“Kol Rinah embodies the new spirit of Conservative Judaism in the Midwest. It radiates the joy of worship, learning and Jewish music both in and out – into our souls and out to the families, friends and community. Come pray, learn, sing and celebrate with us.” Let’s all join our voices together to bring joy to our new congregation!

Kol Rinah congratulates

Sophie Aroesty on her selection as “Youth of the Year”

Jim Singman on his selection as “Man of the Year.”

A special event will be held in their honor - Sunday, March 23, 2014 at 1:00 pm at Kol Rinah. Cost: $20 per person. Reservations must be made through the synagogue office no later than Sunday, March 16th.

Thank you both for all that you do for Kol Rinah!
A Message from Rabbi Fasman

Rabbi Mark Fasman
Rabbi@kolrinahstl.org

The Book of Esther is the only book of the Hebrew Bible that doesn’t mention God. So why did the Rabbis decide to include it among our sacred texts? Perhaps the particularly frequent reference to the “king” is an allusion to “The King.”

In Pirke Avot [3:19], Rabbi Akiva states:

וכל פמים, והרשויות נוהגות, ובizons העולות דבור

Everything is foreseen, yet freedom of choice is granted.

The world is judged favorably, yet all depends on the preponderance of good deeds.

We often speak of God as omniscient and omnipotent – knowing all (including the future) and all-powerful. But this often gets us in trouble, theologically speaking. If God is the ultimate Cause of all that happens in our world, and if God knew things that were going to happen and God had the power to stop them, then we can “blame” God for the Shoah and for every terrible thing in our lives.

If we cannot accept that the Shoah happened because God caused it to happen, or that God is rewarding or punishing us for every act we do, then does that mean we believe that God is limited in some way? Perhaps God is not omnipotent? Or God “watches” what humans do, good and evil, but does not interfere in nature. Or maybe, as Rabbi Yehudah ha-Nasi says, “Know that above is an Eye that sees, and an Ear that hears, and all your deeds are written in a book.” Each person’s “ledger” is balanced in the World to Come.

Maimonides teaches that we do not find God in miracles, aberrations in natural processes. Rather, it is precisely in the wonder of Creation and the unchanging laws of nature that we find God.

In saying that “everything is foreseen” Rabbi Akiba is teaching us that God knows all possible outcomes: God is the Author of natural law, and all of nature – except for just one of God’s creations – follows these natural laws. To say that God knows all possible outcomes is merely to say that everything in our universe is inextricably subject to the unchanging laws of nature.

Everything but the human being, that is. God’s prologue to the creation of the human being – “Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness” [Gen1:26] – teaches us that we are made in more than one image: in the image of animals (we are part of nature, subject to the laws of nature) and also in the likeness of God (we have the ability to monitor our behaviors and to choose to act according to God’s commandments, not just our natural instincts.) Thus, we are responsible for all of our choices. Each mitzvah is an opportunity to express the “God-component” of our humanity.

So God knows all our nature and God knows all possibilities of the choices we make – but God gives us the freedom of choice. We choose how we will behave – this is the essence of human freedom. We are part of the wonder of the natural world, subject to all its laws. But we have a soul, a self-consciousness, that reminds us in each waking moment that we have the choice to behave within nature, whether in accord with our natural instincts or opposed to them. It’s what makes us human. It’s what brings God into our lives (through the mitzvot). “The world is judged favorably, yet all depends on the preponderance of (good) deeds.”

And that makes all the difference.

"Let's Explore Jewish Poetry"

Tuesday March 11, 10:00 am in the Kol Rinah Chapel

Bring a poem to share, or come to listen. Topic of the month: The Self/Masks (Purim)

To learn more, contact
Mary Berger, 314.458.1256 or Yiddishemavin@gmail.com
Present and Future

March is here and it has been well over a year since the two legacy congregations of Kol Rinah began worshipping as one community. The transition was fairly smooth and now all activities and shul business have been moved to the building on Hanley.

So here is where we are at this time.

Both of the buildings - Hanley and Linden are listed for sale.

There is a Letter of Intent from a buyer to purchase the Linden property. The details for a sales contract are being negotiated by the legal representatives for Kol Rinah and the buyer. The Kol Rinah Board of Directors, at the time this edition of the newsletter is being printed, will have voted to accept or not, the sales contract.

The Hanley property has had a number of interested parties tour the building. We are hopeful for an offer from one of the parties to purchase the property.

The Facilities Committee has been diligently working with the representatives of Colliers International who are representing Kol Rinah with the sale of the two properties. In addition, the Facilities Committee has been working with the sales representatives to identify properties in the mid county area that would be suitable locations for a future home for the congregation.

Please keep in mind that the sale and disposition of these properties will not occur immediately and the shul leadership are confident we will find a future location for Kol Rinah.

In the meantime, the Facilities Committee is organizing meetings with committees comprised of professional staff and lay leaders that oversee worship, education (adult education, ECC and KRRS), social events and administration to complete a programming survey. This survey is for the architectural firm that has been contracted to provide the expertise for determining the future facility and space needs we as a twenty-first century congregation will need.

The Personnel Committee is currently conducting the search process for an additional Rabbi/Cantor for Kol Rinah. The committee has received many interesting resumes. Sherri Sadon and Scott Kaar will co-chair the search committee. All applications that are received will be reviewed by the search committee chairs and the Personnel Committee chairs (Debbie Igielnik and Sandy Boxerman) to identify the candidates for consideration in the next round of interviews by the larger search committee.

Stay tuned for future information that will be in the April newsletter or by way of letter/email blast as it becomes available to share.

One additional piece of information regarding facilities is the plans for moving the Boccia Paintings. These ten paintings are the commissioned art treasures of the legacy BSKI congregation. They will be moved from the Linden location to the Hanley facility to be stored for safekeeping while a permanent congregation home is sought. The paintings are very large (18 feet tall) and with no suitable place to display all of them in the Hanley building, they will be wrapped for storage. However, two of them will be placed on display on the Bema in the Sanctuary.

An exciting change that is immediate and will continue for months to come is the return of the Friday night musical Kabbalat Shabbat Rinah services. The Band is Back Together! to paraphrase the famous line from the Blues Brothers. Rabbi Fasman and Ben Portner will be leading the services every Friday night in the chapel with the assistance of Karen Simmons on vocals and the talents of congregation members and local musicians as they are available to participate. Come and welcome the arrival of Shabbat at a joyous and spirited service.

The most important message is: Expect continuing news of many good changes for Kol Rinah as they occur.

And please remember to rely on official information that is released to the entire congregation from the leaders and Board of Directors. Contact me or any member of the Board Directors with questions, comments, etc.

Wishing you a Happy Purim, and early spring.

Susan Cort
Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley

Membership Dues Incentive We are still accepting Membership dues, and, if you send in your membership now, you will still qualify for the second-year-free incentive. That means that if you send in dues now, your membership for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 is free. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Shenker, our Membership chair or me.

March Anniversaries
Roger & Marcia Brockman
Todd & Lauren Cohen
Hanley & Florence Cohn
David & Alisa Cooperstein
Jim Fehr & Anne Glowinski
Brett & Jada Fox
Richard & Linda Gavatin
David & Lisa Gellman
Franklin & Rachel Haspiel
Simon & Deborah Igielnik
Shmuel & DeborahIsraeli
Donald & Hedva Levy
Fred & Linda Makler
Michael & Noemi Neidorff
Daniel Rosenthal & Laurie Furman
Ken Weintraub & Sharon Katz-Weintraub

Thank You to Congregants

Thank you to all the families who housed USYers during the EMZTA Shabbaton hosted by Kol Rinah USY.

Torah Fund Campaign Thanks to all of you who have already sent in your money or have pledged a donation to the Torah Fund campaign for the Jewish Theological Seminaries. If you have any questions about the Torah Fund campaign, please contact Arleen Kerman, our Torah Fund Chair, or call me. Please remember to make your check payable to Kol Rinah Sisterhood, and note that it is for the Torah Fund. Thank you.

Torah Fund Luncheon Sunday, March 30, 2014
Join us for a delicious lunch, followed by a multi-generational fashion show from Macy’s and Chico’s. Some of our Kol Rinah members will be participating. Also, Cindy Ginsburg, the Regional Torah Fund Chair, will show a short video and explain where our donations go and how your money supports projects of the Jewish Theological Seminaries. Further information to follow.

We thank Michael Rauchman and Ariane May for sponsoring a Sisterhood Kiddush in acknowledgment of their being honored on Saturday evening, February 22, for their time and dedication to the Jewish Student Union.

Trivia Night Saturday night, March 1, 2014

Last Minute! If you haven’t already, it may not be too late to call Burton Boxerman and reserve a table. I know it’s not too late to sponsor a round or two @ $36 per round, or sponsor a table @ $100 (separate from admission charge). Only with your help can we make this Trivia evening the best one ever!

Save the date: Sunday, May 18, 2014 - Sisterhood Brunch to honor new members.

Chag Purim Sameach!!

Celebrate with a Sisterhood Kiddush!

Please keep us in mind when you celebrate a Simcha... a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, an aufruf, an anniversary, a birthday, a new baby, or any other occasion.

All profits from our kiddushes go to the shul in many different ways, including USY, Religious School, the ECC, Jewish summer camp scholarships, general operating funds of the Synagogue, and maintenance of the kitchens and all equipment.

For more information, contact Sue Propper at suemeryl@charter.net or 314.395.1349. We’ll be glad you did. Thank you.

Kol Rinah Gift Shop

Monday to Friday 10am - 12:30pm.
Wed 4-6pm
Sunday by appointment.
Call 314.727.1747 to arrange a time.
Chaverim of Kol Rinah - From Fabulous February we're moving into March Madness Don't forget to make reservations for Trivia Night March 1st! Consider sponsoring a round or a table. Look for this ad for more details.

Please make your reservations for Man and Youth of the Year luncheon on March 23rd (Call the office at 727-1747).

Please save the date for our Keruv Program on April 24th. This event will be the kick-off for the Interfaith Chavurah. Like the Chavurah, the Friday night service and dinner is open to all members and their families. The theme of our Chavurah is that we are all interfaith and we all value being a welcoming congregation.

Congratulations to our new Officers for Men's Club unanimously approved at Elections Feb 9th.
★ President - Bob Olshan
★ Secretary - Dave Propper
★ Treasurer - Jerry Raskin
★ VP Programming - Jim Singman
★ VP Ritual - Marcus Brody
★ VP Membership - TBD - Please Volunteer!

We had a great Build your own Pair (of Tefillin) followed by a spectacular World Wide Wrap at Kol Rinah. We had the honor of hosting EMTSA USY convention and Kol Rinah has never Wrapped, Rocked and Rolled in Prayer like that before! Then Kol Rinah had their own Wrap with their 6th-8th graders and members of Kol Rinah, many with their home made Tefillin.

Kol Rinah hosted Al Hrabosky, the Mad Hungarian as our Guest Speaker for Sports Night on Feb 9th. Al filled the house and we had a wonderful Spaghetti Dinner (Yasher Koach Gerard and crew) followed by a great session with the Mad Hungarian and lots of wonderful prizes for all.

We would like to invite you to join in our new engaging programs in addition to our regular fun filled events. Stimulate your intellect and spirituality and join us for one of our "Guys Night Out - Hearing Men's Voices". The next Hearing Men's Voices is March 9th at 7 PM in the Youth Lounge.

If you haven't yet, please join Men's Club - receive discount for Sports Night and other events in the future. You can let the office know to bill the $36 membership fees.

Please join us in our effort to build a stronger, new Men's Club for Kol Rinah!!!!

In brotherhood, Bob Olshan - President Kol Rinah Men's Club

Upcoming Kol Rinah Men's Club Events
March 1 Trivia Night (RSVP ASAP)
March 9 Hearing Men's Voices (7 PM Youth Lounge)
March 22 Men's Club Ruach Shabbat (with B'nai Amoona and Chicago FJMC folks)
March 23 Men's Club Man and Youth of the Year Luncheon, and FJMC Workshop before 28 Apr Remember a Child - Yellow Candle - Yom Hashoah Program
April 25 Keruv Program Dinner
May 2 FJMC Men's Club Retreat
May 17/18 Lag B'Omer Extravaganza - Bon Fire, Beit Café, Gourmet Coffee & Chocolate

Sports Night 2014
Once upon a time there was a group of Jewish children who were actually enjoying learning with adults who had well-planned, creative lessons and activities!

Pre-K/Kindergarteners were busy making tzedakah boxes and creating a tzedakah game with the Art Teacher and the Classroom Morah.

Two young men were strumming guitars and singing catchy melodies with 2nd and 3rd graders.

Two young Israeli ladies were carrying out activities with 1st graders about Tel Aviv and the transportation used there.

4th and 5th graders were being challenged by their Morah to contemplate a Torah portion about why the Israelites made a decision about “doing before listening” to Hashem.

7th and 8th graders were viewing the film “Full Court Miracle” (about a Jewish high school team who faced some challenges) to later debate the question of “Jewish American or American Jew”?

6th graders were creating their own personal tefillin for “Build-a-Pair”, under the direction of some Men’s Club volunteers with a visit from Rabbi Fasman.

The puzzle of the St. Louis Arch on the puzzle table in the lobby was completed, after several months, at the end of the morning.

The 1st grade class had 100% attendance for the 2nd time this year.

Staff members were discussing teaching ideas, setting up classrooms, helping one another with getting supplies and cleaning up projects.

And this story really happened at Kol Rinah Religious School on a Sunday morning! We plan on this “ruach” happening week, after week, after week and ask our families to join in as well.

Thanks to Bob Olshan, Dave Propper, Gary Kodner, Mitch Shenker for bringing the “Build-a-Pair” tefillin project to us in January. The sixth graders who were present got to study a bit with Rabbi Fasman, as they created a pair of tefillin to use at the World Wide Wrap on February 2, 2014. These scholars included Sam Bernstein, Yael Portman, Michael Raffelson, Wesley Raffelson, Myles Rosenblum, Charles Selipsky and John Sky.

Special March Dates

- March 8th – Shabbateeny for 2nd and 3rd graders, being held at B’nai Amoona
- March 9th – Purim Carnival
- March 16th – Megillah Reading and KRRS Purim Activities for students and families

There are no classes on March 19th, nor on March 23rd.

Please continue to check “The Blast” each week, as well as the KRRS website for updates and announcements.

Paula Hertel
Interim Religious School Director
On February 9, 2014, the Czech Memorial Scrolls Trust (MST) celebrated the 50th anniversary of the arrival in London of 1,564 Torah scrolls, saved from neglect after Nazis had confiscated them, intending to display them in a museum of a dead culture and people. On February 7, 1964, these Torah scrolls had arrived at Westminster Synagogue where they were housed in numbered cradles in specially constructed racks, while the work of inspection and classification was undertaken. Westminster Synagogue invited Kol Rinah, as the guardian of two MST Torahs, to send posters of their Torahs for recognition during the 50th anniversary celebration.

Kol Rinah's historical Torahs both came to St. Louis in 1980. One Torah had been held by each of Kol Rinah's legacy synagogues, Brith Sholom Kneseth Israel (BSKI), and Shaare Zedek.

The poster depicting the Torah entrusted to the former Shaare Zedek Synagogue shows Rabbi Mark Fasman and Holocaust survivor, Leo Wolf, with Czech Memorial Scroll #1276. This scroll came from the town of Kostelec nad Labem, about 20 kilometers northeast of Prague. Czech Memorial Scroll #1523, entrusted to the former BSKI, was listed as an Orphan - one of the 20% of the collection that had lost its identification tag. The Trust knows only that it came from somewhere in either Bohemia or Moravia. The poster honoring this Torah shows Charlene Kass, daughter of Holocaust survivor Betty Novick, and Rabbi Fasman. All posters submitted can be viewed in a 4 minute, 49 second slide show at http://czechscrolls.blogspot.com/2014/02/mst-50th-anniversary-slideshow.html. The two Kol Rinah posters can be seen at the 1:17 and 1:19 minute:second marks.

Kol Rinah congregant Michael Waxenberg was living in London on February 7, 1964, when the rescued parchments were delivered in two large trucks to Kent House, site of the Westminster Synagogue, in Rutland Gardens. His family belonged to the Synagogue and his mother was volunteering there on the day the large “lorry” (a semi truck, in England) pulled up to deliver the tattered Torahs. It was a scene she never forgot; recalling it, even decades later, would bring tears to her eyes. Later, Michael, as a student in the Westminster Synagogue Sunday School, had the chance to watch some of the early work on sorting and repairing the scrolls, which was going on at Kent House.
After an enormously successful Winter Shabbaton, Kol Rinah’s USY kept the spirit alive by pouring their energy into the upcoming Kadima Kinnus convention. Kol Rinah sent an amazing group of middle schoolers to convention securing the future of USY with future members. Together we learned about Judaism, leadership, and USY, all while making lasting friendships with other Jewish middle schoolers from around the Midwest. We are committed to growing our youth program and welcoming in our younger congregants with big events like Kadima Kinnus and smaller events like USY/Kadima dinners and lounge nights.

This month we have much to look forward to with our 2014 Winter Olympics Purim Carnival. We are going to have a blast with sports themed booths, delicious food, awesome prizes, and the best silent auction of our generation. To make this the best Purim yet, Kol Rinah’s youth need your help! There are a variety of ways you can support the Purim carnival. You can volunteer your time and help run a booth or other aspect of the carnival. You can donate an item to be auctioned. You can sponsor a booth for $36. Please contact Tasha to learn more about how you can lend a hand!

All proceeds from the Purim carnival go directly to the youth programs and scholarships at Kol Rinah. Every hour and dime you put in is going to have a direct impact on the lives of young Jews in our community. Please come see what makes the future of Judaism so bright and support the Purim carnival!

Check out all the fun pictures from our youth programs and conventions on Facebook at facebook.com/kolrinahUSY. Our Youth Commission is always looking for new and dedicated members who are ready to share ideas. Even if you aren’t ready to join the commission we still would love to hear from you. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, or if you would like to help strengthen our youth department, please contact Tasha. tasha@kolrinahstl.org.
JOLT TO BEGIN 8-SESSION TRIMESTER 3

Jewish Opportunities & Learning for Teens is about to begin its 3rd Trimester of interactive programming where teens in grades 8-12 come together to learn and socialize on Thursday nights. JOLT participants always enjoy coming together to socialize, nosh and learn.

Trimester 3 classes begin Thursday, February 27. New classes include: Israel & War: Fighting to Exist, Torah through Rose Colored Glasses, Judaikitsch, Strong Girls, Healthy Relationships and Understanding the Holocaust through Film.

Courses such as: Israel through Cinema, Food for Thought, What Would Jew Do?, Jews “R” News, Jewish Music Rocks My Soul, and Talmud for Teens are back by popular demand. Be sure to check out the CAJE web site (www.cajestl.org) for a full description and registration.

JOLT Trimester 3 includes 8 sessions on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. A dinner option is provided at 6:00 p.m. Register before or on the first night of classes February 27. For more information contact Maxine Weil, Director at 314.442.3757 or mweil@cajestl.org.

CAJE is a beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.
LAMAH (WHY?)
A MESSAGE FROM THE KOL RINAH ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Why should you be interested in Adult Jewish Education at Kol Rinah? Shouldn't Kol Rinah be focusing only on the education of our youth? The Kol Rinah Adult Education Committee's response to this is that Jewish youth become Jewishly educated because of Jewish adults. When these adults pursue their own Jewish education, they are not only more likely to believe in the future of Jewish education, themselves, and Jewish education for the young people in their lives—but they show others that Jewish education is important and relevant beyond the classroom door. The recent Pew Report confirms this belief.

The Kol Rinah Adult Education Committee's goal is to provide not only the "basics" of Jewish thought and practice, but also timely, stimulating, and relevant programs on issues that affect the daily lives of our members and the Jewish community-at-large. In order to do this, we need you to do one or more of the following:

1. Attend and participate in Kol Rinah adult education events sponsored by our Committee and other Kol Rinah groups.
2. Encourage others--both inside and outside the Congregation—to attend.
3. Give the Kol Rinah Adult Education Committee ideas for future programs and feedback on those programs you've attended.
4. Work to connect the education of our adults with that of our youth.
5. Dedicate yourselves to all forms of Jewish learning (individual and group; formal and informal; on-site and on-line).
6. Donate to the efforts of the Kol Rinah Adult Education Committee. Funds are needed to sustain and expand our efforts.
7. Please note on the Kol Rinah calendar and website all continuing and future programs sponsored by the Adult Education Committee.

We appreciate your support!

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Sponsor a Purim Carnival Booth!
Only $36

All the funds raised through the Purim Carnival go directly to the youth of Kol Rinah. This is the major source of funding for our Youth Department and the impact is enormous.

If you would like to help make this the greatest Purim Carnival yet, contact Tasha Kaminsky, tasha@kolrinahstl.org

Calling All Members - Your Feedback is Important!

Kol Rinah is updating our membership files so we can be a better connected community. Whether you filled out a Membership Information Form just a short time ago or can't remember how long it's been, please visit http://www.kolrinahstl.org/membership-forms/ on our Kol Rinah website for the downloadable pdf of our Kol Rinah Membership Information Form. Help us know and serve you better.

And while you are at it, please don't forget to fill out the Kol Rinah Member Fair Share Dues form that you received in the mail. We need this form to establish our budget for 2014. If you need a new one, you can pick one up in the Kol Rinah office, or you can call 314.727.1747 and have one mailed to you.

Thank you for Sharing Your Voice.
Saturday, March 1, 2014

A “Tremendous Trivia Night”

sponsored by Kol Rinah’s Sisterhood and Men’s Club

with Master of Ceremonies and “trivia specialist”

Burton Boxerman.

**Place:** Congregation Shaare Emeth, 11645 Ladue Road in Creve Couer
Doors will open at 6:30PM. Play will begin at 7:15PM.

**Cash Prizes:** 1st Place - $300, 2nd place - $200, and 3rd Place - $100.
Soft drinks and snacks provided. Feel free to bring your own food.

Tables for teams of 8 are $200 each
Individual entry fee is $25 per person

Additional fun for the evening includes: 50/50 raffle, “dead or alive”
and mulligans available for purchase.

Call Burton today at 314-994-9133 or e-mail him at babox@mindspring.com

GET YOUR TABLE TOGETHER NOW!

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Early Childhood Education

Marty Schaeffer

KOL RINAH ECC SPECIAL PERSONS CLUB IS SEEKING MEMBERS

In February some very SPECIAL people joined our ECC for breakfast, singing, and made a SPECIAL craft! They were grandparents, aunts, uncles, family friends, and parents that got to spend a wonderful morning with a SPECIAL child in their life. Everyone had a fantastic time!

From this great experience we have formed a SPECIAL PERSONS CLUB. The SPECIAL people who join our club will receive the monthly email class letter, photos of their child engaged in play and invitations to the ECC Shabbat, celebrations of Jewish Holidays and other ECC events. We will have two SPECIAL Person events during the school year and a Special Person’s ice cream social during the summer. If a SPECIAL person would like to volunteer at our ECC, come read a story or help with a SPECIAL project, they just need to let us know by calling the office (314-727-2565) or by emailing marty@kolrinahstl.org. We are excited to include our SPECIAL adults as part of the Kol Rinah ECC program. Won’t you be an ECC SPECIAL PERSON?

In February we opened the Winter Olympics with our own Kol Rinah ECC Olympic Opening Ceremony! The children made class signs, Olympic torches, and edible Olympic flags, yum! They also had fun “ice skating” on paper plates and having “snowball” races. Playing with warm, soft, indoor snow was a blast.

Everyone received their gold medal at the morning’s Preschool Shabbat. We are all winners at Kol Rinah ECC!

Come read a story or help with a SPECIAL project

If you would like to volunteer to be a SPECIAL person at our ECC, call us through the office (314.727.2565) or email marty@kolrinahstl.org.
It's time to make summer plans for your children and grandchildren.

Art Exploration with Erin • Masterpieces with Marty • Jumping with Joyce • Learning with Linda

Contact Marty Schaffer, Director - 314.727.2565, marty@kolrinahstl.org

www.KolRinahSTL.org
What a fun month we have in front of us! As the Olympics wind down, here at Kol Rinah we are getting excited about our Purim Olympics! I can’t wait to see everyone for all the Purim festivities. On Sunday, March 9 from 10:00-12:30 USY will be hosting their Purim Olympics Carnival. With games, a bounce house, balloons, pony rides, food and more, it is sure to be a blast for both children and adults. On Sunday, March 16 we will have an exciting time celebrating Purim. The festivities will begin at 9:30 and will include crafts, costume parade, hearing the Megillah, treats, and singing! I can’t wait to see everyone in their costumes!

Prior to the Purim excitement, there are two wonderful programs happening on March 2. In the morning, there is a Jewish Community Parenting Conference for parents of children 5 and under, The Wonder Years- Celebrating the Mishegas of the Preschool Years. There is a great slate of speakers and an information fair. Make sure to stop by the Kol Rinah ECC table to say hi! For more information or to register go to jewishinstlouis.org/wonderyears. After a morning of parenting inspiration, come have a fun laid back night with your child/ren. DorWays will be hosting a dinner and movie night. It is a fun social event and children come in their PJs and go home ready for bed!

Looking forward to seeing you at these and other events. Make sure to watch your email for upcoming programs and email me at Jessica@kolrinahstl.org to be added to our mailing list.

B'Shalom,
Jessica Wax
**Blood Drive**

**May 7, 2014 • 3:00 - 7:00pm in Leve Auditorium**

**Blood Donors Must:**
- Be healthy*
- Be at least 17 years old or 16 years old with parental consent if allowed by state law
- Weigh at least 110 lbs. (Additional weight requirements apply for donors 18 years old and younger and all high school donors.

*Note: Healthy means that you feel well and can perform normal activities. If you have a chronic condition such as diabetes, healthy also means that you are being treated and the condition is under control.

**Tips for a Successful Donation:**
- Maintain a healthy iron level by eating iron-rich foods such as red meat, fish, poultry, beans, spinach, iron-rich cereals and raisins.
- Drink an extra 16 oz. of water or nonalcoholic fluid before your donation.
- Do not fast before a blood donation.
- Eat healthy. Stay away from fatty foods like hamburgers, fries and ice cream.
- Try to get a good night’s sleep.
- Wear shirt/sweater with sleeves that can be raised above your elbow.

**Bring your donor card, driver’s license or two other forms of ID. Benefits of Donating:**
- It feels great to donate!
- You get free juice and delicious Keebler® cookies.
- It’s something you can spare – most people have blood to spare… yet, there is still not enough to go around.
- You will help ensure blood is on the shelf when needed – most people don’t think they’ll ever need blood, but many do.
- You will be someone’s hero – in fact, you could help save more than one life with just one donation.

**RSVP TO:** michele_kingsley@yahoo.com • 314-727-1747
Calendar

Regular Minyan Times
Monday - Friday 7am, Sunday 8am
National Holidays as posted
Rosh Chodesh - 6:45am
Saturday services will be held at the times posted in the calendar.
PLEASE ATTEND A MINYAN AND BE COUNTED

Saturday Mar 1, 2014
Parshat Pekudei
Shabbat Shekalim
Kadima Kinnus
9am Shabbat Service
10:30am Kidrash - Chapel
11am Rhythm n’ Ruach - Sara Meyers Rm 106
4:40pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma’ariv
6:40pm Shabbat Ends
7:30pm Pack Mishlach Manot

Sunday Mar 2, 2014
Rosh Chodesh Adar II
Kadima Kinnus
See Regular Minyan Times
9am Communications Meeting - Library
11:15am Rhythm n’ Ruach - Daily Chapel
4:15pm KDRS Cooking Class - Auditorium

Monday Mar 3, 2014
Rosh Chodesh Adar II
6:45am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma’ariv
9:45am Rabbi Fasman’s Class - Sara Myers Rm 106

Tuesday Mar 4, 2014
See Regular Minyan Times
8am Jewish Ethics Class - Sara Myers Rm 106
6:30pm Haftorah Class - Library

Wednesday Mar 5, 2014
See Regular Minyan Times
8:15am Rabbi Fasman’s Talmud Shiur
11am Kindermusic - Rm 101
6:15pm Kadima Dnr/USY Lounge Nt - Youth Lounge
7pm Website meeting - Library

Thursday Mar 6, 2014
Ta’anis Esther
See Regular Minyan Times
6:45 am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma’ariv
11:30am ECC Purim Program
1:45 pm Mincha Gedola
7pm Kol Rinah Board Meeting

Friday Mar 7, 2014
See Regular Minyan Times
5:42pm Candle lighting
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday Mar 8, 2014
Parshat Vayikra
2nd and 3rd Grade Shabbateeney - B’nai Amoona
9am Shabbat Service
10:30am Kidrash - Chapel
11am Rhythm n’ Ruach - Sara Meyers Rm 106
4:40pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma’ariv
6:40pm Shabbat Ends
7:30pm Pack Mishlach Manot

Sunday Mar 9, 2014
Daylight Saving Time Begins
See Regular Minyan Times
9am Communications Meeting - Library
9:30am Men’s Club Board mtng - Sara Myers Rm 106
10am Pick up Mishloach Manot
10am Purim Carnival - Auditorium

Monday Mar 10, 2014
See Regular Minyan Times
8:15am Rabbi Fasman’s Class - Sara Myers Rm 106
11am Poetry Reading/Poetry Chavurah - Daily Chapel

Tuesday Mar 11, 2014
See Regular Minyan Times
8am Jewish Ethics Class - Sara Myers Rm 106
10am Poetry Reading/Poetry Chavurah - Daily Chapel
6:30pm Haftorah Class - Library

Wednesday Mar 12, 2014
See Regular Minyan Times
8:15am Rabbi Fasman’s Talmud Shiur
11am Kindermusic - Rm 101
4:15pm KDRS
7:30pm USY Lounge Night - Youth Lounge

Thursday Mar 13, 2014
Ta’anis Esther
See Regular Minyan Times
6:45 am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma’ariv
11:30am ECC Purim Program
1:45 pm Mincha Gedola
7pm Kol Rinah Board Meeting

Friday Mar 14, 2014
See Regular Minyan Times
8am Jewish Ethics Class - Sara Myers Rm 106
10am Poetry Reading/Poetry Chavurah - Daily Chapel
6:30pm Haftorah Class - Library

Saturday Mar 15, 2014
Parshat Tzav
Shabbat Zachor
9am Shabbat Service
10:30am Kidrash - Sara Myers Rm 106
12:30pm Toasting Talmud and Torah
5:45pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma’ariv
7:47pm Shabbat Ends
8:30pm Megillah Reading
9:30pm Adult Purim Party

Sunday Mar 16, 2014
Purim
9:30am Shacharit
9am Communications Meeting - Library
9:30am KDRS
5pm Purim Seudah
6pm Mincha/Ma’ariv

Monday Mar 17, 2014
No KDRS
See Regular Minyan Times
8:15am Rabbi Fasman’s Class - Sara Myers Rm 106

Tuesday Mar 18, 2014
See Regular Minyan Times
8am Jewish Ethics Class - Sara Myers Rm 106
6:30pm Haftorah Class - Library

Wednesday Mar 19, 2014
No KDRS
See Regular Minyan Times
8:15am Rabbi Fasman’s Talmud Shiur
11am Kindermusic - Rm 101

Thursday Mar 20, 2014
See Regular Minyan Times

Friday Mar 21, 2014
See Regular Minyan Times
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat
6:56pm Candle lighting

Monday Mar 24, 2014
See Regular Minyan Times
9am "Man and Youth of the Year" Awards - Auditorium
9am Communications Meeting - Library
6pm Mincha/Ma’ariv

Tuesday Mar 25, 2014
See Regular Minyan Times
8am Jewish Ethics Class - Sara Myers Rm 106
6:30pm Haftorah Class - Library

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Wednesday Mar 26, 2014
See Regular Minyan Times
8:15am Rabbi Fasman’s Talmud Shiur
11am Kindermusic - Rm 101
4:15pm KRRS
7:30pm USY Lounge Night - Youth Lounge

Thursday Mar 27, 2014
See Regular Minyan Times

Friday Mar 28, 2014
7am Shacharit
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:02pm Candle lighting

Saturday Mar 29, 2014
Parshat Tazria
Shabbat HaChodesh
Steve Keyser Bar Mitzvah 50th Anniversary
9am Shabbat Service
10:30am Kiddush - Chapel
11am Rhythm n’ Rauch - Sara Meyers Rm 106
6pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma’ariv
8pm USY Event
8:01pm Shabbat ends

Sunday Mar 30, 2014
See Regular Minyan Times
9am Communications Meeting - Library
9:30am Kol Rinah Religious School
11am Torah Fund Luncheon - Auditorium
12:30pm Noar Event
6pm Mincha/Ma’ariv

Monday Mar 31, 2014
See Regular Minyan Times
9:45am Rabbi Fasman’s Class - Sara Myers Rm 106

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