



# Congregation Kol Ami

## 2021-2022

**Kol Ami has a number of very active committees that support the programs and mission of our congregation. Many of these committees need volunteers who can help in a variety of ways. This booklet contains a list of the committees, a brief description of their roles, the chairpersons, their contact information, and an explanation of the volunteers' jobs.**

**At the back of the booklet, please select any committees of interest and return the form to the office. Please keep this booklet as a reference tool for when you are available to help.**

**You can always find the booklet and list on Kol Ami's website under Committees in the Welcome section.**

*It is not what one says, but rather what one does, that makes a difference in the world."*

--Pirkei Avot, 1:17

# **Congregation Kol Ami**

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**Rabbi - Rabbi Rachel Blatt**

**President – Kalman Pila**

**Executive Director – Mitchell Weiss**

**Education Director – Jennifer Halls**

**Youth Director – Maci Morse**

**“I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.”**

***Edmund Everett Hale***

## **Adult and Family Education: Tree of Life Long Learning**

**Chairs: Cindy Schiff**

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*The Committee on Adult and Family Education: Tree of Life Long Learning coordinates and plans an extensive selection of exciting and innovative programs for all members of our congregation, as well as for the entire community. The Tree of Life Long Learning Committee enthusiastically encourages families - grandparents, parents, and children alike - to come together to study Torah and other topics in concert. In addition to classes, The Tree of Life Long Learning Committee plans special events, such as the annual Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar-in-Residence Weekend.*

*Volunteers are needed to help develop and plan new educational programs. The Committee is always looking for people with ideas for classes and programs. They only meet a few times a year and would love to welcome new faces.*

## **B'nai Mitzvah**

**Chair: Marcy Fries**

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*The B'nai Mitzvah Committee serves as a resource for families planning a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. This committee, in collaboration with the Rabbi, recommends the B'nai Mitzvah standards at Congregation Kol Ami.*

*The Committee meets once a year with all the future B'nai Mitzvah families to familiarize them with the process and expectations. They offer mentors to each family so questions and issues can be easily addressed. The Committee is looking for people to join who wish to make a difference in the life of a family during the year of the Bar or Bat Mitzvah training and celebration.*

## **Brotherhood**

**President: Jon Zimmer**

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*Our Brotherhood is made up of a diverse group of men. One of the goals of the Brotherhood is to provide opportunities and activities for the men in our synagogue community for fellowship and to develop camaraderie. It is a venue, if you will, for you to share your time, talents, knowledge, and financial resources in a meaningful manner via the varied activities within Kol Ami. Some of the activities we are involved in include: the Annual Open House, Chai Guys synagogue rejuvenation projects, chair and Chumash set up for the High Holidays, Sukkah set up, Hanukkah Party (a joint effort with Sisterhood and Kol Yeladim), Yellow Candle boxing, and the Annual Synagogue Picnic (also a joint effort with Sisterhood and Kol Yeladim), just to name a few.*

*Become active, informed and involved! You might just find the experience life changing!*

## **Cemetery Committee**

**Chair: Leonard Marks**

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*Congregation Kol Ami has a wholly owned cemetery called Gan Shalom. Gan Shalom is truly a garden of peace. The cemetery grounds were designed by a national cemetery design firm in December, 2000. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the Perpetual Care Trust Fund, assisting in sales of plots and developing additional areas for growth.*

*If you are interested in joining this Committee please contact Leonard.*

*You must give some time to your fellow man. Even if it's a little thing, do something for which you get not pay but the privilege of doing it.--Albert Schweitzer*

## **Chavurah**

**Chair: Kathy Wasserman**

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*The word "Chavurah" is commonly translated as "fellowship" and is derived from the Hebrew root that means "friend". In this spirit, the Chavurah Program at Kol Ami connects individuals and families to share Jewish life.*

*Individuals gain a greater appreciation of Jewish tradition in an atmosphere that reflects both personal warmth and an extended family feeling, as well as creates a strong sense of Kol Ami community and love of Judaism.*

*Kol Ami creates Chavurot on an ongoing basis.*

*If you are interested in joining a Chavurah, please complete a Chavurah Interest Form, which is available from the Kol Ami office or on the Kol Ami web site.*

## **College Outreach**

**Chair: Amanda Moonitz**

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*The College Outreach Committee sends packages, emails and mailings to our undergraduate and graduate school students. Please keep the chairperson updated with current addresses.*

*Volunteers are needed twice a year (prior to Hanukkah/finals and Pesach) to assist in obtaining donations for the packages, organizing the packages, and preparing them for distribution.*

## **Council of Chai**

**Chair: Karen Schilit**

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*The Council of Chai Committee works in conjunction with the Dues Committee to recruit new members to the Council of Chai category of giving to the synagogue. They work with the existing members to engage them, to continue their giving and to increase their donations. This Committee also holds events for the Council of Chai members as a "Thank You" for their continued giving to Kol Ami.*

*If you are interested in joining this Committee please contact Karen.*

## **Dues Committee**

**Chair: Stu Marofsky**

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*The Dues Committee has the responsibility to make recommendations to the Board of Trustees, in order to ensure the dues structure provides the budgeted revenue required to cover the forecasted expenses of running our congregation. This Committee works to ensure that Kol Ami can continue as a vibrant synagogue.*

*If you are interested in being on the Committee, please contact Stu.*

## **Endowment Committee**

**Chair: Steve Specter**

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*The Endowment Committee has the responsibility to raise funds for the long term needs of our congregation. The Committee has started an endowment campaign to raise monies for the general endowment fund to support the various ongoing programs, staff, and building needs of Kol Ami.*

*If you are interested in donating or working as a campaign solicitor, please contact Steve.*

## **Fundraising Committee**

**Chair: Larry Caine**

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*The Fundraising Committee organizes social programs and entertaining activities that are intended to help raise funds for our Congregation. Current and past fundraisers include: Purchase of memorial plaques and leaves on the Tree of Life, special dinners and events, the Annual Fundraising Gala.*

## **House Committee**

**Chair: Amy Binder**

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*The House Committee is responsible for monitoring the costs, repairs and enhancements that are associated with the facilities of Congregation Kol Ami. The Committee will assist in monitoring the regular maintenance and upkeep of synagogue owned buildings and grounds, as well as preparing long range and immediate plans. Some projects will be done in coordination with the Decorating Committee, Chai Guys, Security Committee and others as needed. Periodic inspections of the building and grounds will be done with the plan, to complete as many projects in house in order to reduce synagogue costs. In addition, projects will be worked on that enhance the beautification of our synagogue.*

*Volunteers are needed to assist with planning, as well as executing special projects as the need arises.*

## **Jay Fink Memorial Library**

**Chair: Beverly Fink**

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*The Jay Fink Memorial Library provides materials and programming for the congregation, Kol Yeladim Religious School and the community. Located in the Chapel wing of our building, the library collection consists of a variety of materials that enable members to enhance their experience of Jewish life in a relevant Jewish library.*

*Library Staff Volunteers maintain our collection by cataloging books, computer data entry, putting bar codes and labels on items, and helping patrons find and check materials in and out of the library. Volunteers are also needed to help develop, refine and archive our collection of Congregation Kol Ami photos and historical files.*

*We are currently open on Sunday mornings to coincide with Religious School hours. We are looking for Library Staff Volunteers to be trained on our computer software to check books in and out as well as search our catalogued books. If you are interested in helping and can offer some time on a consistent basis, please let us know.*

## **Kol Yeladim School Board**

**Chair: TBD**

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*The Kol Yeladim School Board works with the Education Director to set policy for and oversee the running of the Kol Yeladim Religious School. The Kol Yeladim School Board also volunteers and coordinates volunteers for school related events.*

*Volunteers are needed for the Hanukkah Party, the Purim Carnival, various model seders, and other holiday celebrations, and religious school events, including driving students to and from field trips and youth group events. Volunteers are welcome to assist with tasks during religious school hours as well.*

*You do not need to become a member of the Kol Yeladim School Board in order to volunteer at Kol Yeladim. We do welcome volunteers to our meetings and value your input.*

## **Ma'asim Tovim**

**Chair: Sue Dvorchik**

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*Our Ma'asim Tovim Committee is a group of dedicated volunteers who are available to the congregation and their immediate family members in their time of need. The volunteers prepare meals, offer rides, make friendly visits, and provide telephone reassurance and other support for all life cycle events.*

*Volunteers are needed to serve as Weekly Coordinators, who act as the contact person between the congregation member and the team of volunteers to fulfill their needs. Volunteers are also needed to cook, deliver meals and drive, as well as other good deeds.*

## **Membership Committee**

**Chair: Sharon Cross**

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*The Membership Committee's mission is to welcome, embrace, and orient new members to Kol Ami. We also work with other committees to create experiences and programs designed to encourage personal participation by all members of the synagogue, fostering a feeling of genuine warmth in the synagogue family.*

*Volunteers are needed to serve on the Membership Committee to help in any aspect of recruitment including planning prospective member meet and greets. We are always looking for members who are interested in being Kol Ami Ambassadors to greet prospective members at our Shabbat services, so they will feel more connected to our Kol Ami community.*

*Creative ideas and enthusiasm for growing and maintaining our membership are appreciated!*

## **Office Committee**

**Chair: Mitchel Weiss**

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*The Office Committee works with the office staff to assist them in the many different activities that are recurring and are able to be accomplished by volunteers. Some of these activities include preparing the Shabbat booklet on Friday mornings, assisting with bulk mailings, and assisting with duplication of items.*

*The Office Committee is overseen by the Executive Director Mitchell Weiss.*

## **Recharge Kol Ami**

**Chair: Steve Freedman**

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*The Recharge Kol Ami Committee evaluates and makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding the future needs of our congregational family on a wide variety of topics. These topics include, but are not limited to, Personnel, Membership, Finance, Facilities, Ritual, Communication, Security, Leadership, Education, and Programming.*

*Volunteers are needed to provide thoughts and expertise in the areas listed above to help shape and update the existing Long-Range Plan for the synagogue.*

## **Ritual Committee**

**Chair: Alan Borden**

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*The Ritual Committee organizes Shabbat services, Holiday services, is a liaison between the congregation and the Rabbi, and works with the Rabbi to make ritual decisions. They also participate in discussion and decisions affecting ritual issues as they impact the congregation. The Ritual Committee helps prepare Torah and Service Assignment sheets by coordinating requests for individual honors, interfacing with the Rabbi and the office, secures service leaders and Torah readers, extends honors on Shabbat and Yom Tov mornings, and assists honorees in anticipation of their ascending to the Bima.*

## **Security**

**Chair: Darren Kasenetz**

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*The Security Committee helps to maintain and enhance safety and security of our synagogue and school. Various volunteers are needed to provide security coverage for Shabbat services, work on emergency operation plans, physical building security and safety audits, High Holiday security coverage, and any other items that enhance the safety and security of Kol Ami. Training is provided and women and men 18 years of age or more are welcome to join the team.*

*If you have an interest, please feel free to contact Darren at the above email or phone number or just see Darren and chat.*



## **Sisterhood**

**President: Roberta Baer**

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*Sisterhood is a vibrant and active group, serving many key roles in the daily activities of the synagogue. This past year, Sisterhood provided funds to purchase three canopies which were used at the Earth Day event and will be used during outdoor synagogue activities. Sisterhood sponsors Yom Tov kiddushes as well as non-sponsored Shabbat kiddushes. Sisterhood also provides the MazelGrams program, an easy way to send Rosh Hashanah greetings to your Kol Ami friends and family.*

*Once again, Sisterhood has an exciting year of programs and events planned. For some of the events we will be partnering with Brotherhood, Kol Yeladim Religious School and the Security Committee. With these programs/events come many volunteer opportunities including helping prepare a Friday night oneg or Shabbat kiddush on Friday morning, helping put out food and/or clean up on Saturday, working on a committee to plan/organize an event, or assisting at the event/program. Your help makes these wonderful activities happen. Don't forget to visit our well-stocked Gift Shop for all your Judaica needs. Sheila will be delighted to assist you.*

*Please join Sisterhood this year, get involved, and attend these great events!*

## **Social Action Committee**

**Chair: Michelle Winarsky**

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*Kol Ami's Social Action Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Tikkun Olam, Repairing the World, by coordinating programs and projects that help others in our community and beyond. We had a very successful year last year. We participated in Reverse Taschlich (Coastal Cleanup) and were the largest group to participate (this year it is on October 6th), and also handed out food and gifts at the Metropolitan Ministries Holiday Tent during the holiday season. We participated in passive events such as collecting school supplies and the reading of Holocaust names in downtown Tampa in partnership with other Jewish and non-Jewish faith based organizations. We are considering joining Habitat for Humanity, Ronald McDonald House and other active and passive events this coming year based on interest of the Kol Ami community. We are looking for new great ideas and fresh members and look forward to a productive and active year.*

## **Social Committee**

**Chair: Dan Ochman**

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*The Social Committee plans programs designed to bring our congregational family together for enjoyable social functions.*

*The Social Committee is looking for people willing to help organize, create and participate in social events at Congregation Kol Ami. A sense of humor, desire to have fun and the ability to "think outside the box" are preferred attributes for those willing to serve on this Committee!*

## **Volunteer Committee**

**Chair: Sharon Cross**

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*The Volunteer Committee assists all committees to ensure they have enough volunteers to perform the duties of their committee. The Volunteer Committee contacts existing and new members to guide them in choosing the correct committee for them to work on.*

*The Volunteer Committee is looking for people who are good communicators and willing to work with others to ensure that Kol Ami has a plethora of volunteers for the future. The ability to speak with others and the ability to "think outside the box" are preferred attributes for those willing to serve on this Committee!*



***How can we expect our children to know and experience the joy of giving unless we teach them that the greater pleasure in life lies in the art of giving rather than receiving. --James Cash Penny***

## **Youth Committee**

**Chair: David Berger**

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*The Youth Committee works with the Youth Director, who in turn works with the Boneem, Kadima and USY Advisors to develop and supervise the Youth programming for Kol Ami.*

### ***Volunteers are needed to serve on the Youth Committee.***

*The Youth Committee will help develop and assist in setting a policy for and oversee the running of the Youth Groups. Volunteers are also needed to act as chaperones and drivers at youth events, assist with food preparation and set up for fund raising events such as the Annual Tikkun Olam Dinner. The Youth Committee is responsible for setting policies and procedures to ensure the safety of the staff and youth groups. The Youth Committee is also responsible for making sure the Kol Ami Youth Department follows the guidelines and procedures set by the HaNegev Region of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.*

**Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Kol Ami.  
Please select all the committees that are of interest to you and return  
this form to the Kol Ami office.**

- Adult & Family Education: Tree of Life Long Learning \_\_\_\_\_
- B’Nai Mitzvah \_\_\_\_\_
- Brotherhood \_\_\_\_\_
- Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_
- Chavurah \_\_\_\_\_
- College Outreach \_\_\_\_\_
- Council of Chai \_\_\_\_\_
- Dues \_\_\_\_\_
- Endowment Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- Fundraising Committee \_\_\_\_\_
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