

Shalom, Kol Ami,

Last week, we celebrated Rosh Chodesh Kislev, you know what that means?!?! Chanukah is almost here! Latkes, Dreidels, and LIGHT! One of my favorite parts of Chanukah are the candles. I love the way they look, even on the first night with only the shamash and one candle. The glow makes me feel special knowing that these lights have been lit for centuries, even at the worst of times. These lights connect me to my Jewish identity. I hope that as we enter the Festival of Lights, you each shine bright and connect to your past, and it lights the future.

It was a busy November here at Kol Yeladim. Our school family spent the month learning and praying together. Our 6th & 7th graders attended Shabbat School two weeks in a row and got to experience Camp Ramah Darom with Ayala Wasser. We had a great turnout and hope to see many of our students attend summer camp! Our Prek-5th grade class were busy making clay Golems and Israeli salad in between learning so many prayers and continuing to practice Hebrew. Our families with young children gathered for Pizza and PJ Shabbat with Rabbi Blatt and Todah. A great turnout, and we look forward to next month's program. We are continuing to meet on Sunday mornings with our parents for Schmear and Schmooze. We have had a good turnout and will continue to offer bagels and coffee most Sundays! We hope you will park and join us!

On December 10th, we will have our 2nd-5th grade Beginyan (Junior Congregation) program led by Ms. Alissa as well as Shabbat School for our 6th and 7th graders. It will be a busy Shabbat! Then let the countdown begin, Chanukah will only be a week away. Check out all the programming we have to celebrate!

The semester will end before our Winter Break with an In-Person Chanukah Party on Wednesday, December 21st. We will continue our Olympics theme and have games, crafts, relays, and of course, latkes! See the jam-packed Chanukah activities at Kol Ami below!



Chanukah at Kol Ami

<p>1st night of Chanukah Sunday, December 18 at 6:00pm</p> <p>Chanukiyah Lighting & Games Chanukiyah Lighting followed by Family Game Night</p> <p>2nd night of Chanukah Monday, December 19 at 7:20pm</p> <p>Chanukiyah Lighting followed by Minyan</p> <p>3rd night of Chanukah Tuesday, December 20 at 7:20pm</p> <p>Chanukiyah Lighting followed by Minyan</p> <p>4th night of Chanukah Wednesday, December 21 at 5:30pm</p> <p>Kol Ami Chanukah Party: KA Chanukah-lympics!</p> <p>5:30pm: Chanukah themed Olympic Games including a Latke Toss and Olympic Torch Chanukiyah Lighting Relay, Crafts, Trivia and More!</p> <p>6:30pm: Chanukiyah Lighting and singing followed by Latke Dinner and more Chanukah fun!</p>	<p>5th night of Chanukah Thursday, December 22 at 7:20pm</p> <p>Chanukiyah Lighting followed by Minyan</p> <p>6th night of Chanukah Friday, December 23</p> <p><i>*Don't forget to light your Chanukiyah before 5:20pm*</i></p> <p>5:30pm: Pizza & Pajamas Chanukah Celebration! Kids 8 and under are invited (with their families) to celebrate Shabbat and Chanukah with Dr. David, Rabbi Blatt and Todah the Sloth!</p> <p>6:30pm: Movie Soundtrack Shabbat Services</p> <p>6th DAY of Chanukah Saturday, December 24 at 10:00am</p> <p>Outdoor Shabbat Service: Consolidated Morning Service, Creative Torah Experience, Camping Chairs, and Coffee. Casual dress is encouraged!</p> <p>7th night of Chanukah Saturday, December 24 at 6:30pm</p> <p>Havdalah & Chanukiyah Lighting</p> <p>8th night of Chanukah Sunday, December 25 at 6:00pm</p> <p>Chanukiyah Lighting & Songs</p>
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I wish you a bright month of Kislev and fun with family, friends, and food! We will be on Winter Break from December 25, 2022- January 8, 2023. Religious School will resume on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. Enjoy your break, see you next year!

Please reach out to us if you have any questions, comments, or concerns!

Stay Safe & Healthy,

Jennifer Halls