. It has stayed in my mind ever since I heard it.
Message from the Rabbi
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And who knows? Perhaps that is the definition of life – not just for artists but for all of us. Here is a man who has prepared all his life to make music on a violin of four strings, who, all of a sudden, in the middle of a concert, finds himself with only three strings; so he makes music with three strings, and the music he made that night with just three strings was more beautiful, more sacred, more memorable, than any that he had ever made before, when he had four strings.

So, perhaps our task in this shaky, fast-changing, bewildering world is to make music, at first with all we have, and then, when that is no longer possible, to make music with what we have left."

Hag Hanukkah Sameyach,
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.

Byachad

By Avi Elias, President

With the arrival of December and the month of Kislev, we are in the final throes of preparing for the annual celebration of Chanukah – the celebration of rededicating the Temple by the Maccabees. At Kol Ami, we too are in the process of rededicating ourselves to our place where Judaism and Joy are one! We will be celebrating Chanukah as a community, followed by our annual gala – “L’Chaim to the Future!” We will be bringing our first rabbinc candidate to town to meet our Congregation and learn more about Tampa and Congregation Kol Ami – the first of several we hope to interview in person.

It is important that we take this annual opportunity to rededicate ourselves to that which we hold dear – our family, our Judaism, our spiritual home – Congregation Kol Ami. In doing so, we can reframe our cultural commitment to “L’Dor va’Dor” – from generation to generation – to ensure that Judaism and our spiritual home will pass from this generation to the next.

How you choose to reframe this commitment for you and your family can take many forms. Perhaps, it is volunteering your time to serve on a committee at Kol Ami. Perhaps, it is hosting “Guess Who’s Coming to Shabbas” dinner in your home to welcome people with whom you may not have a relationship, to begin the journey together. Perhaps, it is committing to making Shabbat a priority in your home.

It is also at this time of year, in the secular world, that we prepare for the New Year. It is an American tradition to make New Year’s resolutions. This year, let’s make these resolutions at Chanukah and rededicate ourselves to reconnecting with Judaism in a way we may have not done before or even finding a new piece of Judaism that we can add to our repertoire. Regardless of how you choose to rededicate yourself to your Judaism, it is a personal decision that only each of us can make.

By taking this opportunity to rekindle our connection to Chanukah and Judaism – beyond the economic stimulation this time of year gives to the retail sector – we will strengthen the bonds that hold our Congregation and the greater Tampa Jewish Community together. As we all know, united we stand, divided we will surely fall. With everything else going on in this world in the form of increased anti-Semitism and anti-Israel sentiments, it is imperative that we reconnect with our heritage and rededicate ourselves to perpetuating the Jewish Community for generations to come.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Congregation Kol Ami and my family, I hope that this Chanukah you and your family find only happiness, health, and prosperity that will carry you through 2019 and help you rededicate yourself to the Joy that only Judaism can bring to you and your family. May Hashem’s light shine upon you.

The Future is Here, We Are It!
Annual Congregational Hanukkah Party

Saturday, December 8
6:30 - 8:30pm

Join Congregation Kol Ami for a fun-filled celebration of the Festival of Lights! The fun begins outside as we light our GIANT Hanukiah. Then head indoors to spin the dreidel and eat delicious latkes to your hearts' content! Food, games, music, and dancing with family and friends - fun for everyone!

FREE EVENT - ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Please join us for the Lighting of the Kol Ami Menorah at these times:

Sunday
December 2
1st night of Hanukkah
Menorah Lighting
6:30 p.m.

Monday
December 3
2nd night of Hanukkah
Minyan & Menorah Lighting
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
December 4
3rd night of Hanukkah
Minyan & Menorah Lighting
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
December 5
4th night of Hanukkah
Minyan & Menorah Lighting
7:30 p.m.

Thursday
December 6
5th night of Hanukkah
Minyan & Menorah Lighting
7:30 p.m.

Friday
December 7
6th night of Hanukkah
Menorah Lighting
5:16 p.m.

Saturday
December 8
7th night of Hanukkah
Havdallah & Menorah Lighting
6:30 p.m.

Sunday
December 9
8th night of Hanukkah
Menorah Lighting
6:30 p.m.

Happy Hanukkah
5779 / 2018

May the warmth and glow of each candle you light make your heart and home happy and your Hanukkah bright!
SAVE THE DATE!
RABBI SEARCH WEEKEND

Rabbi Earl Kideckel
CANDIDATE FOR RABBI POSITION

Rabbi Earl Kideckel is a native of Toronto and a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Columbia University, where he earned bachelor degrees from both institutions, a master’s degree, Rabbinic Ordination and a Doctor of Divinity (honoris). He also holds a certificate in advanced pastoral counseling. During his career, Rabbi Kideckel has served congregations in Long Island, NY, Las Vegas and Boston. Throughout his career, Rabbi Kideckel has been involved in interfaith dialogue and programming. Rabbi Kideckel would like to thank Congregation Kol Ami for inviting both him and his wife, Lisa, to visit our congregation. They look forward to celebrating both Shabbat and Hanukkah with us!

12.7 - 12.9.18
Please come and welcome Rabbi Earl Kideckel to Congregation Kol Ami for the weekend!

FRIDAY
PIZZA & PJ SHABBAT 6PM
SERVICES 6:30PM

SATURDAY
TORAH STUDY 8:30AM
SERVICES 9:30AM
HANUKKAH PARTY 6:30PM

SUNDAY
MINYAN 8:30AM
Q&A 9:45AM
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 is January 25, 2019.

Email Jody Rappaport or Jennifer Zimmer at guesswhokolami@gmail.com for more information.
Facility Focus & Security Spotlight

By Mike Korenvaes, House Committee Chair, & Jon Zimmer, Security Chair

With the recent tragic events in Pittsburgh, everyone is a bit more on edge when it comes to security. At Kol Ami, we are blessed with a great slate of security volunteers and have an excellent working relationship with the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. Recently we were praised by the local law enforcement officials as “being way ahead” of other Houses of Worship when it comes to security procedures. That is a nice compliment, but there is always room for improvement. But as congregants, what can we do?

When you’re at Kol Ami attending services or another event, if there is a person(s) that you might not recognize and something may seem “off” in your mind, please let the security volunteer, the deputy on duty, Executive Director Mitch Weiss, BOT member on duty, or Rabbi Siegel know. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING! Don’t be shy to speak up. It may be nothing, but it is important to be aware of our surroundings.

The following are some excerpts from a recent article in the Washington Post:

Reported hate crimes in America rose 17 percent last year. The third consecutive year that such crimes increased, according to a newly released FBI data that showed an even larger increase in anti-Semitic attacks. Law enforcement agencies reported 7,175 hate crimes occurred in 2017, up from 6,121 in 2016.

Acting Attorney General Matthew G. Whitaker said the new figures are “a call to action-and we will need to call. The Department of Justice’s top priority is to reduce violent crime in America, and hate crimes are violent crimes. They are also despicable violations of our core values as Americans.”

Whitaker said he was “particularly troubled by the increase in anti-Semitic hate crimes,” which are already the most common type of religious hate crime in the United States. Anti-Semitic crimes rose 37 percent in 2017.

What is different here at Kol Ami, beyond all the security measures previously implemented? Listed below are only a few of the new programs that have been instituted, but we wanted to give you a sampling:

• We are in the process of adding 11 more exterior cameras to the 21 that are already in place. These cameras are monitored by staff, volunteers, deputy and a third party.
• Walkie talkies have been purchased for instant communication with the deputies on duty.
• Additional security walks around the property take place daily.
• We are in the process of completing the installation of our second Homeland Security Grant within the last 3 years.

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

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

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

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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:
Ashley Weinberger and her family on her becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
Jacob Chernin and his family on him becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
Ronna & Merv Hellman on the Birth of their third Great Grandchild, Hadley Handlovits.
Gwen & Matt Niehoff on the Birth of their Granddaughter, Emma Rylee Bryan.
Debbie Eisenstadt on the birth of her granddaughter, Mackenzie Elise Eisenstadt.

Hamakom Yinakhem, Condolences to:
Debby & Wayne Greenberg on the passing of her beloved mother, Mildred Weinberg Radin.
Judy Ranells & Paul Citrin on the passing of her beloved mother, Hannah Ranells.
Michael and David Glinter on the passing of their beloved mother, Paula Glinter.

L’Chaim to The Future
Sponsorships as of November 30, 2018
Sponsorships are still available.

DeLorean $1,800
Jeffrey & Stacy Gad /Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP

Jigowatt $720
Matthew & Carolyn Fink
Mark & Carol Jaffe
Helene & Leonard Marks
Gary & Lisa Teblum
David Pearlman & Deborah White

Hoverboard $180
Brotherhood
Jason & Elizabeth Broverman
Avi & Jackie Elias
Ephraim & Nancy Graff
Wayne & Debby Greenberg
Henry & Susan Hyatt
Mike & Cindy Korenvaes
Stu & Joann Marofsky
Matt & Gwen Niehoff
Dan & Phoebe Ochman
Bill & Sheri Peterson

McFly $360
Chavurah Shir L’Yar
Steve & Ellen Ehrenpreis
Edibles By Ethel
Rich & Mary Kanter
Jeff & Jamie Krischer
Carnot & Alice Nelson
Kalman & Ethel Pila
Marc & Terry Rosenwasser
Steve & Randie Specter
Sandy Wainberg
Max & Linda Zalkin

Steven & Erma Ruffkess
Judith Sachs
Prakash Nair & Jody Sampson
Adam & Carrie Scheiner
Ronald and Rita Schonwetter
Bill & Donna Wares
Mitch & Andrea Weiss
Michael Sinnreich & Kathryn Williams
Levi Zagelbaum

Miscellaneous
Rob Appel
Centennial Bank
Hillel Academy
Rina Donchin
Ilona Friedman
Merv & Ronna Hellman
Sam and Carol Weinstein
For more information on any TOLL classes, please call Kol Ami at 813-962-6338 or email frontoffice@kolami.org.

Shabbat in December

Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel
Saturdays, Dec. 1, 15, 22 & 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!

Tuesdays in December

L’Chaim - Sharing Life’s Lessons
Tuesdays, Dec. 4 & 11 at 11:00 a.m.
• Discussion topics vary with a different leader each week. Friendly group sharing our life’s lessons. Everyone is welcome.

Judaism 101 with Rabbi Siegel immediately followed by Beginning Hebrew
Tuesdays, Dec. 11 and 18 at 8:00 p.m.
• Everything you wanted to know about Judaism from birth to death, celebration to celebration, from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the modern State of Israel, and more! Each week will cover a new topic and discussion based on the text Living Judaism by Rabbi Wayne Dosick.

Wednesdays in December

“Good Ole Fashioned Bible Study” with Rabbi Siegel
Wednesdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19 & 26 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!

TOLL Book Club
Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jay Fink Library
• Judas by Amos Oz. A scintillating novel set in 1950s Jerusalem blends a tender coming-of-age story with a thought-provoking study of betrayal.

Thursdays in December

Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel
Thursdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20 & 27 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.
Recently I attended the Leadership Development Institute run by the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs. For an entire weekend, I was enveloped with FJMC training, joining about 90 men from around the country. I was in the Emerging Leader Track, spending time with other leaders, mostly all of whom were younger than me, being steeped in basic leadership training. I must admit that being my age I had experienced, decades ago, much of what was being transmitted.

The real treat for me was spending quality time with other Jewish men. The FJMC is an amazing organization, reinventing itself and teaching others how to do the same. We were a community of men with similar feelings that Men’s Club/Brotherhood is a community that has relevance to all Jewish men. I learned that all clubs have similar issues and challenges and that we at Kol Ami had, in the span of less than 2 years, developed solutions to issues with which others were still grappling. I also learned how far we still had to go. I experienced first-hand the value of the FJMC program, Hearing Men’s Voices, and the newly launched Peer to Peer Program. We also delved into the Pittsburgh tragedy. Hearing directly from men from that area brought home the value of Jewish men acting together in friendship. The Yellow Candle program is undergoing a change and its new focus and younger leadership will be evident within the year. There are a multitude of programs FJMC offers and men across the country only too happy to work with us to institute them. I began this experience as a stranger and ended it with a number of new friendships.

For all of you who have joined our Band of Brothers, I thank you. For those who have been hesitant, you don’t know what you are missing.

Join us as we move forward, bringing relationship building to the men of Kol Ami, enriching all our lives and learning things about ourselves and the impact we can have on our lives, our children’s lives, and those of general Jewish community, in Tampa and beyond.

B’Shalom, 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.
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 mothers 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.

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Congratulations & Mazel Tov to Cindy Korenvaes for being selected for the 2018 Bobbe Karpay Women of Distinction Award.

2018 Bobbe Karpay Women of Distinction Program
Tuesday, December 4
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Congregation Schaarai Zedek
3303 West Swann Avenue, Tampa

The Bobbe Karpay Women of Distinction Program, an annual event, honors twenty deserving women who represent over twenty Jewish organizations and congregations in the area. The women being honored have worked diligently in creating a long list of accomplishments.

This year’s featured keynote speaker is Sherre Hirsch, Rabbi and author of:

*We Plan, God Laughs: What to Do When Life Hits You Over the Head*

and

*Thresholds: How to Thrive Through Life’s Transitions to Live Fearlessly and Regret-Free.*

A dessert reception will follow the program.

For information contact Loni Lindsay at loni.lindsay@jewishtampa.com or 813.769.2802

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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.

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Please join us for our next Howard Kanter Kiddush Fund Luncheon on Saturday, December 15, 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, December 15. 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.

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!

Join us for our Pizza & PJ’s Shabbat Events
Fridays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
December 7
January 11, 2019
February 15
March 15
April 5

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!

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).

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A Friendly Reminder
Whenever we are in the sanctuary for services, please be reminded that we are live streaming and you can access the streaming from our website: www.kolami.org.
Oh Hanukkah, oh Hanukkah…It’s that time of year again! Latkes and sufganiyot for days!! It’s hard to even imagine eating so much after we stuffed ourselves with all that TURKEY! Before we can think about all that oil-based food, let’s look back at all the fun we had in November! We started off the month with Rabbi Siegel leading us in a “once in a lifetime” Genizah program. The students were introduced to our Genizah here at Kol Ami that has not been opened since 1994. They learned of the significance and purpose of this ritual. It was a wonderful educational opportunity for our 3rd through 12th grade students.

Our students also participated with Hillel Academy in making hearts for the Pittsburgh synagogue that was the target of anti-Semitic massacre. Hillel will be sending our hearts and all the others from the Tampa area to Pittsburgh to show our solidarity. In the wake of this tragedy, we have instituted some new security protocols for our school. We take the safety of our students very seriously. If you have any questions, please reach out to me or Abby with any questions or suggestions!

On a more pleasant note, we can’t wait to celebrate Hanukkah with our students on Wednesday, December 5, during Religious School. All ages are welcome. We will be lighting the Hanukkiah and there will be tons of fun station activities including: donut making, Sand Art, dreidel tournament, Hanukkah Melty Beads, Make Your Own Dreidel, performances from all our classes, and of course, Lots of Latkes!!! Hope to see you there.

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. There is still time to buy candles and cards to help raise money for our awesome basket!!! I'm very competitive… I want to get the largest donation for our basket! We can do this…. Please help us!!!

Upcoming Events
12/1………………Ashley Weinberger’s Bat Mitzvah
12/5………………Kol Yeladim School Hanukkah Party 5-7 p.m.
12/8………………Shabbat School - 6th & 7th Grades
12/8………………Congregational Hanukkah Party
12/14………………3rd & 4th Grade Class Shabbat
12/15………………Shabbat School - 6th & 7th Grades
12/16………………Academy 8th – 12th Grades
12/22………………Jacob Chernin’s Bar Mitzvah
12/23-1/6 ……No School (Winter Break)
1/9………………Religious School back in session

Wishing all a Happy Hanukkah with family & friends!

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Kids’ Konnections
By Jennifer Halls, Education Director

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.
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!

Kol Yeladim Religious School Invites You
3rd & 4th Grade Class Shabbat
Friday, December 14
6:30 pm

Join us for a very special Shabbat service led by Rabbi Siegel along with the 3rd & 4th grade class of Kol Yeladim Religious School. Show your support for our students as they receive a special gift in recognition of all of their hard work this year.

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Kol Yeladim Religious School Presents
Hanukkah Supplies
School Fundraiser!

**Wednesday, December 5th**

5:00 - 7:00 PM

JAFFE BOARD ROOM

Please send your RSVP to Jenn Halls at education@kolami.org
Ashley Weinberger

December 1, 2018 / 23 Kislev 5779

Ashley Weinberger is a 7th grader at Kol Yeladim Religious School and Martinez Middle School, where she is a violinist in the school orchestra. A self-described “funny, loud and caring” person, Ashley loves to dance and loves her dance friends. She loves dance so much that the person she would most like to meet is Elliana Walmsey, a young dance star from Lifetime’s Dance Moms reality show and Dancing with the Stars: Junior.

Ashley thinks she may someday become a forensic scientist, but in the meantime, the accomplishments so far she is most proud of are part of her mitzvah project. She raised $3,000 for the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation and Kids for the Cure.

Ashley’s favorite Jewish holiday is Passover because “I get to lead the seder and see all of my family.” She is thrilled to have family coming to her Bat Mitzvah from California, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia, Colorado, Georgia and Missouri, and Camp Coleman friends coming too. Mazel tov to Ashley!

Jacob Chernin

December 22, 2018 / 14 Tevet 5779

Jacob Chernin is a 7th grader at Benito Middle School and Kol Yeladim Religious School. A self-described smart, athletic and caring person, Jacob is also a huge technology nerd. He enjoys coding because “it’s a good feeling to see something you created work on its own.” When asked what talent he wished he had, Jacob wisely answered, “I have enough talents, why wish for something God didn’t give me.”

For his mitzvah project, Jacob raised money for The Rachel Project, in memory of his late friend Rachel Hatfield. In fact, Jacob feels his greatest achievement so far was to help build the butterfly garden at Hillel Academy that memorializes Rachel, without expecting anything in return.

Jacob has family and friends coming to watch as he becomes a bar mitzvah from around the country: Houston, Minnesota, Seattle, Georgia and all over Florida. Mazal tov to Jacob!

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 December are:

Citrus Park: December 6
Brandon: December 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.

David Pearlman
Financial Advisor

4030 Boy Scout Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33607
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Toll-free: 800-237-1274
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david.g.pearlman@wellsfargoadvisors.com
wfadvisors.com/david.g.pearlman
On November 4th, KAUSY and other Jewish teens from around Kol Ami gathered for fellowship, good times, and great food in our PJs. We kicked off the party with pancakes topped with all of the best toppings: chocolate chips, strawberries, blueberries, and bananas. We also made omelettes, played cards, played games, and laughed a lot. KAUSY was thrilled with the great turn out (over 16 participants!) and looks forward to many more successful upcoming events.

Boneem had a lot of fun at Movie Night at Rodeph Sholom and is looking forward to the Congregational Hanukkah party on Dec. 8th and Boneem Bowling event on Dec. 16th!

Kadima also enjoyed Movie Night at Rodeph Sholom and is excited for their Festival of Lights Hanukkah Party on Dec. 2nd, as well as the congregational Hanukkah Party.

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.
USY had a blast at their PJ brunch and attending RGBW –Regional General Board Weekend/ Young Leaders Convention. They are ramping up for their life-size Hanukkah Party where they will be playing larger than life-size games on Dec 9th.

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!

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.
**Saturday, December 1**

TOLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel ...................................................8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services (Bat Mitzvah of Ashley Weinberger) ..........................9:30 a.m.
Kiddush Luncheon in honor of
   Bat Mitzvah of Ashley Weinberger ........................................... 12:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 2**

HANUKKAH - FIRST NIGHT

Kol Yeladim Religious School .....................................................9:00 a.m.
Kol Yeladim School Board Meeting ..............................................9:30 a.m.
Kadima: Glow in the Dark Hanukkah Party .................................. 12:45 p.m.
Kol Ami Menorah Lighting ........................................................... 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, December 3**

HANUKKAH - 2nd NIGHT

Minyan and Kol Ami Menorah Lighting ........................................... 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 4**

HANUKKAH - 3rd NIGHT

TOLL: L’Chaim - Sharing Life’s Lessons ........................................ 11:00 a.m.
Sisterhood Needle Workers ......................................................... 1:30 p.m.
Women of Distinction Awards (Schaarai Zedek) ................................ 7:00 p.m.
Minyan and Kol Ami Menorah Lighting ........................................... 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 5**

HANUKKAH - 4th NIGHT

TOLL: “Good Ole Fashioned Bible Study”
   with Rabbi Siegel ........................................................................ 11:00 a.m.
Kol Yeladim Religious School ...................................................... 5:00 p.m.
Kol Yeladim Hanukkah Party ......................................................... 5:00 p.m.
Ritual Committee Meeting ........................................................... 6:00 p.m.
TOLL: Book Club ........................................................................... 7:00 p.m.
Minyan and Kol Ami Menorah Lighting ........................................... 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, December 6**

HANUKKAH - 5th NIGHT

TOLL: Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel ........................................... 10:30 a.m.
Jewish Heritage Hockey Night (Amalie Arena) ................................ 7:00 p.m.
Minyan and Kol Ami Menorah Lighting ........................................... 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, December 7**

HANUKKAH - 6th NIGHT

Rabbi Search Weekend with Rabbi Kideckel
Come Enjoy Shabbat Services with Rabbi Kideckel

Kol Ami Menorah Lighting ............................................................. 5:16 p.m.
Pizza and PJ Shabbat ..................................................................... 6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Services ........................................................................... 6:30 p.m.

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

**Saturday, December 8**  
**HANUKKAH - 7th NIGHT**  
**Rabbi Search Weekend with Rabbi Kideckel**  
Come Enjoy Shabbat Services with Rabbi Kideckel  
TOLL: Torah Study Session with Rabbi Kideckel ................. 8:30 a.m.  
Shabbat Services ............................................................ 9:30 a.m.  
Shabbat Religious School (6th & 7th Grades) .................. 9:30 a.m.  
Havdallah and Kol Ami Menorah Lighting ...................... 6:30 p.m.  
Congregational Hanukkah Party..................................... 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, December 9**  
**HANUKKAH - 8th NIGHT**  
**Rabbi Search Weekend with Rabbi Kideckel**  
Minyan ............................................................................. 8:30 a.m.  
Kol Yeladim Religious School .......................................... 9:00 a.m.  
Question & Answer Session with Rabbi Kideckel ............. 9:45 a.m.  
Congregation Discussion Session  
with Search Committee ............................................. 10:45 a.m.  
Rabbi Kideckel in Religious School ................................ 10:45 a.m.  
USY “Larger than Life” Hanukkah Party ......................... 12:45 p.m.  
Kol Ami Menorah Lighting ............................................ 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, December 10**  
Brotherhood Board Meeting .......................................... 6:45 p.m.  
Executive Committee Meeting ....................................... 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 11**  
TOLL: L’Chaim - Sharing Life’s Lessons ......................... 11:00 a.m.  
Sisterhood Needle Workers ............................................ 1:30 p.m.  
TOLL: Judaism 101 with Rabbi Siegel ............................. 8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 12**  
TOLL: “Good Ole Fashioned Bible Study”  
with Rabbi Siegel .................................................. 11:00 a.m.  
Kol Yeladim Religious School ........................................ 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 13**  
TOLL: Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel ......................... 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, December 14**  
Shabbat Services: 3rd & 4th Grade-Led Services  
(Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat) .................................... 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 15**  
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.  
L’Chaim to the Future: Annual Fundraising Gala .......... 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 16**  
Kol Yeladim Religious School ......................................... 9:00 a.m.  
Academy: (8th- 12th Grade) ......................................... 10:30 a.m.  
Chaverim & Boneem Bowling Event ............................. 1:00 p.m.  
Metropolitan Ministries Holiday Tent ......................... 4:00 p.m.

**Monday, December 17**  
Special Board of Trustees Meeting ......................... 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 18**  
Sisterhood Needle Workers ............................................ 1:30 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting ......................................... 7:30 p.m.  
TOLL: Judaism 101 with Rabbi Siegel ............................. 8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 19**  
TOLL: “Good Ole Fashioned Bible Study”  
with Rabbi Siegel .................................................. 11:00 a.m.  
Kol Yeladim Religious School ........................................ 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 20**  
TOLL: Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel ......................... 10:30 a.m.  
Board of Trustees Meeting ............................................ 7:30 p.m.

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

**Saturday, December 22**  
TOLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel .......................... 8:30 a.m.  
Shabbat Services  
(Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Chernin) ................................... 9:30 a.m.  
Kiddush Luncheon in honor of  
Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Chernin .................................. 12:00 p.m.

**Monday, December 25**  
OFFICE CLOSED

**Wednesday, December 26**  
TOLL: “Good Ole Fashioned Bible Study”  
with Rabbi Siegel .................................................. 11:00 a.m.

**Thursday, December 27**  
TOLL: Talmud Study with Rabbi Siegel ......................... 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, December 28**  
Shabbat Services ........................................................... 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 29**  
TOLL: Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Siegel .......................... 8:30 a.m.  
Shabbat Services ........................................................... 9:30 a.m.

**Monday, December 31**  
OFFICE CLOSED AT 3:00 PM: New Year’s Eve
Yahrzeits

Kislev Yahrzeits
24 Elaine Lenok
25 Joseph Adler
Leon Capeluto
26 Elise Wares
Harris Fromm
David Dalke
27 Telma Baratz
Sylvia Gildar
Marshall Chernin
Jack Joseph
28 Robert Willis
29 Samuel Arshawsky
Harold Kurjan
30 Joel Weinberger

Tevet Yahrzeits
1 Myron Lavine
Anna Sprinczeles
Max Nelson
Ronnie Rudowsky
Martin Ruffkess
2 Stella A. Ramer
Howard Kanter
Solly Kramer

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 December Birthday / Anniversary Shabbat will be celebrated on Friday, December 14, at Shabbat services, starting at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to join us!

Kislev Birthdays
Leon Paul Singer
Rose Ward
Benjamin Gordon
Moses Entis
Ruth Darrow
4 Gerald M. Levenson
Maralene Kaplan
Marvin Wishinsky
William White
5 Joseph Adler
Benjamin Gordon
Moses Entis
Ruth Darrow
6 Elise Wares
Harris Fromm
David Dalke
Sylvia Gildar
Marshall Chernin
Jack Joseph

December Birthdays
1 Recia Richman
2 Alan Daniels
Patricia Weinberger
3 Lillian Halls
Gabriel Katz
Ronnie Stone Everson
4 Sheila Vider
Max Weiner
5 Max Weiner
Marcy Kelser Fries
6 Ellesheva Solomon
Robert Valins
Ariel Horowitz
Lisa Weinberger

Rita Schonwetter
Joseph Tarica
Judith Rosenblatt
Shoshanna Shor
Yonatan Wasser
Judy Zaritt
Avi Elias
Marsha Fisher
Marilyn Perlman
Hannah Friedman
Brenda Dunayer
Gregory Baker
Daniel Ochman
Zachary Ruby
Alexander Vinokurov

15 Joseph Tarica
16 Reva Pearlstein
17 Joseph Benjamin
18 Hava Goldstein
19 Henryetta Whitehorn
20 Jack Darrow
Lila Sampson
Sylvia Pearlman
Rebbetzin Rose Adler
21 Sheryl Bobo
Darren Kasenetz
Rita Schonwetter
22 Aaron Scheiner
Lauren Billington
Talia Walsh
23 Philip Botwinik
Maura Astra
24 Jared Goldstein
David Piburn
25 Sheldon Abramson
Mike Kornvaes
26 Wrenna Gaffney
27 Benjamin Zaritt
Nancy Graff
28 Cory Doliner
Carole Tarica
29 Mervin Hellman
Beverly Fink
Alan Cousin
Alain Cohen
30 Eric Piburn
Alan Cohen
31 Miriam Wallach
Mark Jaffe
Edith Perez
Donations

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

IN MEMORY OF
Father, Joseph Silverman
By Susan & Henry Hyatt
Father, Samuel Zichlin
By Jack Zichlin
Mother, Helen Mackler
By Harvey Mackler
Stepmother, Leah Abramson
By Marilyn & Gil Weisman
Brother, Scott A. Mackler
By Harvey Mackler
Daughter, Carol Ann Roth
By Harvey Mackler
Father, Sidney Lewis
By Marsi & Larry Herman

Allan Fox Fund

IN HONOR OF
Leah Avigail
By Dani & Tammy Denney
Ronna & Merv Hellman on the birth of their third Great Grandchild, Hadley
By Brian & Sheila Shaw

IN MEMORY OF
Husband, Allan Fox
By Ronna Hellman
Father, Henry Taylor
By Ronna Hellman
Father, Arthur Stein
By Sharon & Jeffrey Fox
Father, Allan Fox
By Jeffrey & Sharon Fox
Ruth Arnovitz, Aunt of Ronna Hellman
By Brian & Sheila Shaw
Mildred Weinberg Radin, Mother of Debby Greenberg
By Ronna & Merv Hellman

Endowment Fund

IN MEMORY OF
Aunt, Betty Medoff
By Lisa & Gary Teblum
Mother, Ethel Goldsmith
By Lisa & Gary Teblum
Grandfather, Joseph Rosenberg
By Gary & Lisa Teblum
Manny Donchin, Husband of Rina Donchin
By Mike & Cindy Korenvaes
Father, Isidore Blitt
By Cindy & Mike Korenvaes
Mildred Weinberg Radin, Mother of Debby Greenberg
By Cindy & Mike Korenvaes
Father, Albert Goldsmith
By Lisa & Gary Teblum

General Fund

IN HONOR OF
The occasion of Jason Fink’s Bar Mitzvah
By Sheila & Brian Shaw
Zara Kattan’s Birthday
By Moises & Luisa Kattan
Jack Rudowsky, 8 Over 80 Award
By Sheri & Bill Peterson
Carol & Joe Tarica
Ted & Dolores Sheps
Cindy & Mike Korenvaes
David Zohar, 8 Over 80 Award
By Sheri & Bill Peterson
Rich & Mary Kanter in honor of Lila Agliata’s Bat Mitzvah
By Carol & Mark Jaffe

Howard Kanter Kiddush Fund

GET WELL WISHES TO:
Steve Lieber
By Rich & Mary Kanter

IN MEMORY OF
Mildred Weinberg Radin, Mother of Debby Greenberg
By Rich & Mary Kanter

Jay Fink Library Fund

IN HONOR OF
The occasion of Jason Fink’s Bar Mitzvah
By Mike & Cindy Korenvaes
Jeff & Jamie Krischer

IN MEMORY OF
Brother, Donald Schul
By Beverly Fink
Father, William B. Karp
By Robert & Mariela Karp
Mother-In-Law, Gloria Fink
By Beverly Fink

Judith R. Sobel Adult Ed/Ritual Endowment Fund

IN HONOR OF
Ron & Cindy Schiff on the Aufruf of their daughter, Tammy Schiff & Justin Aronstein
By Bill & Sheri Peterson
Cindy Korenvaes, Women of Distinction Award
By Sheri & Bill Peterson

IN MEMORY OF
Manny Donchin, Husband of Rina Donchin
By Bill & Sheri Peterson
Frank & Shirley Entis
Father, Michael Rimoin
By Frank & Shirley Entis
Father, Mark Gleyzerman
By Alexander & Nelly Vinokurov

December Anniversaries

2 Larry & Susan Leibowitz
3 Wayne & Debby Greenberg
5 Stuart & Joann Marofsky
6 Steve & Denise Freedman
12 Paul & Judith Citrin
17 Myron & Marsha Fisher
19 Alan & Abby Salem-Goldman
24 Lloyd & Patti Morgenstern
25 Joel & Sylvia Levy
26 William & Sheri Peterson
27 Michael & Kathryn Sinnreich
28 Steven & Enid Gildar
29 Boris & Maya Goldgof
30 Mical & Karla Solomon

(December Donations continued on next page)
**Donations (cont’d)**

**Landscaping Fund**
**IN HONOR OF**
Cindy Korenvaes, Women of Distinction Award  
*By Richard & Bonnie Hoffman*

**Larry Wasser Fund**
**IN MEMORY OF**
Mildred Weinberg Radin, Mother of Debby Greenberg, May her memory be for blessing  
*By Marilyn & Alan Daniels*

**Ma’asim Tovim Fund**
**IN HONOR OF**
Ephraim & Nancy Graff on the birth of their Grandson, Jonah  
*By Mike & Cindy Korenvaes*

**IN MEMORY OF**
Cousin, Marlene Rivkin Hyman  
*By Debby & Wayne Greenberg*

Mildred Weinberg Radin, Mother of Debby Greenberg  
*By Sue & Barry Dvorchik  
Gwen & Matt Niehoff  
Rina Donchin*

**Mike Eisenstadt Simcha Fund**
**IN HONOR OF**
The Caine family on the Bar Mitzvah of David Caine  
*By Dan & Phoebe Ochman*

**IN MEMORY OF**
Mother, Tzipora Berkovits  
*By Michael Berkovits*

**Nicole Kleban Fund**
**IN MEMORY OF**
Mother, Tilly Simon  
*By Arthur & Janet Simon*

Mildred Weinberg Radin, Mother of Debby Greenberg  
*By Carol & Sam Weinstein*

**Prayer Book Fund**
**IN MEMORY OF**
Grandmother, Bryna Wise  
*By Nathan Pearlman*

Father, Edwin Strauss  
*By Beverly & Michael Stevens*

Manny Donchin, Husband of Rina Donchin  
*By Marc & Terry Rosenwasser*

Mildred Weinberg Radin, Mother of Debby Greenberg  
*By Marc & Terry Rosenwasser  
Steven & Gail Baker  
Marc & Sheryl Tindell*

**Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Fund**
**IN MEMORY OF**
Manny Donchin, Husband of Rina Donchin  
*By Wayne & Debby Greenberg*

**School Fund**
**IN HONOR OF**
Carol Lieber’s Birthday  
*By Stephen & Phyllis Hillinger*

Gwen & Matt Niehoff on the birth of their Granddaughter  
*By Jamie & Jeff Krischer*

Cindy Korenvaes, Women of Distinction Award  
*By Jamie & Jeff Krischer*

**GET WELL WISHES TO:**
Steven Lieber’s Speedy Recovery  
*By Stephen & Phyllis Hillinger*

**IN MEMORY OF**
Mother, Etta Scheier  
*By Roslyn Lieberman*

Mildred Weinberg Radin, Mother of Debby Greenberg  
*By Jamie & Jeff Krischer*

**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)!

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

**Yahrzeit Memorial Fund**
**IN MEMORY OF**
Father, Saul Arkin  
*By Marshall & Beth Arkin*

Mildred Weinberg Radin, Mother of Debby Greenberg  
*By Bonnie & Richard Hoffman*

Grandfather, Leon Ritter  
*By Sylvia Richman & Marv Halem*

Mother, Anne Lewis  
*By Marsy & Larry Herman*

Father, Milton Herman  
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