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“THE MAGIC FLUTE”

LEARN ABOUT THIS WORLD FAMOUS OPERA
BY WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

Phyllis Hyken, OTSL docent and Kol Rinah member, will enlighten you.

Find out how this opera came about, what the basic themes of the opera are, why the masonic organization was important.

Join us for a discussion of the story and the music. View scenes from the opera. Singalong to one of Papageno’s arias.

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2014, 7:00PM
Refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome.

Kol Rinah - Sara Myers Community Room
No charge for the presentation but a free will donation will be appreciated.
A Message from Rabbi Fasman

Rabbi Mark Fasman

We recently celebrated our most important festival: Pesach – our feast of freedom. In the Hagaddah, there are two rabbinic reflections on the meaning of freedom. Rav and Shmuel were first generation Amoraim (during the first part of the Third Century CE). They were the two greatest voices of their generation, each associated with a different rabbinic academy in Babylonia. The seder itself was already established as the central ritual of Pesach. And the most extensive part of the seder (other than the meal itself) is the Maggid section – the telling of the story. After the four questions, we recite a passage composed by Shmuel:

"We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and Adonai freed us from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. If God had not taken our ancestors out of Egypt, then we would still be enslaved to Pharaoh in Egypt, along with our children, and our children’s children."

And a bit later in the Maggid section, we find Rav’s version of the Pesach story:

"In the beginning our ancestors were idol worshippers, but now God has brought us near to serve Adonai. We begin as avadim (servants, worshippers) of idols; we end up as avadim to God."

For Shmuel, the freedom we celebrate is a gift to us at each of our worship services every day: the freedom to ask, the freedom to answer, and the freedom to live according to the religious freedom we celebrate at Pesach. Their respective answers provide insight into how we answer our own questions: What is the meaning of the Exodus, the seminal event in Jewish history and memory? What is freedom? What should we do with that freedom? How should the fact of our freedom guide how we behave as individuals and as a community?

There are multiple appropriate answers to each of these questions. First we must ask the question. Then we must acknowledge that no particular answer is the only possible correct answer. That, it seems to me, is the essence of the religious freedom we celebrate at Pesach and every day: the freedom to ask, the freedom to answer, and the freedom to live according to our answers.

Rabbi Fasman may be gone from May 12-13.

Please check the online calendar or call the office to see if his classes on those days have been canceled.
Kol Rinah is moving forward and while changes are happening, the most important and basic reasons for our existence continue.

Those reasons are evident in the Vision and Mission Statements composed by the Strategic Planning Committee and approved by the Kol Rinah Board of Directors at the April 2014 meeting. They are:

**VISION:** Kol Rinah is a dynamic and forward looking congregation where all generations come together to experience Judaism in innovative ways.

**MISSION:** Create a welcoming community that embraces Torah and meaningful worship, lifelong learning, music, Israel, and Tikun Olam, guided by the tenets of Conservative Judaism.

The Strategic Plan is ready to “deploy” and is the working document that will be used as a guide for daily operations, short and long term plans for Kol Rinah. It is in the words of the Strategic Plan Committee Chair, Michael Levine, an "evergreen document", that will be reviewed every three months and revised when appropriate.

Anyone who would like to read the Strategic Plan can contact Communication Committee Chairperson Jaron Asher for a copy.

**From the Kol Rinah Facilities committee:**

The due diligence work for the sale of the Linden property is continuing. It is anticipated the work will continue through to the end of the calendar year.

Interest in purchasing the Hanley property continues and there is nothing to announce at this time. The members of the facility committee continue to search for a location that will be the new home for Kol Rinah.

**Personnel and Search Committee Report.**

Here is a summary of the search process for a second Klei Kodesh for KR.

November to January - questionnaires were completed for the Rabbinic Assembly and Cantor's Association.

January, February - the questionnaires were submitted to the RA and CA and resume responses were received.

34 resumes (19 from the RA and 15 from the CA) were received and evaluated by Sandy Boxerman, Sherri Sadon, Scott Kaar and Debbie Igielnik.

February, March - Introductory Skype, FaceTime or conference call interviews were conducted with 15 candidates and 3 face to face interviews with local candidates.

Evaluation was done with specific criteria: education, pulpit experience, musical aptitude, teaching, personality, accomplishments and fit with Kol Rinah.

After careful deliberations, the search committee decided to perform in-depth one hour interviews via Skype and FaceTime with 8 candidates and 1 face to face meeting with a local candidate.

After the interviews and using detailed evaluation forms, the group almost unanimously selected two candidates for a weekend visit.

Rabbi Tracy Nathan visited with us the weekend of March 7 and Rabbi Noah Arnow, the weekend of March 21.

Members of the congregation completed surveys after each rabbi’s visit by email or hard copy.

The Personnel and Search committees met together. The pros and cons, the compliments and criticisms were all discussed. It was agreed by all present to recommend to the members of the Board of Directors the candidate the committee would like to make an offer to for the position.

This article is being written just two days before the board meeting and the decision made by the board at that meeting should be known to all members of the congregation by the time this bulletin is distributed in late April.

Continue to “stay tuned” to messages by email, blasts and letters for updates regarding all of the above as they are announced.

B’ Shalom,

Susan Cort
Thanks to all of you who renewed your Sisterhood membership, and very special thanks to all of you who became new members this year. What’s our mantra? “Without you, we’re always one member short.”

Thanks for making our Torah Fund Luncheon a success!

Thanks to the efforts of Irene Belsky and her crew of Barbara Bahn, Carol Battle, Rhoda Grimsky, Jean Marx, Betty Siegel and Phyllis Warner, the aura was festive and the lunch – delicious.

Cindy Ginsburg, Regional Torah Fund Chair, gave a talk on Women’s League projects that have benefitted the Jewish Theological Seminaries, so we got to see what our donations have built over the years. Because of your donations, we reached our goal!

The fashion show, organized by Sue Propper, included our own Kol Rinah models Margaret Bergmann, Esti Goldman, Jean Marx, Sheri and Amanda Radman, Beth and Donn Rubin, Ava Small, Phyllis Warner, and Jessica Wax and her daughter Eliana, modeling outfits from Chico’s and Macy’s.

Dave Propper and the Boeing Jazz Band entertained us throughout lunch and between models, with big band era instrumentals and Flint Lloyd on vocals.

We thank Ann Frank’s children – the Franks, the Weintrops, and the Abrams, for sponsoring a Sisterhood Kiddush in honor of their mother’s 80th birthday on Saturday April 5th. We also thank her grandchildren for sponsoring the root beer floats! Many more, happy, healthy years, Ann.

Thank you to Drs. Joe and Beth Levy for sponsoring the Kiddush on April 26, to celebrate the aufruf of their daughter Stephanie and soon-to-be son-in-law David Feinman.

“Reaching Resilience” seminar – All are welcome to attend the Sisterhood brunch program on Sunday, May 18, at 10:00-noon featuring Connie Fisher, Director of Mental Health Promotion of Eastern Missouri, who will talk to us about how to adapt to life changes, transitions and challenging circumstances. Cost is $12, but free to all new members. For more information, please call Marjorie Feldman or email her at maf55@email.com. To RSVP, please call the office by May 12.

Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers.

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**Thank You to Congregants**

Thank you to Linda and Fred Makler for your contribution to the Jewish National Fund for a tree to be planted in "celebration of Kol Rinah congregation - let us all continue to share our voice! May all our members be blessed with happiness and health!"

*Sue Cort*

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**Special Thank You To Our Mishloach Manot Volunteers**

Thank you to Stephanie Berk and Lisa Gellman for another successful Mishloach Manot 2014 project.

Thank you to Irene Belsky and her baking crew for the delicious Hamantaschen we all enjoyed: Rhoda Grimsky, Jean Marx, Howard Belsky, Dorrie Lerner, Joyce Eisenberg, Carol Battle, Betty Siegel, Peggy Nehmen, Lisa Gellman, Rhiannon Kaye, Carol Adler, Paula Lemerlman, Marion Cohen, Dorit Galor, Stephanie

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**You are invited to a Sisterhood Brunch**

**Sunday, May 18, 2014**

10:00 am - Connie Fisher, Director of Mental Health Promotion for Mental Health America of Eastern Missouri will speak on "Reaching resilience"

11:00 am - Brunch

$12 Brunch & Program

Please make checks payable to Kol Rinah Sisterhood

RSVP to the Kol Rinah office at 314.727.1747.

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**Leaves & Chapel Plaques**

New Leaf in Honor of Ann Frank’s 80th Birthday by Sig & Carol Adler

To purchase a Chapel plaque, Ashreiynu Leaf or Tree of Life Leaf, call the office at 314.727.1747.

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**Coway 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,

Don't miss the **Kol Rinah Lag B'Omer Beit Cafe Happening** the evening of May 17th at 8:30 pm - A hot time will be had by all (rain or moonshine). We will have an Israeli Beit Café following the bonfire. Come enjoy an evening of Israeli Music, a little dancing, a bonfire, some nosh and Israeli treats, gourmet coffee drinks, and of course some schnapps - but mostly to come and shmooze with friends. See the website, blast, and announcements at shul for details. Families with children are welcome to come for the Bonfire - sorry about the late start time following Shabbat.

Come to our Hearing Men's Voices (Guys night out) May 11th at 8 pm and enjoy some deep discussions with a little indulgence of spirits and noshing.

**The Million Candle Challenge**

1,000,000 Candle Challenge to the World

Thank you all who joined us on Yom Hashoah in remembering those who perished in the Holocaust, and who lit one of our goal of 1 Million candles to remember the Jewish Children who perished during the Holocaust. Please remember to send in a contribution if you haven't already to help cover our costs for the yellow candle program and to support other such programs.

Thank you all who participated in our kick-off **Keruv Chavurah** dinner on April 25th.

The theme of our Chavurah is that we are all interfaith and we all value being a welcoming congregation.

Below are a couple of pictures from our very successful luncheon honoring our Man of the Year, Jim Singman, and our first Youth of the Year, Sophie Aroesty. Mazal Tov again to Jim, Sophie and Max Brown and Joe Goldberg from B’nai Amoona, and thank all of you for all you do!

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

Men's Club Officers:

- President - Bob Olshan
- Secretary - Dave Propper
- Treasurer - Jerry Raskin
- VP Programming - Jim Singman
- VP Ritual - Marcus Brody
- VP Membership - TBD - Please Volunteer!

**Upcoming Kol Rinah Men's Club Events**

May 2 **FJMC Men's Club Retreat**

May 11 **Men's Club BOD meeting** - 7 PM in Youth Lounge (all Men's Club members invited)

May 11 **Hearing Men's Voices** - 8 pm in Youth Lounge (all men over 18 invited)

May 17 **Lag B'Omer Extravaganza** - Bonfire, Beit Café, Gourmet Coffee & Chocolate

Thank you to Nancy Greene, Linda Kelting and Micki Kingsley for their support and Thank you to all who supported Mishloach Manot financially, and by volunteering to pack and deliver Mishloach Manot bags.

**Steve Keyser**

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**The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Our Help**

For the month of April the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry is looking for these specific items to provide well-balanced nourishment for the community in need.

- Canned Pasta with Meat
- Canned Tuna Fish
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Kosher Food
- Any Type of Canned Vegetables
- Dry Pasta
- Toothpaste, Shampoo & Toilet Paper

Items should be brought to our Hanley collection sites. Thank you.

Contact Louise Levine, 636.227.1259.

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**Board Minutes are Available Upon Request**

Contact Meir in the office.
314.727.1747
Meir@kolrinahstl.org
Besides better weather, our April was filled with some great learning experiences for our students and families. The final event for this year’s “MaHaKesher?” (What’s the Connection?) was Kibbutz Kol Rinah. Our staff, students and families participated in a morning of Israeli dance, games and food preparation. Rachel Armoza, our enthusiastic resident shopper, cook and dance instructor, along with our hard working staff, made this a joyful and delicious experience! We appreciated the families who joined us that day to add to the ruach of this event.

I can’t say enough good things about the KRRS staff and the support that they offered me and each other throughout this year. Please give them applause as you read their names to say TODAH RABAH!!

Cindy Becker  Brigit Burke  Debbie Friedman
Sam Forman  Debbie Friedman  Tasha Kaminsky
Ayelet (Jan) Goldman  Linda Kram
Jordan Kodner  Ben Portner
Enid Perll  Scott Rosen
Ellie Scott  Suzanne Sundy
Jared Skoff  Jacques Fehr
Sophie Aroesty  Sam Rubin
Paula Kodner  Many thanks to Rabbi Fasman who helped us begin Sundays with Havdalah and end Wednesday class with prayer study.

Finally, our Sherut Leumi teachers, Mali Bloch and Moriya Orzach, brought Eretz Yisrael to us throughout the year.

Please help us by responding to “early registration” information that is being sent during May. In doing this, you will help us determine how to plan for staff and class size and what materials to order for the coming year. Your early responses will be greatly appreciated!

May Dates

Sunday, May 4th – Religious School; Kesher Class visits the Holocaust Center
Saturday, May 10th – “MifgaShabbat” Family Service
Sunday, May 18th – Last day of Religious School

Wednesday Classes – May 7 and 14
There is no Religious School on May 11th, Mother’s Day

I wish everyone a happy and fulfilling summer!

Paula Hertel
Interim Religious School Director
Early Childhood Education
Marty Schaeffer marty@kolrinahstl.org

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2014 / 5774

Jack Berger son of Allison & Brett Berger  
Zachary Buhler son of Wendy Love Anderson & Jeremy Buhler  
Caleb Doughty son of Amy & Chad Doughty  
Marco Gremillion son of Sarah & Justin Gremillion  
Julen Iturri son of Victoria & Inigo Iturri  
Clay Karasick son of Clarissa & Jay Karasick  
Molly Klein daughter of Elizabeth & Eric Klein

Aaron Lin son of Lindsay Yang Gao & Nan Lin  
William Napier son of Gena & Kelby Napier  
Zachary Neeley son of Laurie Katz  
Scarlett Sandler daughter of Marissa Solomon & Luke Vickers  
Theo Vantine son of Marcie & Charles Vantine  
Cecilia Wynne son of Jennie & John Wynne

The Jewish Community Foundation of St. Louis  
www.jewishinstlouis.org/jcf

I have already made provisions to create a Jewish Legacy for BSKI, Shaare Zedek and/or Kol Rinah. (Please let us know)

Please contact me about how I can leave a Jewish Legacy to Kol Rinah and/or a community agency.
Name: ____________________________  
Contact number: ____________________

Share a Haftarah With Us!
Do you know or want to learn a Haftarah or read part of a Torah portion? We can help.
For scheduling, coaching or partnering, please call or e-mail either of our coordinators.
Lessons available.

Phyllis Hyken  
314.395.6829 phyl_hy@yahoo.com

You Can Create A Jewish Legacy Today!

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Kol Rinah is updating our membership files. Help us know and serve you better by visiting kolrinahstl.org/membership-forms/ for the downloadable pdf of our Kol Rinah Membership Information Form.
And while you are at it, please don't forget to fill out the Kol Rinah Member Fair Share Dues form. We need this form to establish our budget for 2014. 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.
May is already upon us and our Youth Department is wrapping up another incredible year. Our USYers have accomplished so many great things, taking their programming to new heights, hosting an extremely successful convention, and increasing their membership by more than 50%. April saw our USYers planning for the coming year, electing their new executive board and setting goals to strive for when we come back together in August. Best of all, KRSTL took home accolades from EMTZA Region USY’s Spring Kallah. We were awarded Best Scrapbook in the Region! Our very own Daniel Israeli and Sophie Aroesty were awarded Most Inspiring Seniors. Our award winning scrapbook can be seen in the front foyer. Before we break for the summer we have much to celebrate.

Our KRSTL Executive Board installation and Senior Banquet will take place on May 10th at 7:00. A Sudah dinner will be prepared for all USYers and their families. RSVPs are a must so that we have enough food. Please contact Tasha with your reservations for your USYer and any other family members who would like to attend. Dinner costs $8 per person. Join us to celebrate our graduating seniors, our outgoing board, and our incoming board. Following dinner, USY will kick off their annual citywide photo scavenger hunt.

May 6th marks the return of our St. Louis teen Yom HaAtzmaut celebration! All 8th-12th graders are invited to join KRSTL USY along with the rest of St. Louis’ Jewish youth groups for an evening of Israeli festivities including falafel dinner, Israeli dancing, an authentic shuk experience, and more at B’nai Amoona. Details will be posted in front of the KRRS office. Contact Tasha for further information.

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.
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

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Dr. Sherman Silber, world-Renowned Fertility Specialist, to speak at Kol Rinah on May 9

Fertility and infertility play a major role in the early Parshas of the Torah. In Bereishis and Noach, God encourages Man to be fruitful and multiply, and they do so successfully. In Lech Lecha, when Abraham and Sarah cannot conceive a child, God sends a fertility expert in the form of an Angel and, with his help, Sarah becomes pregnant and Isaac is born.

On Friday Night May 9, Kol Rinah will be visited by a current day fertility angel, world-wide infertility authority Dr. Sherman Silber. He will discuss how diagnostic and therapeutic technology has changed since the time of Sarah and Abraham and how these technologies relate to Torah requirements.

Dr. Silber is the medical director of the Infertility Center of St. Louis at St. Luke’s Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, where he has used his expertise to treat patients from around the world.

Schedule
- 6:00 pm - Services
- 7:00 pm - Wine and cheese, followed by dinner
- 8:00 pm - Presentation: Fertility and Jewish Law

Child care will be available following services.

$15 charge.

Please RSVP to the office by May 7.

Kol Rinah Adult Education Committee Offers New Study Group

We proudly announce the formation of the Kol Rinah Poetry Chavurah which has met monthly since January. The focus is on Jewish topics and Jewish poets.

Join us for our first Lunch/learn Poetry Reading on Shabbat afternoon June 7, at 12:30 pm

LET’S EXPLORE JEWISH POETRY WHY?

- Because we are the people of the book and poetic expression is an essential element of our heritage.
- Because by reading aloud, as we do, we have fun. It increases appreciation and understanding.
- Because we may see our own experiences reflected in the work we read.
- Because there are no requirements. We bring selections which resonate with us.
- Because when ten of us gather, there are eleven opinions and, by sharing, we create community.

All are welcome to visit, to listen, to read aloud (or not.)

JOIN US FOR A POETRY READING AFTER SHABBAT SERVICES AND LUNCH ON JUNE 7!
Lag B’Omer Extravaganza

May 17, 2014 8:30 pm

Don’t miss our Lag B’Omer Extravaganza! A hot time will be had by all. Fun for all ages.

* Israeli Bet Café * Music * Dancing * Bonfire

* Israeli Food & Drinks (small charge for food)

Check out Kol Rinah website, eblast, and announcements for more details.

**PLUS:**
You’ll want to experience our Israeli Bet Café following the bonfire. Enjoy Israeli Music, a little dancing, a bonfire, some nosh, Israeli treats, gourmet coffee drinks and Schnapps!

Lag B’Omer is the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer. The origins of the Omer count are found in the Torah itself, in Leviticus 23:15-16, which states that it is a commandment to count seven complete weeks from the day after Passover night ending with the festival of Shavuot on the fiftieth day. The 49 days of the Omer correspond to the time between emancipation from Egypt and the spiritual liberation of the giving of the Torah at the foot of Mount Sinai on Shavuot. It is also the time between the barley harvest and the wheat harvest in ancient Israel. The most well-known custom of Lag B’Omer is the lighting of bonfires. Some say that as bar Yohai gave spiritual light to the world with the revelation of the Zohar, bonfires are lit to symbolize the impact of his teachings.

In Israel, Lag B’Omer is a school holiday. Youngsters and their parents light bonfires in open spaces in cities and towns throughout the country. Students’ Day is celebrated on the campuses of the various universities. Hundreds of weddings are held on Lag B’Omer, adding to the festive character of this holiday.

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Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award

Sherri Frank Weintrop has been named the local recipient of the 2014 Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award, which will be presented at the International Lion of Judah Conference in New York City in September. The award, named for the founders of the program, honors extraordinary women who have set a high standard for philanthropy, volunteerism and a lifetime of commitment to the Jewish World. Frank Weintrop is involved in Jewish Federation of St. Louis’ Women’s Philanthropy as an Emerald Lion of Judah.

The Lion of Judah program has brought together women of all ages and from many walks of life to play an essential role in creating social justice, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, preserving human dignity and building Jewish identity. Almost 17,000 women world-wide are Lions of Judah.

J-Associates Mitzvah Star

Charles “Chuck” Sandroff is a United States Army Veteran and a member of Jewish War Veterans (JWV) St. Louis-Heritage Post No. 644. On May 13, 2014 he is one of several people being honored by the J-Associates as a Mitzvah Star for volunteer work in the Community -- specifically, for his contributions on behalf of the Jewish War Veterans (JWV).

The mission of JWV is to help and support our veterans but Chuck believes that all Jewish veterans should also support our Jewish community. He began his first volunteer project by asking JWV members to bring non-perishable food items to the bi-annual brunches to support the Jewish food pantry. He also initiated sponsoring books for the Jewish Book Festival.

One of Sandroff’s most cherished activities is the Missouri Veterans History Project where he volunteers to interview and videotape veterans about their experiences in the military. The DVDs of the interviews are permanently lodged in the Library of Congress, Missouri Historical Society and a copy is also given to the veteran.

Chuck Sandroff has been married to Betsy Enger for 20 years and he is Tovah Enger’s loving step-father. He has lived in St. Louis for 22 years and is a member of Kol Rinah.

Jewish Light’s Unsung Heros

Dr. Marvin Beckerman was named a 2014 Unsung Hero for his many accomplishments in our community. Marvin and his wife, Muriel, are an important part of the Crown Center community, leading Kabbalat Shabbat services there as part of the Kol Rinah Social Action Committee. Marvin is President of the Older Adult Community Action Program (OACAP), that works to influence government policy on every level.

To name just a few of his achievements, Marvin has co-chaired the community-wide Jewish Social Action Network, headed up last year’s program, “Generations for Social Action”, taught underprivileged children at Catholic schools in the inner-city, served as Director of Training with the Human Development Corporation; and taught English as a Second Language at Maryland University. He is currently active in the Kol Rinah Adult Ed committee, and treasurer of the St. Louis chapter of the Midwest Jewish Congress.

Marvin attributes his inspiration for good works to his parents, his wife, Muriel, and his Jewish heritage, as well as to his life experiences. Marvin Beckerman truly acts according to Pirke Avot (Ethics of the Fathers, 2:2) “All who exert themselves for the community should do so for the sake of Heaven”.

Crown Center Home Delivery Volunteers (Marilyn & Saul Dien)

Truly Unsung Heroes, this group of 10 warm-hearted people which includes two Kol Rinah members, Marilyn and Saul Dien, make sure that senior adults with limited mobility, that lack adequate transportation, or have trouble cooking for themselves receive hot, tasty, kosher meals five days a week. Currently, 22 different people living in the community receive at least one meal per week – which does not include those who live at Crown Center, where the meals are stored.

Five times a week, one or two of the unsung heroes pick up the carefully packaged fresh or frozen dinners from Crown Center along with a list of people to deliver them to. After their rounds, volunteers return to Crown Center to drop off the temperature controlled container and relate to staff member Geri Frank, a retired attorney and social worker, any feedback or concerns from their “clients.”

These heroes come in all ages and backgrounds, sharing a passion for “chesed”, acts of loving kindness. They seek out the opportunity to do good – without any fanfare or recognition. These volunteers help not only the older adults who answer the door – but help us all – by doing a job that must be done, if we are to be a caring community.
Presents

Reaching Resilience

Sunday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m.
Sisterhood Brunch at Kol Rinah

Cost: $12.00 (No charge for New Sisterhood Members)

Connie Fisher, Director of Mental Health Promotion for Mental Health America of Eastern Missouri will speak on ‘Reaching Resilience’. Ms. Fisher is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with 26 years private practice experience.

She has presented numerous workshops on a variety of mental health topics. Connie has 10 years experience as an Adjunct Professor teaching a variety of courses on psychology and human services.

This seminar will provide essential information and skill-building activities for adapting well to life changes, transitions or challenging circumstances.

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Our Holocaust Memorial Torahs

History of the Czech Memorial Scrolls

During the Holocaust of World War II, hundreds of Jewish communities in the Czechoslovakian regions of Bohemia and Moravia were destroyed or abandoned. Their religious objects were collected and stored in the Jewish Museum in Prague. Jewish curators catalogued each item. After the war, these items were moved, to be warehoused by the Czechoslovak government in the Michle Synagogue in a suburb of Prague. However, the scrolls were piled up in a space that was damp and cramped, with no air circulation. And, by being rolled up and unused, the scrolls seemed condemned to eventual deterioration.

In 1963, the Communist government in Czechoslovakia was looking for someone to buy the scrolls. Ralph Yablon, a philanthropist and member of Westminster Synagogue in London, bought all 1,564 scrolls for the equivalent of 30,000 British pounds. Westminster Synagogue became the official trustee for the entire collection. Yablon supplied the funds for the scrolls to be packed and shipped. On February 7, 1964, the Torah scrolls arrived at Westminster Synagogue. A Memorial Scroll Committee was created to oversee the scrolls. Three rooms were set aside in Kent House, the synagogue annex. Special racks were constructed, and each scroll or scroll fragment was numbered and placed in its own compartment. The condition of each scroll was recorded, along with what was still known of its history, date and place of origin.

The Memorial Scroll Trust

Since 1980, the constitution and activities of the Memorial Scroll Committee have been governed by the rules of a Memorial Scroll Trust, which establishes how the Torah scrolls may be distributed. There is to be a permanent exhibit at the Westminster Synagogue. Many scrolls have been sent on long term loan to synagogues and institutions throughout the world. More than 1,400 of these Memorial Scrolls have been sent to over 20 countries, to cherish the memory of the Jews, and their communities, who did not survive the Holocaust. But these scrolls also serve to used, read, and studied by new generations of Jews, to celebrate the survival of those scrolls and the Jewish people.

This year the Memorial Scrolls Trust celebrated its 50th anniversary. Over 50 of its loaned scrolls were brought back for the celebration, and many synagogues creating and sending posters showing members holding their MST scrolls. Kol Rinah proudly sent posters of its two scrolls, #1276 and #1523.

See and read more about our memorial scrolls in a separate document in our display case.

For more information about the Czech Memorial Scrolls, link to http://www.memorialscrollstrust.org

#1523 Bohemia or Moravia

#1276 Kostelec nad Labem

Kol Rinah
Joyce and Bob Olshan

The story of the Olshans begins with their two maternal grandfathers. Joyce’s Zada, born in Russia, emigrated to the United States in 1914. When the USA entered WWI three years later, he was drafted; but since he was a member of a Zionist organization called the Jewish Alliance, he arranged to join Britain’s “Jewish Legion,” whose “goal was to assist the British to liberate Palestine from the Ottoman Turks.” In Plymouth, England, Joyce’s Zada “trained under the command of Menachim Begin’s mentor, Vladimir Jabotinsky.” He returned to St. Louis where he worked for the Raskas Dairy company and started his family.

At the same time, Bob’s Zadie also emigrated from Russia, going first to New York where he worked for several years; and then in 1917, he went to England, “also joined the Jewish Legion and served in Palestine in the same command as David Ben Gurion.” When WWI ended, his grandfather returned to the United States but this time settled in Chicago, and, in time, became a printer at a Jewish printing press but, more importantly, was a Yiddish poet (who published 2 books), a strong Zionist, socialist and an artist.

One other grandparent had direct contact with a famous Israeli. Bob’s maternal Grandma Minnie, who grew up in Milwaukee, WI, knew Golda Meyerson (Golda Meir), who lived around the corner and was the maid of honor in Minnie’s sister’s wedding. Grandma Minnie was involved in establishing the Clothing Union in Chicago and was active in Yiddish Theater.

(Nota: the quotations from the previous paragraphs came from Faith - Family - Future - Shaare Zedek: The First Hundred Years, 1905-2005, pp. 22, 30, and 126.)

Joyce Cohen Olshan, the second of Marion and Gerald (Jerry) Cohen’s 3 children, was born at Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. Her father was a podiatrist, who had an office on Grand and Gravois in south St. Louis, and her mother taught elementary school before they were able to play a bigger role in the children’s lives, especially on Shabbat and the Jewish holidays. The children also had very close ties to their many cousins, who were part of the Hartstein-Silberman Cousins Club (on Joyce’s mother’s side) and lived in St. Louis, whereas Joyce’s paternal grandparents and cousins lived in New Jersey, always making their visits very special occasions.

At a very young age, Joyce began developing strong feelings for the State of Israel for many reasons, a few of which are: (1) Her parents and grandparents were dedicated Zionists; (2) When she was 5 years old, she began learning Israeli folk dances at the old “Y” on Union and continued attending the dance sessions at the Yalem building after that; (3) Her Sunday School principal, Don Makovsky, in the 1960’s showed slides to the children of the early state of Israel; and (4) She enjoyed watching Israeli entertainment troupes, who frequently visited St. Louis. As a child, Joyce remembers thinking, “I’d like to move to Israel someday and live on a kibbutz.”

As far as synagogue affiliation is concerned, Joyce’s mother, Marion Cohen “grew up in Shaare Zedek (SZ) when it was on Page and West End.” In addition, both her nuclear family and her extended family, including the Ikens and the Hartsteins, have a long history of being members and actively involved in SZ (now Kol Rinah). Marion and Jerry have
served in many capacities. For example, Marion was President of the Sisterhood, and Jerry, who helped start USY in the early 1970's, is still a key player in the morning minyans.

Joyce attended both Hebrew School (4 days a week) and Sunday school, which had such a large enrollment that every Sunday there were two sessions - one possibly beginning at 8:00 a.m. and the other at 10:00 a.m. Her family happily attended the later session!

Joyce celebrated her Bat Mitzvah parshat Ki Tissa, on March 15, a Friday night, as was the practice for girls at that time. She learned to sing her Haftarah from Mr. Anski (z’l) and delivered a speech that was written by Rabbi Epstein (z’l). She revealed, “We never thought of writing it for ourselves back then!” Joyce continued her Hebrew studies after Bat Mitzvah, became President of her confirmation class and was confirmed when she was 16.

Joyce fondly remembers the summers of her youth, during which her family took many car trips to both east and west coasts. She also went to Girl Scout camp as well as to the JCCA’s Camp Hawthorn in the Ozarks. But, the summer before her senior year in high school was one of the most memorable ones of her life! Joyce had elected to take Hebrew classes in her high school that were taught by Tova Fish, who was hired by the Clayton and Ladue schools to teach conversational Hebrew as an elective. Tova Fish did an amazing thing. She organized and arranged a seven-week trip to Israel for her students in the summer of 1972, for which the students earned 3 college credits!

They traveled throughout the country and according to Joyce “saw everything” and had a “super-wonderful time! (This was at a time when teen trips to Israel were virtually non-existent.)

When she was in high school, Joyce thought she wanted to become a physical therapist (PT) and live in Israel. After graduating from Horton Watkins, she attended the University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC). While at UMKC, she was part of a small but very active “Hillel-like” Jewish College Students group, which organized some very big programs with the support of the University and the Kansas City Jewish community. As a result, Joyce was able to actually meet and greet several visiting, significant Jewish leaders, such as Abba Eban, Isaac Bashevis Singer, and Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, all of blessed memory.

Joyce graduated from UMKC, four years after beginning there, with a B.A. in History and Judaic Studies. Still thinking she wanted to become a physical therapist, Joyce arranged for an interview at the University of Missouri - Columbia (Mizzou); but, after the interview, she changed her mind, realizing that Occupational Therapy (OT) would be a better choice for her. However, she decided to take off a year and go to Israel first and pursue the study of OT when she returned to the States.

For the next 1½ years, Joyce lived on a kibbutz named Ein Tzurim, where she studied Hebrew in the mornings and worked in the kitchen, the laundry facilities and out in the fields in the afternoons. The remainder of her visit was spent studying Torah, Talmud, and other Jewish studies at the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem.

When she returned to St. Louis from Israel, she worked in her father’s orthopedic shoe business, which was an outgrowth of his podiatry practice. It was a good introduction to her future therapy studies.

During that year, two significant things happened: (1) She decided to apply to Mizzou’s School of Allied Health, where she was able to earn a Master’s degree in Education with a Specialty in Occupational Therapy. (2) She also went to work at the Galen College of Podiatric Medicine for the summer, where she realized she very much enjoyed working with feet, and decided to pursue that as a career.

Joyce returned to Missouri State University the next fall and earned a Master’s degree in Occupational Therapy, which she received in 1979. She was then accepted into the Mizzou School of Allied Health, where she completed the required classes for the M.A.

Joyce became a professional therapist in 1979, first in Missouri and later in St. Louis. She has been married for 38 years, has two adopted children, and is a proud grandmother of five. She has been an active member of Kol Rinah Synagogue for more than 25 years and serves in many capacities. She is currently the President of the Sisterhood.

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Therapy. Her long-term goal was to make aliyah to Israel and practice OT there. (2) She met Bob Olshan, the young man who would become her husband about 5 years later, which is part of the reason she chose to go to Mizzou (since he was working in St. Louis then).

When asked how she and Bob met, Joyce stated that when she returned to St. Louis in 1979 from Israel, she began looking for people who had similar interests. She went to Heman Park in U. City, which was the venue for an international folk dance group. There, after saying she had just returned from Israel, Joyce was introduced to Bob Olshan, who had also been to Israel, but when Hungarian dance music began, Bob said, “Got to go” and danced off. Several nights later Joyce “went to Washington University’s Hillel House for Israeli folk dancing, and there was Bob again. “A few nights later,” Joyce continued, “we found ourselves at the JCCA at a meeting for Hebrew speakers and those interested in making Aliyah... When we both ended up at the Midwest Jewish Book store on Olive Street in U. City one Sunday afternoon looking at Israeli dance records, we finally went to get a bite to eat at Posh Nosh in Clayton. We both boasted about our grandparents’ time in the Jewish Legion and realized then that we must have been destined to meet.”

On the other hand, Robert (Bob) Zev Olshan was born at Mount Sinai hospital in Chicago but grew up in Skokie. His parents, Sanford and Edythe, met at a young age in the Hashomer Hatzair Youth Movement in Chicago. After graduating from college, Sanford at first worked in his parents’ women’s apparel business and then owned and operated it himself. After several years, he sold the business and became a public high school math teacher, although he had a degree in chemistry. An early computer scientist, Sanford, in time, initiated a computer department, first in the high school where he worked and later at Illinois Teachers Institute College. Bob’s mother, Edythe (or Yehudit in Hebrew), who was known to everyone by her nickname, “Di,” an English major by training, also became a math teacher but taught in middle schools.

Both of Bob’s parents were strong Zionists and very active in the Brenner Branch of the Labor Zionist organization. They also became passionate about international folk dancing; and, in time, Bob came to share their passion. Bob mentioned that his mother, who is now 86 years old, still leads folk dancing to this day!

Like Joyce, Bob has an older sister and a younger brother. Blythe is 1½ years older and Jerrold, 7 years younger than Bob. The three youngsters were occasionally full of mischief and energy. For example, one summer when their parents went on a trip to Florida and their grandmother was taking care of them, the older siblings rubbed poison ivy on each other. They also had water fights, and once the action took place in their house! Bob’s sister became a renowned math teacher winning a presidential award, and Bob’s brother is “a real doctor”, a Pediatric Endocrinologist in Maine. Both siblings are married. Blythe and her husband reside in Chicago while Jerrold and his wife live in Maine and have two grown children.

The Olshan family first lived on the west side of Chicago, but when Bob was five years old, they moved to nearby suburban Skokie and became members of B’nai Emunah Synagogue, where Bob went to Hebrew School four days a week for a number of years and where he became a Bar Mitzvah.

Bob attended Jane Stenson Elementary School, Old Orchard Junior High School and North Niles High School. According to Bob, whose favorite subjects were math and science, he was a good (but not a great) student, and that was because of his extraordinary involvement with Zionist and political organizations, starting at a young age and continuing through college. At the age of nine, Bob began to learn Israeli folk dancing through the Habonim Labor Zionist Youth Movement, and Habonim soon became a most significant factor in his life. His involvement grew over the years, especially in high school. It became the primary focus of his social life as he participated in their meetings, programs and discussion groups. The summer after his junior year, he went to a Habonim Leadership Camp in Red Hook, NY. By the time he was a senior, he was leading and choreographing the Habonim Folk Dance Performing Group in Chicago. That same year, he was involved in the anti-war movement and also started the high school’s Students for Israel Club, for which he invited guest speakers to lead “Teach-ins” for the whole school. The club continued for the next 30 years!

After graduating from high school, Bob took a “gap year” (a year off) and went to Israel to attend a Habonim Workshop. He lived on Kibbutz Yotvata and first worked in the kibbutz’s dairy, which is well known across Israel for the best Chocolate and Mocha Milk. During this program Bob studied in Jerusalem for six weeks and went on multiple tiyulim (hikes) in 60 days, including eight days in the Sinai climbing the various ridges of Mount Sinai - and yelling back and forth with some kids across the Suez Canal on the last day of the Israel-Egypt cease-fire.

After that year, he returned to the States and went to the University of Illinois – Circle Campus in Chicago for two years. The first year, he lived at home. Then he moved to a Habonim Bayit (commune) with six of his Habonim friends. After his sophomore year, he transferred to the University of Illinois’ Champaign-Urbana campus, which, at that time, was #2 in the country for engineering, and continued working on his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. A friend of his in Champaign, Phil Mast, was one of the developers of an educational network computer system called Plato that was the forerunner of the internet. Bob remembers playing bridge and computer games until late at night with Phil and another friend, David Abraham, who was a folk dancer of Palestinian descent and also chatting while playing games with a Habonim friend David Mansky in Arizona (a decade before the internet). For Bob, international folk dancing became “a big thing” while he was in college. In his senior year, he actually traveled in Israel and then in Eastern Europe to learn different kinds of folk dancing. Bob received a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois.
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first and two years later was awarded an M.S. in Electrical Engineering also from the University of Illinois, both with a specialization in Lasers. After receiving his Master’s degree in 1977, Bob was hired by McDonnell Douglas as a System Engineer in Laser Communications, and he has worked for the company ever since (37 years), through a merger with the Boeing Company. (Later, the merged company was renamed the Boeing Company.) But, in 1979, while working for the company in St. Louis that was still called McDonnell Douglas, Bob met Joyce.

Meanwhile, for 1½ years after getting her master’s degree and OT certification, Joyce worked as an OT at both St. Lukes East Hospital (on Delmar) and St. Lukes West Hospital (on Woods Mill). In January 1984, while Bob was working on his Ph.D at Tel Aviv University, Joyce made aliyah! Once in Israel, she held 2 part-time jobs - - as a guide in the Diaspora Museum and as an OT in Tel Hashomer Rehabilitation Center in Tel Aviv. It was in Israel during that time (August of 1985) that, she and Bob decided to get married.

Three months later, they were married in the newly remodeled Omni Hotel in St. Louis’ Union Station by 3 rabbis: Rabbi Green of SZ, Rabbi Devorah Jacobson, who had been Joyce’s roommate in St. Louis and Rabbi Jim Diamond (2′) from Hillel, who had been Bob’s rabbi when he came to St. Louis. It was memorable for many reasons but mostly because the day of the celebration was one of the coldest days in all the Midwest.

After their marriage they went on a 3-month honeymoon, starting in Alaska and going around the world with stops in Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, China, Thailand, India and Nepal, and ending in Tel Aviv. They stayed for a year while Bob finished his Ph.D. at Tel Aviv University where he published a number of articles in prestigious physics magazines. Joyce went back to work at the Diaspora Museum, which is located at the university.

Then they returned to St. Louis where Bob resumed working at McDonnell Douglas and Joyce went back to work as an OT (this time at Lutheran Hospital in south St. Louis) until their first child was born. Bob’s position and responsibilities at McDonnell Douglas/Boeing have changed numerous times over the years, but one of the highlights was when he was the Vice President of McDonnell Douglas in Israel representing the company from 1990-1997. In this prestigious position Bob got to know the leaders of Israel’s Aerospace companies, the Israeli Air Force and Ministry of Defense. At that time, Israel acquired the Apache Helicopters and purchased the F-15I, which is built in St. Louis. Bob is proud to have been instrumental in placing over $500 million dollars of work in Israeli Aerospace. While Bob was very busy at work, Joyce was able not only to return to her previous job at Tel Hashomer Hospital but also to expand her role as a mother.

When they returned to St. Louis, Bob, as the Chief System Engineer for the Air Force next generation drone, started a Boeing Modeling and Simulation facility in Bangalore, India, which “enabled him to go back to Israel and operate drone aircraft along Israel’s Gaza and Sinai borders.”

Currently, Bob is Project Manager with Boeing Immersive Development Environment International, which involves global collaboration and 3-D visualization of aircraft designs.

In addition to his professional life, Bob has held a number of volunteer positions in the community. He: (1) was the leader and choreographer for the International Folk Dance troupe in St. Louis from 1979-1982, (2) led Israeli dancing at the JCCA from 1980-1982, and (3) has been the Co-chair of Ameinu St. Louis, a Progressive Zionism organization since 2008. Furthermore, Bob has held various offices and served on a number of committees at SZ/KR over the years, including chair (now co-chair with Esti Goldman) of the Social Action Committee, chair of the Israel Committee and President of the Shaare Zedek/Kol Rinah Men’s Club from 2010 until the present time. On top of all that, he still reserves time for folk dancing, playing golf, traveling and being with family, all of which are important to him.

Over the years, Joyce has taken continuing education courses in Occupational Therapy and has worked in a number of different settings, including St. Anthony’s Home Care Department, a school for children with autism, and another school for developmentally disabled children. From 2001-2005, she was hired to provide multi-generational educational programming at SZ. In addition, she worked at Solomon Schechter Day School assisting the Hebrew teachers and substituting.

In 2010, Joyce began working part time at the Cooperative Homecare Co., doing low-vision training for adults, and in 2011 she accepted an additional job working with children at the Missouri School for the Blind, where she still works today. In addition, Joyce adds to the curriculum of the Kol Rinah ECC by leading the children in simple Israeli folk dances and reading Hebrew stories.

In her spare time, Joyce enjoys reading, arts and crafts, beading, singing, music, dance and baking. She has created unique jewelry (called “Ms Matched”) as well as large-print greeting cards for adults with low vision.

Joyce and Bob have 3 children: (1) Yonit, who was born in St. Louis and named after Bob’s Zadie, (Yaakov), is now 26; (2) Maayan (the Hebrew word for spring or fountain), who was born in Israel and named after Joyce’s Zada (Hyman or Chayim, which means life), is now 21; and (3) Dovran, born in Israel and named after Joyce’s grandmother, Devorah, is currently 17. (They made up his name by changing the last Hebrew letter from a ‘hey’ to a ‘nun’ to be appropriate for a boy.)

Joyce and Bob Oshlan are an extraordinary couple, who were initially attracted to each other because they both “loved folk dancing, Israel, and speaking Hebrew.” In the 28 years that they have been married, they have supported each other in pursuing personal goals and mutual interests and have built a happy life together based on love for each other, their family, their faith and heritage as well as their strong affection for both folk dancing and the land of Israel.

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May 2014
April 25, 2014

Board of Directors Announcement

To All Kol Rinah members

Kol Rinah and Shaare Zedek have been blessed and privileged to have had Rabbi Mark Fasman as our spiritual leader for the past 13 years. He has guided our congregation with dignity and professionalism. His leadership and commitment to our community have been outstanding and unselfish.

It is with bittersweet sentiments that we announce Rabbi Fasman’s decision to step down as our senior rabbi. We honor and appreciate his distinguished service through the years, including his guidance with the merger and the transition to Kol Rinah. He has remained committed to his responsibilities by seeing to the daily needs of our congregation. Rabbi Fasman has also been involved with our leadership, helping us to identify a suitable rabbi to succeed him.

On April 24, 2014 our Board of Directors granted unanimous approval to hire Rabbi Noah Arnow as our next spiritual leader. Rabbi Arnow will officially join us in the beginning of August, 2014. Rabbi Fasman will continue as our Senior Rabbi on a full-time basis through October, 2014. After that date Rabbi Fasman will continue as Rabbi Emeritus with Kol Rinah, providing support for life-cycle events and continuing to teach various classes. We anticipate that Rabbi Fasman will also serve as a mentor and partner to Rabbi Arnow as he becomes acclimated to our congregation. Rabbi Fasman intends to maintain the wonderful relationships he’s had with so many people throughout his tenure. We look forward to welcoming Rabbi Arnow, his wife Tammy (who was born and raised in St. Louis!) and their children, son Caleb (6), and daughters Hallel (4) and Avra (18 months) to our Kol Rinah family. This is an exciting opportunity for Rabbi Arnow and Kol Rinah.

Rabbi Arnow is a passionate, energetic and experienced teacher of adults and children. His warm and welcoming manner is an excellent match for Kol Rinah. He loves singing and helping to create moments of both great joy and deep introspection in prayer. We believe his spiritual leadership will further unify us behind achieving our vision and strategic goals. Rabbi Noah Arnow will be leaving his current position as the Associate Rabbi of Congregation Beth El in Voorhees, NJ. He has been recognized by his congregation for reinvigorating and rebranding their Young Families Group and for engaging extensively with parents and children of all ages. Rabbi Arnow grew up in Scarsdale, NY, and graduated from Brown University, where he concentrated in public policy. He was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 2010. Before rabbinical school, he worked in New York City politics for several years.

On behalf of our entire congregation we want to express our gratitude to Rabbi Fasman, to our search committee, and to our personnel committee for their guidance and hours of work that have led us to this outstanding candidate.

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Arnow! We look forward to many years of his leadership, his love of learning and his gentle wisdom to inspire everyone in our Kol Rinah family.

Susan Cort   Mitchell Shenker
President    Chair of the Board

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Thursday May 1, 2014  
**Rosh Chodesh Iyyar**  
See Minyan Schedule  
7pm Coordinating Meeting - Library

Friday May 2, 2014  
7am Shacharit, 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:36pm Candle lighting

**Saturday May 3, 2014**  
*Parshat Emor*  
9am Shabbat Service  
10:30am Kidrash - Chapel  
6:35pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma’ariv  
8:38pm Shabbat Ends

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**Sunday May 4, 2014**  
See Minyan Schedule  
9am Communications Meeting - Library  
9:30am Kol Rinah Religious School  
12:30pm Kadima Event  
7pm Magic Flute Opera - Sara Myers Rm 106

Monday May 5, 2014  
**Yom HaZikaron**  
See Minyan Schedule  
9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Class - Sara Myers Rm 106  
Tuesday May 6, 2014  
**Yom HaAtzma’ut**  
See Minyan Schedule  
8am Jewish Ethics Class - Sara Myers Rm 106  
6:30pm Haftorah Class - Library  
6:30 pm Men's Club Board meeting - Youth Lounge  
7:30 pm Hearing Men's Voices - Youth Lounge

**Wednesday May 7, 2014**  
See Minyan Schedule  
8:15am Rabbi Fasman's Talmud Shiur  
9:30am Kindermusic - Rm 101  
3pm Blood Drive - Auditorium  
4:15pm KRRS  
6:30pm Kadima Dinner/USY Lounge Night Israel  
Theme - Youth Lounge

**Thursday May 8, 2014**  
See Minyan Schedule  
7pm Kol Rinah Board Meeting

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**Friday May 9, 2014**  
7am Shacharit, 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat  
7pm Infertility Program & Dinner - Auditorium  
7:42pm Candle lighting

**Saturday May 10, 2014**  
*Parshat Behar*  
Senior Send Off Shabbat/Sleepover  
9am Shabbat Service  
10:30am - 12:30pm KRRS MiShaBabbat - Mirowitz  
11am Rhythm n' Rauch - Sara Meyers Rm 106  
6:45pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma’ariv  
7:30pm USY Banquet - Auditorium  
8:45pm Havdalah

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**Sunday May 11, 2014**  
See Minyan Schedule  
12pm 60 Plus Bingo  
Friday May 12, 2014  
See Minyan Schedule  
9am Communications Meeting - Library

Monday May 13, 2014  
8am Jewish Ethics Class - Sara Myers Rm 106  
6:30pm Haftorah Class - Library  
6:30 pm Men's Club Board meeting - Youth Lounge  
7:30 pm Hearing Men's Voices - Youth Lounge

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**Pesach Sheni**  
See Minyan Schedule  
8:15am Rabbi Fasman's Talmud Shiur  
9:30am Kindermusic - Rm 101  
4:15pm KRRS  
Tuesday May 15, 2014  
See Minyan Schedule  
Friday May 16, 2014  
See Minyan Schedule, 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:49pm Candle lighting

**Saturday May 17, 2014**  
*Parshat Bechukotai*  
9am Shabbat Service  
10am Nitzavim - a parallel (traditional)  
intergenerational minyan - Daily Chapel  
10:30am Kidrash - Sara Myers Rm 106  
12:30pm Toasting Talmud and Torah  
6:50pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma’ariv  
8:53pm Havdalah  
8:30pm Lag B’omer program

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**Sunday May 18, 2014**  
 Lag B’omer  
See Minyan Schedule  
9am Communications Meeting - Library  
9am Sisterhood Wellness Program and brunch - Sara Myers Rm 106  
9:30am Kol Rinah Religious School

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**Mothers’ Day**  
No KRRS  
See Minyan Schedule  
9am Communications Meeting - Library  
Monday May 12, 2014  
See Minyan Schedule  
9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Class - Sara Myers Rm 106  
7pm Ritual Meeting - Sara Myers Rm 106

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**Tuesday May 13, 2014**  
See Minyan Schedule  
8am Jewish Ethics Class - Sara Myers Rm 106  
10am Poetry Reading/Chavurah - Daily Chapel  
11:45am JCRC Meeting - Auditorium  
6:45pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma’ariv  
7:49pm Candle lighting

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**Wednesday May 14, 2014**  
**Pesach Sheni**  
See Minyan Schedule  
8:15am Rabbi Fasman's Talmud Shiur  
9:30am Kindermusic - Rm 101  
4:15pm KRRS  
**Thursday May 15, 2014**  
See Minyan Schedule  
**Friday May 16, 2014**  
See Minyan Schedule, 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:49pm Candle lighting

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**Saturday May 17, 2014**  
**Parshat Bechukotai**  
9am Shabbat Service  
10am Nitzavim - a parallel (traditional)  
intergenerational minyan - Daily Chapel  
10:30am Kidrash - Sara Myers Rm 106  
12:30pm Toasting Talmud and Torah  
6:50pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma’ariv  
8:53pm Havdalah  
8:30pm Lag B’omer program

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**Sunday May 18, 2014**  
 Lag B’omer  
See Minyan Schedule  
9am Communications Meeting - Library  
9am Sisterhood Wellness Program and brunch - Sara Myers Rm 106  
9:30am Kol Rinah Religious School  
12pm 60 Plus Bingo  
**Friday May 23, 2014**  
See Minyan Schedule, 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:55pm Candle lighting

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**Saturday May 24, 2014**  
*Parshat Bamidbar*  
9am Shabbat Service  
10:30am Kidrash - Chapel  
7pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma’ariv  
9pm Havdalah

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**Sunday May 25, 2014**  
See Minyan Schedule  
9am Communications Meeting - Library  
12:30pm Noar Event  
**Monday May 26, 2014**  
**Memorial Day**  
8am Shacharit, 6pm Mincha/Ma’ariv  
**Tuesday May 27, 2014**  
See Minyan Schedule  
8am Jewish Ethics Class - Sara Myers Rm 106  
6:30pm Haftorah Class - Library  
**Wednesday May 28, 2014**  
Yom Yerushalayim  
See Minyan Schedule  
8:15am Rabbi Fasman's Talmud Shiur  
**Thursday May 29, 2014**  
See Minyan Schedule  
**Friday May 30, 2014**  
**Rosh Chodesh Sivan**  
See Minyan Schedule, 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat  
8pm Candle lighting

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**Saturday May 31, 2014**  
*Parshat Nasso*  
9am Shabbat Service  
10am Nitzavim - a parallel (traditional)  
intergenerational minyan - Daily Chapel  
10:30am Kidrash - Sara Myers Rm 106  
12:30pm Toasting Talmud and Torah  
6:50pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma’ariv  
8:53pm Havdalah  
9:06pm Lag B’omer

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**Minyan Schedule**  
Monday - Friday 7am  
Sunday 8am  
Sunday - Friday 6pm  
Rosh Chodesh - 6:45am  
Special times as posted

Saturday services will be held at the times posted in the calendar.

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The music has returned!

Our Musical Shabbat Rinah has returned every Friday night at 6 p.m.

Led by Rabbi Fasman, the Shabbat Rinah service features piano (Ben Portner), violin (Mike Shanas), and vocalists (Rabbi Fasman and Karen Simmons) encouraging everyone to welcome Shabbat with joy. The ruach (spirit) of the community singing beautiful melodies (many composed by Shlomo Carlebach) helps us leave the week behind and enter the sacred space of Shabbat.

Come, join us and experience the joy of Shabbat for yourself.

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June 9 – August 1

Ages 2-5

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Weekly enrollments available

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7:30am breakfast
9.00am morning program
1:00pm-3.00pm nap, quiet activities, yoga
3.00pm-6.00pm enrichment

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Open Play in the gym evenings and weekends

Contact Marty Schaffer, Director - 314.797.2565, marty@kolrinahstl.org

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