

Shalom, Kol Ami!

L'shanah tovah u'metuka! We are in the midst of our Fall holidays, and this is my favorite time of year. I always feel more connected to my Jewish identity after I have had the opportunity to cleanse my soul. We have had so many wonderful programs for our Kol Yeladim students and families leading up to the High Holidays!

We started off September with our Pizza & PJ Shabbat. We had almost 30 people attend, and Rabbi Blatt ran an amazing program with Todah, the Shabbat Sloth, for our young families. We are looking forward to our next one on October 14th, so mark your calendars! This program is for families with children up to age 8.

In September, we also had our first Shabbat School for our 6th and 7th grade students. I love our Shabbat School! Our older students tutor our rising B'nai Mitzvah students before the Torah Service and then the students come into the service and help lead our Torah and Musaf Services. This keeps our older students engaged in Jewish life while giving the opportunity for our 6th and 7th grade students and families to feel more comfortable in our services. Below are the dates for our Shabbat School for the 2022-2023 school year. (see Shabbat School flyer for dates)

Our 3rd-7th graders had their first In-Person Wednesday School this past month. They were able to enjoy some apples and honey, create an origami pomegranate, take a Tshuva Journey, and cast their sins with a Tashlich activity. Rabbi Blatt taught the kids and adults a new Rosh Hashana song that we debuted on the first day of Rosh Hashana.

Mazel tov to Armani Romay and Naomi Berger on becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah. I am so proud of you both!

October is full of fall activities! We hope you will join us for our Pizza in the Hut Program on Wednesday, Oct. 12, Simchat Torah Program on Monday, Oct. 17, and we have our All School Shabbat and Pasta Dinner for our PreK through 7th grade Kol Yeladim students on Friday, Oct. 28th. I look forward to spending time with all of you this month! (See information for All School Shabbat and Pasta Dinner)

Beginyan is back! Our Beginyan program is for our 2nd-5th grade families. This program takes place on Saturday morning during Shabbat services. Alissa Chernin will lead our Beginyan activities. This is a fun program to engage our young families. (see Beginyan dates)

Check out all the fun and exciting activities that we have for our families with children at Kol Ami. There is something for everyone!

See you around the shul,
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