Beginnings can be hard. There are unknown expectations. There are countless questions to ask and to answer…. And more questions will arise from those questions and answers. One might not know how or where to begin. There are the worries of what will go right or wrong and how to get back on track when you haven’t stayed on the right path.

I think the key to making a beginning not be so hard is to return to the reason you are starting something new in the first place. Why is it we are trying something new? What is our goal in this new start? What are we trying to accomplish? Sometimes we need to return over and over again to help steer us in the right direction. By returning to the beginning, we learn more about ourselves and what will help us to be successful. This is not a foreign idea – when we’ve lost something, we retrace our steps. When we try to recall a memory or gain understanding of a new subject, we start from the beginning of the story or explanation. We search our own hearts as we attempt to make t’shuva, repentance (though literally, it means to return) beginning in Elul and leading up to Rosh Hashanah.

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Message from the Rabbi  
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This is where I (re)turn to our texts for assurance and guidance. We read in Pirkei Avot 5:22:

הָּב אָּלֹכְּד ,הָּּב ְךֹפֲהַו הָּּב ְךֹפֲה ,רֵמוֹא גַּב גַּב ןֶּב

Ben Bag Bag said: Turn it over, and again turn it over, for all is in it.

Of course, what Ben Bag Bag is referring to here is Torah. What he is teaching is that we should continually be (re)looking at our sacred texts and the more we return to them, the more answers we will find. Our understanding of Torah can change each time we explore it as well. We begin the Torah anew each year in order to find pieces we may have missed, to learn interpretations we have not seen before. Each time we read the Torah, it may speak to us differently - bringing new meaning and new depth.

The more we turn, look, and explore all of our own stories, the more we learn about each other as well. In our new beginning together, I look forward to hearing your story - how you came home to Congregation Kol Ami, where you are in your journey, and what inspires you each and every day. I hope that in sharing your stories, it will also be a chance for you to revisit fond memories and connections. I am excited to hear your perspective on our kehillah, its mission, and its values, in order to inform my understanding of the history, the current state, and the future of our community.

Request from Rabbi Blatt

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.

Join us for Rabbi Blatt’s First Shabbat at Kol Ami

Friday, August 2:
Shabbat Services at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 3:
Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Blatt at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 3:
Shabbat Services at 9:30 a.m. followed by Howard Kanter Kiddush Luncheon at 12:00 pm
I would like to dedicate this month’s article to…Tomorrow.

As I find myself out and about in the Tampa Bay community, I have never been prouder to be a member of this special Kehillah. There is a genuine energy both inside and outside the walls of Congregation Kol Ami as we head into tomorrow. This is our time to shine. I felt this even more deeply as a result of the Eit Ratzon Program in New York that Rabbi Blatt and I attended in June. I could literally write four months of ChaiLites articles to describe the experience. I will instead list my top moments:

1. **S.W.O.T Analysis** – This was an opportunity for Rabbi Blatt and I to identify (separately at first, and then jointly) the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to Kol Ami. It was amazing how insightful Rabbi Blatt was and how many of our responses were similar.

2. **Elements of a Successful Change Process** – I’ll summarize this by saying that evolutionary change is better than revolutionary change. It is OK for change to take time. Both Rabbi Blatt and I agreed that change will come over time and not overnight.

3. **Negotiating Expectations** – We spent some time talking through Kol Ami’s priorities. They include introducing Rabbi Blatt to Kol Ami and building relationships; implementing the work of the Recharge Committee, specifically, mission/vision/values; engaging young families; and building long-term davening/laining processes.

4. **Feedback** – We must be able to receive feedback from you, our congregants, as to how we are doing. You are critical to the process and we are working on ways to give everyone the appropriate outlet to share their positive and constructive thoughts. It is essential that this be done in the most Jewish way possible. I am imploring each of you to provide your feedback for YOUR experiences to our Transition Committee. We will not accept comments that “so and so” said this or felt that. The comments must come directly from the source; otherwise, it just becomes Lashon HaRah. Your understanding here is appreciated!

To close, I think it is critical to remember our past as part of our planning for tomorrow. Let us always remember that we have a rich history as a 40+ year old Conservative synagogue in North Tampa. It is with that tradition that we enter tomorrow. We should be ready to learn from the lessons of the past and be prepared to move forward. Has the leadership made prior mistakes? Has our staff made prior mistakes? Have we made prior mistakes? Of course, as humans, we know the answer to this is yes. Let us all take a moment and acknowledge that HaYom is a critical time for Jews around the world. Now is the time for us to be “B’Yachad.” Now is the time for us to forgive previous sins. At the end of the day, as Jews, the expression “don’t sweat the small stuff” has never been more relevant. Our survival tomorrow requires nothing less.

B’yachad, David Pearlman
Meet our new Rabbi, Rabbi Rachel Blatt!

Sunday, August 18
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Meet the Kol Ami Family and ALL our committees.

Enjoy hot dogs, fruit, cookies & more.

Sign up for one of the Youth Groups: USY, Kadima, Boneem or Chaverim.

Visit the Kol Ami Kid’s Corner.

Bring your friends and join in all the fun and games.

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Religious School begins Sunday, August 18th, at 9:00 a.m.
Please join us for our next Howard Kanter Kiddush Fund Luncheon on Saturday, August 3. These complimentary luncheons are catered by Nosh Caterers and are also open to non-members in the greater Jewish Community.

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

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

Your extra donations (in addition to your usual contributions to Kol Ami) 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, August 3. 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.

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

- Denise Freedman
- Steven Specter
- Susan Leibowitz
- Martha Birnbaum
- Barbara Freedland
- David Caine
- Amy Wasser
- Craig Kalter

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

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**WE NEED TORAH READERS**

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or contact the office at 813-962-6338

And don’t forget, Torah Trope classes are being offered every Tuesday in August.

- August 6, 13, 20 & 27
- 7:30pm - 8:45pm
- In The Library

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**Thank you to Lea Visher and Miriam Hinds for helping out in the synagogue office during the summer. Your help was very much appreciated!!**

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**Howard Kanter Kiddush Fund Luncheon**

*August Candle Lighting Times*

- August 2: 8:00 p.m.
- August 9: 7:55 p.m.
- August 16: 7:49 p.m.
- August 23: 7:42 p.m.
- August 30: 7:34 p.m.

**August Torah Portions**

- August 3: Matot-Masei
- August 10: Devarim
- August 17: Vaetchanan
- August 24: Eikev
- August 31: Re’eh

**Weekly Service Schedule**

- Friday Evenings: 6:30 p.m.
- Shabbat Mornings: 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Minyan: 9:15 a.m.
- Mon. - Thurs. Minyanim: 7:30 p.m.
**House Highlights**

This summer we are painting the exterior of our entire synagogue as well as the three metal benches at the Chapel and Sanctuary entrances.

The Decorating Committee digitalized the pictures of our Confirmation students through the years. They will be hanging in the long hallway by the end of the summer. Come take a look!

Two Heather Oak trees were removed: one on the south side of the property and the other outside the southeast Sanctuary window. They were no longer stable and had to be cut down.

In the month of July, we did the following:

- Inspected and repaired the total irrigation system.
- Removed dead bushes and trimmed back bushes on the outside of the black fence.
- Purchased 125 bushes.
- Removed all the leaves and debris from under the bushes and around fence line.
- Rented an auger and cored/dug 125 holes.
- Planted 125 new bushes.

A special thank you to Amy Feder-Binder for her leadership on this project and the Chai Guys.

**Future Projects**

- Upgrading the amphitheater seating that our school uses in the east yard.
- Powerwashing the Nicole Kleban Memorial Garden.
- Repairing some of the edges of the various garden areas.

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**Security Spotlight**

*by Jon Zimmer*

We are in the process of completing the last item for our 2017-2019 Grant. We have completed and sent in our 2019-2021 Grant application to Homeland Security. We expect to hear the results in late August or September.

New surveillance signage has been added to our fence line.

Last month, a security subcommittee consisting of Mike Korenvaes, Darren Kasenetz, Marc Tindell, and David Horwitz, along with Kol Ami Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office liason, Chris DePolis, met to discuss “tabletop scenarios” and devise an emergency plan for the various type of potential incidents that could occur at Kol Ami. These incidents include (G-d forbid) an active shooter, a medical emergency, a lost child, and more. We are making progress and will have a full emergency plan very soon!

I came across this article from JTA (Jewish Telegraph Agency) regarding what other synagogues are doing for active shooter preparation since the horrible massacres at Pittsburgh and Poway, CA and found it of interest to share.

After a span of eight months that included shootings at two synagogues, in Pittsburgh and Poway, California, congregations across the country are actively drilling their members on how to act if the terror arrives at their doorstep. Some, like Beth Hillel-Beth El, have run active shooter scenarios during services. Others have detailed plans in place should a shooting occur. Others have trained a group of congregants in how to fight gunmen when they come through the door.

The active shooter drills complement a range of other security measures that congregations have adopted since the Pittsburgh massacre, in which a gunman killed 11 worshippers in October, 2018. They have ranged from locking doors and reinforcing windows to hiring armed security. Some congregations have encouraged members to carry handguns at services, while others have installed new restrictions on carrying guns in shul.

“People very rarely rise to the occasion” in the event of a mass shooting, said Michael Masters, executive director of the Secure Community Network, an umbrella organization that provides guidance to Jewish institutions on security procedures. “They fall back to their level of training. Our goal is to give people a plan in their minds so that if an event happens, they have a toolbox they can draw from effectively.”

The active shooter trainings often follow the

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**Thank You to our Awesome Chai-Guys!**

Thank you to Aaron Binder, Amy Feder-Binder, Ari Horowitz, Mike Korenvaes, Al Lenok, Cindy Schiff, Ron Schiff, Marc Tindell, and Mitch Weiss.

On Sunday, July 21, they planted 125 bushes, fertilized, fixed sprinkler heads, helped make the minyan, and made our beloved Synagogue even more beautiful than before. They are truly a special group.
mantra of “run, hide, fight,” which means to choose one of those three options and commit to it — either running to a safe place, hiding somewhere secure or fighting the gunman. As the congregants at Beth Hillel-Beth El filed through an exit at the front of the sanctuary, opposite the doors, ushers locked the main entrance and triggered a silent alarm to the police.

The trainings complement active shooter drills that have been taking place for years at schools, including Jewish ones. Beth Hillel-Beth El’s preschool has been running active shooter drills since at least 2013. Because the kids range from infants to kindergarteners, sometimes keeping them quiet during the drill means hugging them or giving them lollipops.

“It not only makes it less scary to be playing the games, but it keeps their mouths active,” said Judith Scarani, the temple’s early childhood center director. “They’re kind of muted by the lollipops.”

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 months of June and July.

Darren Kasenetz
Jon Zimmer
Mario Rodriguez
Gary Teblum
Marc Tindell
Mike Korenvaes

Security Spotlight
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Shabbat in August

Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Blatt
Saturdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
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 August

L’Chaim: Sharing Life’s Lessons
August 20 & 27 at 11:00 a.m.
in the Jaffe Board Room

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

Torah Trope Class
Tuesdays, August 6, 13, 20 & 27
from 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. in the library

- Have you always wanted to learn to chant Torah? Is your child having a B’nai Mitzvah this year and you would like to chant a portion? Ethel Pila is teaching this beginners Torah reading class.

TOLLL Book Group
Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m.
in the library

- A Bride for One Night by Ruth Calderone

- This is Ruth Calderone’s first book translated into English. In this book, the author rewrites Talmudic tales as richly imagined fiction, drawing us into the lives of Talmudic characters. This offers a surprising and provocative read for anyone familiar with the Talmud or interested in one of the most influential works of Jewish literature.

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 August are:

Citrus Park: August 8
Brandon: August 15

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.
My husband and I arrived in Tampa a year and a half ago to begin the empty-nester phase of our lives. Once we settled into our new home, we started searching for our other new home – namely, our shul. This choice was easy because walking into Kol Ami was beshert. Our joy at experiencing a familiar and meaningful Shabbat was outdone by the warmth with which we were welcomed.

We soon met many wonderful people who encouraged us to share our ideas and experiences, and to become actively involved. This past year, I was fortunate to have been Torah Fund President and Sisterhood President Elect, as well as a member of the Scholar-in-Residence Committee, Social Action Committee, and the annual Hadassah Gala Committee. In my spare time, I am a substitute teacher in Hillsborough County schools.

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In addition, I’m blessed to have four wonderful children and two beautiful grandchildren.

I suppose that this is the part where I introduce myself. Growing up in Brooklyn and raising a family in Boca Raton, is it possible to be more deeply rooted in traditional Jewish culture? Over the years, I have been a member of Orthodox and Conservative congregations. While I enjoy and feel comfortable in both, I am uplifted every Shabbat when both boys and girls lead services and read Torah.

I am honored to be serving as our new Sisterhood President. A number of you have told me that it’s an easier job than I think; all you do is delegate. Well, that is only true if you have really good people to whom to delegate; Fortunately, I have a Sisterhood Board that is filled with amazing women with lots of drive, creativity, and insight. Also, it doesn’t hurt that our Sisterhood is already on such a good course. While Sisterhood is open to all the women of Kol Ami and the local Jewish community, I would like to encourage greater participation and inclusiveness.

Finally, I would like to thank our Past President, Cindy Korevaes, for her six years of strong leadership and selfless service. Our Sisterhood is vibrant and successful because of her efforts. She is really amazing and knows how to effectively manage everything. She is a great mentor, and it has been fun spending time with her at all sorts of Sisterhood and Kol Ami events this year.

I will endeavor to continue improving our programming, synagogue support, and community outreach that is the hallmark of our Sisterhood. I am especially excited to have Rabbi Rachel Blatt as a distinguished advisor and counsel.

Kol Tuv, Roberta
From every ending comes a new beginning

As the summer winds down, we get ready for the new school year (not to mention the first day of Kol Yeladim Religious School), and we plan and prepare for the High Holidays, which are just around the corner; now seems like the right time to review what the Brotherhood has been up to these last few months and what we have planned for the near future.

We ended the congregational calendar year with our Annual Kol Ami Picnic, which was well attended and lots of fun for everyone – children and adults alike – as they enjoyed plenty of summertime foods, drinks, games and even an inflatable water slide. Thank you and a hearty yasher koach to all of the Sisterhood and Brotherhood volunteers who made this year’s picnic such a wonderful success!

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Brotherhood held its second annual Cigars and Spirits event at Davidoff of Geneva, where we filled the private room to capacity. We enjoyed several excellent bourbon whiskies and imported cigars, relaxed and had a lot of fun together, but most importantly, we got to spend some quality time reconnecting with old friends, meeting new friends, and bonding as Brotherhood members. Needless to say, all who attended had a fantastic time. Thanks to Jon Zimmer (our President-Elect) and Darren Kasenetz (our Social Chair) for helping to make this year’s event a huge success (again).

We also had a terrific turnout and a great time at Tropicana Stadium on June 2nd for Jewish Community Day at the Tampa Bay Rays game against the Minnesota Twins. Although we all got very excited by the 8th inning when the Rays finally tied it up, sadly, we lost 9 to 7. Oh well, you win some, you lose some, but we still had fun. GO RAYS!

From July 3rd to July 7th, Jon and I attended our first ever International Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs (FJMC) Convention in Toronto in 2019. We feel very fortunate to have been able to go and represent the FJMC Florida Region, along with 6 other great guys from Conservative congregations around the state who quickly became our friends, mentors and brothers. Over 350 men from Brotherhods and Men’s Clubs from around the U.S. and Canada convened at the beautiful Westin Harbour Castle Hotel for five days of Jewish learning and worship, leadership training, club development, networking, fellowship, fun, and RUACH!

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You have not seen ruach until you’ve seen 350 grown men singing the Bir'kat HaMazon (at full volume), pounding the tables, and waving their respective club’s “Ruach Rag” (think Pittsburgh Steelers Terrible Towel) while standing on their chairs. Incredible! I want to thank Barry Dvorchik, our Immediate Past-President, for pushing to make our Brotherhood a member club of the FJMC, which has not only made us aware that we are part of something much greater than ourselves, but has also enabled us to benefit from all that the FJMC has to offer Men’s Clubs and Brotherhood members and the whole Conservative/Masorti Movement around the world.

If you haven’t noticed, the summer months can be relatively quiet at Kol Ami, so we thought we’d offer a couple of opportunities to socialize and have some fun. First, on Sunday, July 28th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:45pm, we were at the Brass Tap (in Carrollwood) for Sunday Funday & Yappy Hour. Second, on Thursday, August 22nd at 8:00 p.m., come join us for Karaoke Night at O’Brien’s Irish Pub (also in Carrollwood). You won’t want to miss this one, and don’t forget to bring your best singing voice and courage (of course, “liquid courage” will be in ample supply!).

Be sure to come to Shabbat services on Saturday, August 10th, and stay afterwards for a very special Kiddush luncheon to welcome Rabbi Rachel Blatt and her family into our Kol Ami family. Brotherhood and Sisterhood are working closely together as co-sponsors to make sure that Rabbi Rachel and her family feel welcome and at home in our kehillah kedoshah. We would love to have your help. Please contact either me or Roberta Baer (Sisterhood President) if you are able to volunteer to help make this a special and memorable event for the Rabbi and her family.

Last, but not least, please come out for our annual Kol Ami Kick-Off/Open House on Sunday, August 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and be sure to stop by the Brotherhood table where you can learn all about the many wonderful programs, support services, and special events we offer to the men of Kol Ami and to our synagogue community. Oh, and don’t forget to bring your checkbook so you can join or renew your membership, if you have not already done so by then. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

L’shalom, in brotherhood,
Mario
It seems like we just finished school a few weeks ago but here we are gearing up for the 2019-2020 Religious School year!! I hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer and feel refreshed as we soon enter the year 5780! Abby Salem-Goldman and I have been working to make this year spectacular! I had the pleasure of spending three weeks in Israel studying at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. It was an absolutely amazing experience and I can’t wait to share all that I have learned with all our students and teachers! Abby attended the annual Coalition for Advancement of Jewish Education Conference (CAJE) in Portland, Oregon and has brought back some amazing new ideas to focus on and develop further for this year! We are so excited to spend this year with your children helping them build their Jewish identity though learning, hands-on activities, and of course, FUN!

We have been working hard during the summer to create a fun, engaging, and educational year. We have added two fabulous new teachers to our school this year. Please help us welcome Dena Fields, and our congregant, Lynn Chernin, to our team! Our returning teachers include Lauren Dunayer, Jennifer Flansburg, Michael Sinnreich, and MK Williams. And of course, we could not teach our PreK and Kindergarten kiddos without the fabulous Esther Rattes as our Madrich. Abby and I are looking forward to a wonderful 5780!

Our Artist-in-Residence program is alive and well. If you have a special skill that you are willing to volunteer to bring to our students, WE NEED YOU!!!! We will continue with our cooking programs, arts and crafts, Krav Maga, Laugh Yoga, technology and more! If you would like to bring your special skill to Kol Yeladim, please reach out to Abby or me!

School begins on August 18, 2019 promptly at 9:00 a.m. We will have class and a parent meeting until 11:00 a.m. You will have an opportunity to meet your child’s teachers as well as mingle and meet other parents in our school. Kol Ami’s Annual Open House Kick-Off will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. We are looking forward to a fantastic year! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions, have a name suggestion for our news network, or would like to volunteer for our Artist-in-Residence program!

**Upcoming Events**
- 8/4 Teacher Planning Session
- 8/4 Kol Yeladim School Board Meeting
- 8/16 Family and Musical Shabbat Service
- 8/18 First Day Kol Yeladim Religious School
- 8/18 Open House / Kick-Off Event
- 8/25 B’nai Mitzvah Class Pictures
- 9/8 First Day of Academy classes (8-12th grades)
Kol Yeladim Religious School Registration for the 2019-20 School Year

Registration is open now! School starts on August 18.

Pre-K - 2nd Grade
Sundays: 9am - 12:30pm

3rd - 7th Grade
Sundays: 9am - 12:30pm
Wednesdays: 5pm - 7pm
*Grades 6-7 attend Saturday Shabbat School 2x Month

8th - 12th Grade
Academy 1x Month & Confirmation 2x Month
Sunday: 10:30am - 11:30am

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

Congregation Kol Ami is now proud to offer a complimentary, 1-year membership to non-affiliated JCC & Hillel families!
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Thank you for helping to provide essential services to those in our community who need it most. For more information about the TJFS Community Food Bank, contact Lea Merrill Davidson-Bern, Food Bank Director and Volunteer Coordinator, at 813-960-1848.

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Tikkun Hayam: Repair the Sea

SAVE THE DATE:
REVERSE TASHLICH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019
TIME & LOCATION TBD

It is customary on Rosh HaShanah to go to a body of water and symbolically cleanse ourselves by casting our sins into the water. “Reverse Tashlich” is the meaningful experience of reversing the process of Tashlich and removing human “sins” from the water.

Stay tuned for more information on how to get involved!

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Congregation Kol Ami is proud to announce that Abby Salem-Goldman is our new Youth Director. Many of you know Abby from her roles as our past Youth Advisor and teacher, and currently as our Assistant Director of Education for our Kol Yeladim Religious School, as well as her work in our front office. At right, you will find her full biography.

Please join me in welcoming Abby to this very important role in our community. Mazel Tov, Abby!

L’Shalom,
David Berger, Youth Chair

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Meet Abby Salem-Goldman, our new Youth Director

Born and raised in Tampa, FL, Abby has been involved in Tampa Bay’s Jewish Community from the time of her early childhood. Having attended Hillel Academy (then Hillel Jewish Day School) through 6th grade and countless summers at the JCC, Abby developed a love and joy for her Jewish faith at a young age. She received a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry from the University of Miami, where she was an active participant and service leader at the on-campus Hillel — and where she met her loving husband, Alan Goldman, at a Friday night Shabbat! They have been married since 2015 and are proud pet parents of 2 cats and 1 dog.

Abby has always been passionate about helping others and began to develop her leadership skills at the University as a Peer-Educator, Student Volunteer, and Vice President of APO – a national, co-ed fraternity based on the founding principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service. She quickly realized that despite her interest in the biological sciences, her true calling was in service to others.

Shortly after moving back to Tampa, Abby began working at Kol Ami as a Youth Advisor and soon picked up additional part-time roles in the office and the religious school.

This past year, she served as the Assistant Director of Education under the leadership of Jennifer Halls. Abby has been inspired by the community of Kol Ami and the dedication of numerous individuals to make it a safe and joyous space to be Jewish at any age. Through her work in the school, she has come to know and love many of the kids and families of Kol Ami and sees them as the future of our Jewish community. She hopes to pass on her love of Judaism, Israel, Tikkun Olam, and Gemilut Hasadim to the next generation through fun, meaningful Jewish activities and events.

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Kol Ami College Outreach

Are you a parent with children in College/Grad School? If so, please send us their information. We would love to reach out and keep in touch with our students.

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Our wide variety of programs have something for everyone! Join us for holiday parties, bowling, super sloppy day, laser tag, movie nights, indoor trampoline gyms, and much more!

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Enjoy fun activities with friends throughout the community, including holiday parties, laser tag, indoor trampoline gyms, arts and crafts, games, and more!

For more information & to sign up, contact Youth Director Rachel Degani at youth@kolami.org

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August 2019 Events & Happenings at Kol Ami

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

**Saturday, August 3**
Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Blatt ................................ 8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services ................................................. 9:30 a.m.
Howard Kanter Kiddush Luncheon .................................12:00 p.m.

**Sunday, August 4**
Kol Yeladim Teacher Planning Session .......................... 9:00 a.m
Kol Yeladim School Board Meeting ..................................9:15 a.m

**Tuesday, August 6**
Sisterhood Needle Workers ...................................... 1:30 p.m.
Torah Trope Class with Ethel .................................... 7:30 p.m.

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

**Saturday, August 10**
EREV TISHA B’AV
Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Blatt ................................ 8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services ................................................. 9:30 a.m.
Welcome Rabbi Blatt Kiddush Luncheon ............................12:00 p.m.
Tisha B’Av - Reading from Eicha - Book of Lamentations
at Rodeph Sholom ................................................. 9:30 p.m.

**Sunday, August 11**
TISHA B’AV
Shacharit Service with Reading from Eicha
at Rodeph Sholom ................................................. 9:15 a.m
Mincha Service at Rodeph Sholom .................................3:00 p.m.

**Monday, August 12**
Finance Committee Meeting ...................................... 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 13**
Sisterhood Needle Workers ...................................... 1:30 p.m.
Executive Committee Meeting .....................................7:30 p.m.
Torah Trope Class with Ethel .................................... 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, August 16**
Family and Musical Shabbat Services ............................6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, August 17**
Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Blatt ................................ 8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services ................................................. 9:30 a.m.
Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Sisterhood ................. 12:00 p.m.

**Sunday, August 18**
First Day of Kol Yeladim Religious School .................... 9:00 a.m.
Kol Ami Open House Kick-off ...................................11:00 a.m.

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

**Tuesday, August 20**
TOLL: L’Chaim - Sharing Life’s Lessons ...................... 11:00 a.m.
Sisterhood Needle Workers ...................................... 1:30 p.m.
Torah Trope Class with Ethel .................................... 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 21**
Kol Yeladim Religious School ................................... 5:00 p.m.
Board of Trustees Meeting ..................................... 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, August 22**
Brotherhood Karaoke Night at O’Briens Irish Pub .......... 8:00 p.m.

**Friday, August 23**
Shabbat Services (Anniversary/Birthday Shabbat) ........... 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, August 24**
Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Blatt ................................ 8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services ................................................. 9:30 a.m.
Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Sisterhood ................. 12:00 p.m.

**Sunday, August 25**
Kol Yeladim Religious School ................................... 9:00 a.m.
B’nai Mitzvah Class Pictures ................................... 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, August 27**
Finance Committee Meeting ...................................... 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 28**
Sisterhood Needle Workers ...................................... 1:30 p.m.
Executive Committee Meeting .....................................7:30 p.m.
Torah Trope Class with Ethel .................................... 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 29**
Kol Yeladim Religious School ................................... 5:00 p.m.

**Friday, August 30**
Shabbat Services ................................................. 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, August 31**
Gutsy Torah with Rabbi Blatt ................................ 8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services ................................................. 9:30 a.m.
Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Sisterhood ................. 12:00 p.m.
Yahrzeits

Tammuz Yahrzeits
29 Herman Carr
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   22 Theresa Hoffman
   Saul Fishman
   23 Alvin Richelson
   William Horwitz
   Irvin Solondz
   Alejandra Hernandez
   24 Naum Lakhovsky
   Rose Birnbaum
   Malaya Terebelo
   25 Etta Klepko
   Esther Meister
   26 Anita Pecker

August Birthdays
1 Michael Fink
   Benjamin Kanter
   Brian Shuford
   William Peterson
   Jillian Dunayer
   Michelle Winarsky
2 Sherry Friedman
   Louis Astra
   Emet Tzion Levy
   Cantor Beth Schlossberg
   Matthew Fink
   Scott Gaffney
3 Carol Weinstein
   Stanford Solomon
   Ava Broverman
   Kristi Wilder
4 Dalit Drimmer
   Jeffrey Krischer
   David Cross
   Sharon Lebowitz
   7 Colton Niehoff
   Elizabeth Gaffney
   8 Hayden Cross
   Fred Lipschutz
   9 Adin Kossoff
   10 Sima Levy
   Allison Agliata
   12 Gloria Venger
   Jared Pliskow
   Denise Freedman
   Max White
13 Legend Billington
   Francine Lazarus
   14 Michal Nelson
   Jacob Shor
   David Gollins
   Daniel Berman
   Marc Rosenwasser
   15 Joshua Newhouse
   Paul Citrin
   16 Barbara Levine
   Brenden Crampton
   17 Steve Freedman
   Gabriel Forman
   Brian Pearlman
   Jennifer Halls
   18 Noah Pearlman
   Daniel Kalter
   Pearl Berman
   Monique Levy
   19 Dana Zaba
   Adam Katz
   Caitlin Wilder
   Mario Rodriguez
   Andrew Fink
   20 Moss Goldstein
   Donna Wares
   21 Courtney Novak
   Lauren Dunayer
   Zoey Flansburg
   22 David Caine
   Sharon Visher
   Enid Dembo
   23 Paola Kasenetz
   Rebecca Heidenberg
   24 Amy Solomon
   Ilan Rappaport
   Rami Zohar
   Fran Frank
   Charles Lebowitz

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 August Birthday / Anniversary Shabbat will be celebrated on Friday, August 23, at Shabbat services, starting at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to join us!

22 David Caine
   Sharon Visher
   Enid Dembo
23 Paola Kasenetz
24 Rebecca Heidenberg
25 Amy Solomon
   Ilan Rappaport
   Rami Zohar
   Fran Frank
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   26 Mariana Fisher
   28 London Billington
   Benjamin Stamps
29 Diane Botwinik
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30 Naomi Rappaport
31 Ira Miller
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By Nancy & Ephraim Graff

His generous donation to Kol Ami  
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August Anniversaries

6 Julie & Brian Pearlman  
7 Susan & Barry Dvorich  
   Carol & Jeffrey Simon  
15 Sharlena & Shlomo Korman  
16 Carol & Steven Lieber  
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Saturday, September 21
Selichot Service ..........................9:00 p.m.
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EREV ROSh HASHANAH
Sunday, September 29
Ma’ariv...........................................6:30 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH
Monday, September 30
Rosh Hashanah Service, Day 1 ..........................9:00 a.m.
Tashlich/ Ma’ariv..................................6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 1
Rosh Hashanah Service, Day 2 ..........................9:00 a.m.
Evening Minyan ..............................7:30 p.m.

SHABBAT SHUVAH
Saturday, October 5
Shabbat Services..........................9:30 a.m.

KEVER AVOT SERVICE
Sunday, October 6
Service at Gan Shalom ........................12:00 p.m.

EREV VOM KIPPUR
Tuesday, October 8
Kol Nidre........................................6:30 p.m.

VOM KIPPUR
Wednesday, October 9
Shacharit/Yizkor ..............................9:00 a.m.
Rabbi’s Discussion ..........................3:45 p.m.
Mincha.........................................5:30 p.m.
Neilah..............................................6:30 p.m.
Shofar............................................7:45 p.m.
Break The Fast ...............................7:50 p.m.

If you have not yet celebrated the High Holidays with us, we invite you to be our guest as we celebrate the coming New Year. For your complimentary tickets, please contact the Kol Ami office.

Start Your Year with Kol Ami and join us for the High Holidays

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