



Kol Rinah *The Voice*

Kol Rinah welcomes everyone. This means YOU! Kol Rinah is a dynamic and forward-looking congregation where all generations come together to experience Judaism in innovative ways. **Our mission** is to create a welcoming community that embraces Torah and meaningful worship, lifelong learning, music, Israel and Tikkun Olam, guided by the tenets of Conservative Judaism. **We embrace** a diversity of Jews and Jewish families, including Jews by choice and Jews by birth, Jews of all hues, Jewish singles, couples, and families, interfaith households, LGBTQ Jews, Jews of all abilities and disabilities, the Jew-curious, and more! If there is anything we can do to make you more welcome or to accommodate your needs, please let us know.

The New Kol Rinah "The Voice" & "The Voice Extra!" Explained

Our new **The Voice** and **The Voice Extra!** are a result of feedback within Kol Rinah and many weeks of discussion. The main suggestions for the newsletter that were made, were: **more space, shorter articles and more photos**. There was also the consideration that more people liked the newsletter to come to them in print. With that in mind, we will be mailing both **The Voice** and **The Voice Extra!** out to everyone in print.

The Voice (mailed as this was) will run as a double month edition beginning with this May/June issue and arrive to you by or before the first of the month (this time May).

The Voice will contain:

- ✧ 2 months of birthdays, anniversaries, births and condolences (April included this time because they were missed in our regular March edition)
- ✧ Articles (including *Our Story*)
- ✧ ads for programming and events
- ✧ the first month's Calendar (this time May)

The Voice Extra! (in a special blue envelope) will run as a supplement in the second month (this time June) and arrive to you by or before the first of that month.

The Voice Extra! will contain:

- ✧ The second month's Calendar (this time June)
- ✧ a list of upcoming events
- ✧ All Tributes including: Morning Minyan Breakfasts, Kol Rinah Funds, Sisterhood, Women's Social Group and Yarzheits
- ✧ *If there is room, advertising for that month's events*

After we all experience our new **The Voice** and **The Voice Extra!** for a while, we will ask for feedback to further improve our Kol Rinah community communication.

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Mazal Tov!

April Birthdays

Eli Abeles, Stanley Allen, Frank Anderson, Shirley Barken, Howard Belsky, Gerald Cohen, Todd Cohen, Flora Eissman, Denise Field, Edward Finkelstein, Ann Frank, Hal Goldsmith, Joel Goldstein, Susan Gurwitch, William Hamilton, William Huss, Serra-Lesa Ivener, Audrey Katcher, Sheldon Kessler, Steve Keyser, Frances Kootman, Allan Leving, Tobie Liebert, Elaine Melnick, Harvey Melnick, Vivienne Palmer-Young, Vickie Parker, Carol Pessin, Juliane Praiss, Laura Rainey, Pamela Reznick, Amos Shamir, Mitch Shenker, James Singman, Cheryl Stein, Bonnie Vickar, Jeremiah Weinstock, Sharon Katz-Weintraub, Gary Yavitz, Andy Youkilis

April Anniversaries

Denis & Ruth Altman
Martin & Phyllis Kalmes
Donn & Beth Rubin
Edward & Trina Schukar

May Birthdays

Judy Allen, Rabbi Noah Arnow, Michael Bernstein, Samuel Bernstein, Kate Blumenfeld, Rena Buhler, Pat Cohen, Zachary Cohen, Katlyne Cooke, Rolf Cooke, Tobi Don, Jim Fehr, Gloria Feldman, Jada Fox, Shirley Fredman, Simmie Gellman, Cindy Ginsburg, Emily Ginsburg, Alison Gold, Jenna Gold, Esti Goldman, Russell Gottlieb, Phillip Gould, Franklin Haspiel, Josh Horwitz, Elisa Israel, Gail Brody Kodner, Lanie Kodner, Idan Lerner, Marc Levin, Donald Levy, Jonah Levy, Rhona Lyons, Gerald Margolies, Susan Myers, Delia Rainey, Hannah Rainey, Jonah May-Rauchman, Raye Reiss, Brian Rosman, Deborah Rubin, Gloria Rubin, Cooper Rutledge, Josephine Rutledge, Lauren Schuver, Samuel Shoykhet, Lori Siegel, Abigail Simmons, Alan Snyder, Michael Stein, Rosalie Stein, Phyllis Warner, Julie Waxenberg, Michael Waxenberg, Daniel Weintrop, Frances Wilner, Lauren Wolf, Daniel Yavitz, Marilyn Young, Amy Zaidman, Naomi Zaidman

May Anniversaries

Kim Anderson & Marcia Sokol-Anderson
Alex Befeler & Serra-Lesa Ivener
Hal & Marcia Goldsmith
Michael & Abby Goldstein
Russell & Rachel Gottlieb
Brad & Mindy Horwitz
Josh & Cindy Kalachek
Rick Kodner & Gail Brody Kodner
Harvey & Aileen Melnick
David & Sue Propper
Steven & Andrea Rosenblum
Steward Shilcrat & Paula Lemerman
Michael & Julie Waxenberg
Alan & Robin Weinberger
Gary Yavitz & Louise Kaufman-Yavitz.

June Birthdays

Cecilia Asher, Marvin Beckerman, Muriel Beckerman, Nancy Berg, Stan Braude, Golda Burke, Florence Cohn, Hanley Cohn, Susan Cort, Julie Ettinger, Monroe Ginsburg, Eugene Goldstein, Jacob Goldstein, Nathan Goldstein, Elana Gottlieb, Phyllis Hanson, Ari Horwitz, Mindy Horwitz, Stacey Hudson, Jeffrey Jacob, Jacob Kalachek, Murray Kalina, Tasha Kaminsky, Joan Katz, Phillip Katz, Phyllis Katz, William Kaufman, Maddie Lapp, Phil Levens, Allen Levin, Judel Lew, Susan Lew, Fred Makler, William Mathis, Helene Meyer, Randi Mozenter, Edward Myers, Marshall Myers, Sara Myers, Niki Nymark, Enid Perll, Aaron Praiss, Courtney Rader, Michael Raffelson, Wesley Raffelson, Jerry Raskin, Matt Reznick, Leise Rosman, Sherri Sadon, Eric Schneider, Harriet Shanas, Jacob Shanas, Aileen Shmuger, Gabriel Shoykhet, Hanan Nathan-Slarskey, Marc Spector, Kenneth Stein, Robert Stein, Roberta Stolz, Anita Waldman, Cheryl Wasserberg, Kenneth Weintraub, Rosetta Weintraub

June Anniversaries

Marc & Priscilla Alper
Eugene & Shirley Barken
Ben & Joan Barzilai
Marvin & Muriel Beckerman

Howard & Jacqueline Berliner
Burton & Benita Boxerman
Sanford & Cynthia Boxerman
Steven Brody & Brenda Grossman
Jeremy Buhler & Wendy Anderson
Michael Cannon & Denise Field
Mark & Karen Engel
Richard & Jody Feldman
Ed Finkelstein & Rose Jonas
Marvin Foster & Niki Nymark
Andrew Gold & Lauren Schuver
William & Meris Hamilton
Fred & Estelle Handler
Stuart Hoffman & Rita Rothschild
Repps & Stacey Hudson
Marvin & Margaret Israel
Stephen & Lanie Kodner
Bernard & Marilyn Kunitz
Zachary & Julie Leeds
Rick & Becky Lerner
Judel & Susan Lew
William & Helene Mathis
Sanford & Elaine Melnick
Tim & Arlene O'Connell
Barry & Carol Pessin
Jerry & Joyce Raskin
Michael & Alisa Reichman
Sidney & Sylvia Rosen
Alfred & Sheila Rosenfeld
Brian & Leise Rosman
Eric Schneider & Debbie Chase
Stephen Selipsky & Phyllis Hanson
Stanley & Aileen Shmuger
Alan Snyder & Sharon Rosenberg
Michael & Karen Wetmore

Condolences to the Families Of

Edward Press
Esther Bressler
Joseph Iken
Micah Shilcrat
Anne Madden
Harry Krauze
Ramon Morganstern
Evelyn Mallin
Elizabeth Weintrop Mack

Upcoming Events

Visit kolrinahstl.org or call the office for full event information

- ✧ May 3 - USY End of Year Banquet - 5pm
- ✧ May 3 - Puccini Opera (La Rondine) - 7:30pm
- ✧ May 6 - Lag B'Omer Celebration - 8:30pm
- ✧ May 17 - Rabbi Mark Shook presents his book, *The Ezra Scroll* - 2pm
- ✧ May 22 - ECC Park Day
- ✧ May 24 & 25 - Shavuot (Tikkun Leil at Bais Abe, details to follow)
- ✧ May 24 - Dorways Shavuot Picnic - Mooney (Jackson) Park, 5pm

Jewish Food Pantry May List

1. Canned Beef/Chili/Pasta with Meat
2. Peanut Butter
3. Any Type of Canned Vegetables
4. Canned Tuna Fish and Canned Salmon
5. Kosher Food
6. Toilet Paper, Detergent and Baby Diapers

For more info, contact Louise Levine 636.227.1259.

Kol Rinah Leadership

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Noah Arnow *Rabbi*
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Paula Hertel *Religious Education Director*
Cantor Patty Kaplan *B'nai Mitzvah Tutor*

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Kol Rinah Gift Shop



Mon - Fri 10am - 12:30pm
 Sunday by appointment

Call **314.727.1747** to arrange a time.

YKR?

Why do You belong to Kol Rinah? What made you join? What keeps you here?

We are interested. Please let us know.

Email your answers to **YKR@KolRinahStl.org** or the office.

 **Kol Rinah**
Share Your Voice

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A Message from Rabbi Arnow

Rabbi Noah Arnow

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A Year of Community

What is a community? What is a Jewish community? What rights do community members possess, what responsibilities do members of a community have to each other and to the community as a whole? What are the challenges of living in community? How has the definition of and need for community changed in recent years? What Jewish wisdom is there about living in community? How has the notion of Jewish community evolved over our history? How can we create a greater sense of community at Kol Rinah? How is a sacred community different from other kinds of communities?

Over the coming Jewish year 5776 (September 2015-August 2016), our congregational theme at Kol Rinah will be community. This was one of the many suggestions I received at the Annual Meeting, and after many conversations and eight months here at Kol Rinah, I am convinced that a year devoted to thinking, discussing, studying, and dreaming about community will help us build a stronger, more connected community.

But first, why a theme for the year at all? The purpose of a congregational theme is to give some purpose, mission and coherence to our programming over the course of the year, and also to transform some aspect of synagogue life. The idea is that the theme of community will infuse every aspect of what we do. From our youngest kids in the Early

Childhood Center, to our Religious School, USY, Adult Education, Sisterhood, Women's Social Group, Men's Club, and fundraising, and other committees, community can be a theme and a focus. Often, having a focus can generate creativity. As we know, it's easier to write a story if you're given the first line, "It was a dark and stormy night," than if you are given a blank sheet of paper.

Second, why is community the right theme for Kol Rinah now? We are still a newly-merged congregation, and it takes time and intention to create the relationships and experiences that constitute community. We've come so far already. Our daily minyan, for example, is a seamless and wonderful community, in no small part because minyan happens twice daily, so relationships and community-building happen at an accelerated rate, compared, perhaps, to other elements of congregational life. We can do so much more to integrate and connect our whole congregation, and especially those who are in the building less often. A connected congregation puts community and relationships first, and makes them an explicit, integral part of the way we operate. This requires some culture change, which will be part of the year's agenda.

We have already begun this focus for the Religious School. In April, we began a listening campaign, in which I, a staff member, or a parent leader will have a one-on-one conversation

with every single Religious School parent (not with couples). The goal is to deepen our relationships with Religious School families, to learn about their Jewish journeys, and their hopes and dreams for their children's education and experiences at the school, and to connect them to each other. This will enable us to work more closely with them in determining the strategic direction of the school going forward. We also want to learn more about their particular interests and talents, in order to best utilize what they bring to this community.

We also have a substantial grant for a family retreat over Shabbat for the fall which we are starting to plan. Look for details soon!

In the coming weeks, I will be convening a group to brainstorm ideas for how to implement the theme widely and deeply, thoughtfully and creatively, across our congregation for the coming year, and to begin planning. If you are interested in participating, please let me know.

Even as I write this at the beginning of April, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for next year, and I look forward to building a sacred community together with each of you.

Early Childhood Education

Marty Schaeffer

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On May 14th at 8:30 AM, Rabbi Arnow and the ECC Staff will be recognizing our Starfish Class as most leave for kindergarten and a few will remain as great leaders for next years graduating class. We are extremely proud of our

children and know as they move on in their journey they will represent us well.

Thank you Christine Work and Claire Tychsen, Pre-Kindergarten teachers, for a wonderful school year. I would

like to commend the parents and ECC staff for being engaged in the children's growth and development. Your influence is everlasting.

Mazel Tov Class of 2015 / 5775!



GRADUATING CLASS OF 2015-5775

Abraham Lenzini	son of Petra and Peter Lenzini
Allyson Karasick	daughter of Clarissa and Jay Karasick
Elliott Yudovich	son of Lori and Zev Yudovich
Isaac Tyndall	son of Christy Wells and David Tyndall
Orel Cohen	son of Ocean Eti Cohen
Sophia Wu	daughter of Cheyenne Li and Tom Wu
Violet Kent	daughter of Lauren DuBro and Al Kent
Wesley Crichton	son of Kris Crichton and Jim Polka
Yedidyah Greenberg	son of Jessica and Judah Greenberg

Kol Rinah Family Shabbat **A Totally Shabbat Experience!**

Totally Tot Shabbat - Led by Tammy Arnow

Celebrate Shabbat with your little ones!

Songs, stories, prayers and kid-friendly Shabbat activities.

Move and dance, learn some Hebrew and meet new friends. Wiggles welcome!

Parent/guardian must accompany child. **Ages 0-5**

Rhythm n'Ruach - Led by Shelly and Jeff Dean

Combines upbeat, high-energy music, movement, drumming and yoga to create positive, participatory, joyfull Jewish Experiences for kids and families.

Parent/guardian must accompany child. **Ages 0-5**

MifgaShabbat - Led by Rabbi Brad Horwitz or Rabbi Scott Slarskey

Learn, sing, dance, daven and have fun in this participatory and spirited Shabbat morning tefillah experience. Children and parents will engage in deep Jewish conversations triggered by the weekly parashah. **Grades 1-5**

Babysitting also available every shabbat 10-12

Membership Committee

Linda Makler, Monroe Ginsburg

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The latest news from the Membership Committee is that we are proud and happy to announce that Michael Ginsburg and Zachary Cohen have joined Kol Rinah! Please give them a

big Kol Rinah Welcome and Shalom when you see them at services and/or special events. Also, our Committee has pledged its support for the Yom HaAtzmaut Beit Café on April 25th,

which will begin after Havdalah and include Israeli music, food, wine tasting, and a sing-along and Israeli dancing.

Adult Education

Richard Gavatin

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On Sunday, May 17 at 2pm, we will be visited by the Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Israel, Rabbi Mark Leslie Shook. He will speak of his book, *The Ezra Scroll*.

The event will take place in the Mirowitz Auditorium on the lower level. There is an elevator to assist those who need it.

I have read this book and it's a thriller. It makes historically accurate statements about the time of the destruction of the First Temple. It also has a narrative on today's Israel and Iraq. Every other chapter takes place in the present and back in the 500's before the Common Era.

It's a quick and fun read, and for those who are interested in the origins of the Torah, this is a **must attend** event.

Shavuot starts on May 24. Rabbi Arnow is working hard with the planning as this is being written. More information to follow.

Since the classes that were held about the **Shemoneh Esreh/Amidah**, the prayer we supposedly read more than 1000 per year (three times a day, every day, you do the math) completed. I finally completed the CD on this topic that I have been working on (on and off) for 15+ years. The CD comes with detailed instructions and is available for purchase. Make your check payable to Kol Rinah for \$25, part of which is deductible. The CDs are available at the office. Check with David Weber.

So, what is on this CD?

It answers questions like: How did it all come about? Why is it called "18" when it clearly (on weekdays) consists of 19 prayers? Jewish Logic?

Who wrote it? Why is there controversy around this (besides the fact that ALL things Jewish generate controversy)?

What do each of the 19 prayers mean? So a Reform, Conservative and an Orthodox person walked into a bar and discussed the prayers' meaning. That created controversy?

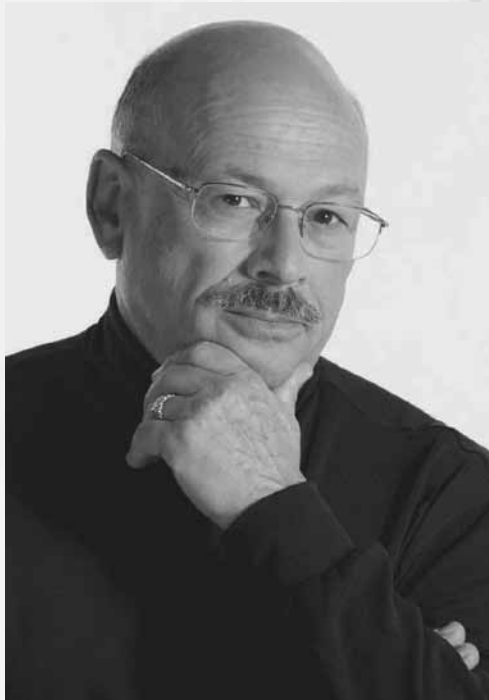
How does translation affect the interpretation? Isn't all translation, by definition, interpretation? Is there music on this CD? Answer: You bet!

Are there more than 300 web pages on the CD? You bet! Do you have to be a computer expert to use the CD? No, of course not. You do need to know how to click... Does it work on Apple computers or just Windows computers? Both!

Questions? Call.

Richard Gavatin

Adult Education Committee Chair



Kol Rinah
Share Your Voice

Rabbi Mark L. Shook
will speak about his book
The Ezra Scroll
Sunday, May 17 - 2 pm
at Kol Rinah

***A thriller that reveals both long-held secrets
and the identity of the author of the original
Five Books of Moses.***

Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Israel, Mark L Shook, will talk about his book "The Ezra Scroll", a fast paced book, set in two time eras: One at the time of the destruction of the First Temple, and the other in today's Israel and Iraq. The latter takes place in 2009. Each chapter alternates between the two time periods.

It's a quick and fun read and for those who are interested in the origins of the Torah, this is a must attend event.

It's FREE to all.

Miowitz Auditorium (lower level)

Snacks served



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Youth Programs

Tasha Kaminsky

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As the school year wraps up we have so much to be thankful for. Our incredible USY board who poured so much of their energy into making a great and inclusive culture at KRSTL. Our dedicated congregation who donated so much to making our chapter excellent. And Rabbi Arnow, who has given great time and attention to learning with us on a regular basis. We will be celebrating all our achievements, our outgoing seniors, our incoming freshmen, and our new USY board on May 3 at 5:00 pm during our USY Banquet. Please join us! Dinner is \$10/adult and \$5/children 12 and younger.


Our USYers had a blast at Spring Kallah in Ogden, IA. We came together to celebrate Shabbat with youth from

all over the Midwest. The theme of our convention was Breakfast Club! We grappled with our Jewish identities, the preconceived notions of who we are and how we can best define ourselves. We are looking forward to more adventures and more learning in the coming school year when we reunite with our regional friends.

Finally, congratulations to Alex Zvibleman for winning Youth of the Year. Here is a brief excerpt from the speech that was written about him: "Alex decided that he wanted to be kind and accepting. The degree to which Alex is kind and accepting takes discipline and a concerted effort. Yes, we can have naturally sweet dispositions, but Alex is more than this. He will always sit next to the kid who

is sitting alone. He will always ask the opinion of the freshman in the room. He will always speak up when someone is being cruel. He will always defend the dignity of the person who isn't in the room to defend themselves."

Check out all the fun pictures from our youth programs 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.



**KRSTL USYers
End of the Year Banquet**
(8th-12th grade) & Their Families

**May 3, 5:00 pm
at Kol Rinah**

We will celebrate the accomplishments of our old board, welcome the new board, and recognize our departing seniors.

Program Includes:
Dinner, Speeches, Hugs & Farewell gifts
Adults \$10, Children (12 and under) \$5

**Contact Tasha or the Kol Rinah office
for reservations and information**

Kol Rinah Religious School

Paula Hertel

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HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED AT KOL RINAH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, 2014 – 2015

We had a staff of hard-working, creative people who were always prepared to make Jewish learning engaging and relevant for their students. As Director, I could not have asked for a better group of teachers and assistants to be with your children on Sundays and Wednesdays, I share their names below:

Pre-K/Kindergarten

Debbie Friedman
assistant - Sam Rubin

First Grade

Brigit Burke
assistant - Maddie Lapp

Second Grade

Ayelet (Jan) Goldman
assistant - Jacques Fehr

Third/Fourth Grade

Linda Kram
assistant - Eli Horowitz

Fifth/Sixth Grade

Sam Forman & Tasha Kaminsky

Seventh Grade

Jared Skoff & Ben Portner

Art Specialist

Ellie Scott

Cooking Specialist

Enid Perll

Banot Sherut

Libi Shlasky & Racheli Trables

Music & Hebrew Specialist

Emma Rehfeld

Administrative Assistant

Cindy Becker

☆ Rabbi Arnow has been a constant support to the school and an educational partner for me as we have brainstormed and planned special activities and events.

☆ Though our school is situated on the lower level, the Kol Rinah office

personnel (upstairs!) have always cared about our needs. For that, I thank Nancy Greene, Micki Kingsley, David Weber, Meir Zimand and our Maintenance person, David Vargas.

☆ I have also appreciated having the ear and support of some of our parents: Cindy Kalachek, Beth Rubin, Laurie Raffelson, Hedva Levy and Dave Cooperstein.

☆ As some of our staff move onto other opportunities, we say "Shalom" to Sam Forman, Jared Skoff and Cindy Becker. We wish you much success in all you do.

It's always good to reflect before moving forward. So, I am sharing a list of some of the highlights from the 2014-2015 school year: Tashlich at Oak Knoll Park; High Holiday activities at shul; 'Happy in the Hut'; Consecration; the cooking and art projects; the congregational Hanukkah Party and mitzvah Day; the 5th/6th grade T'fillin workshop with Men's Club; the two sessions of creating personal Tallitot

for students and parents in grades 5, 6 and 7; our Banot Sherut visits... the well-executed lessons from our staff and the love of learning from many of our students. **Many thanks to all of our supportive families!**

May Schedule

Saturday, May 2

MifgaShabbat – Family Service

Sunday, May 3

Religious School 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wednesday, May 6

Hebrew School 4:15 – 6:00 pm

Erev Lag B'Omer

Sunday, May 10

No Religious School classes –
Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 13

Hebrew School – Last day 4:15 –
6:00 pm

Sunday, May 17

Religious School 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Last day, End of Year Celebration!



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☆ You can post your favorite KR event photos

☆ Connect with other Kol Rinah members

☆ See upcoming events

Want to learn how?

Call the office to get in on a group training session with **Tasha** 314.727.1747.



KRRS 2014-2015

Men's Club

Bob Olshan

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Attention Kol Rinah Youth going to Israel this Summer - you can apply for a Kol Rinah Men's Club Youth Scholarship Award in honor of our past rabbi's. Please contact Bob Olshan or Jerry Raskin for more information.

Don't miss the **Kol Rinah Lag B'Omer Bonfire Program** - See the Blast for details. Also be on the lookout for Hearing Men's Voices programs!

Thank you to all who delivered and contributed to the Yellow Candle Program remembering the 6 Million! If not, your donation will still be welcomed.



This year's Men's Club Shabbat was dedicated to the two past Men's Club Presidents, pillars of the Kol Rinah community, who we lost this year - Rudy Oppenheim and Joe Iken - may they be of blessed memory.

Men's Club Guest Speaker -
Ki Tissa 2015 - Holy Moses

My name is Moshe. I was born in Egypt on the 7th of Adar the year 2368 from creation of the world (1393 BCE, that's 3048 years ago!), at a time when the Israelites were slaves in Egypt - you thought you have it bad! I hear you've been reading a book about me. Maybe you want to hear a bit firsthand about the chapter you read today - Ki Tissa?

G-d commanded me to take a census of the Jewish adult males.

How? By collecting an **atonement offering of half a silver shekel** from each individual. So what about all of

you. Have you paid your atonement? (Did you pay your dues for Men's Club?) Thank you to all who did, We want 100% participation this year. As I explained in past years, If you calculate what a 1/2 shekel would be worth today - if inflation was 1%, after 3000 years, 1/2 shekel would be worth 600 Trillion Shekels. But Shekels were probably devalued a few times, but I think \$36 for Men's Club dues is pretty good. Think about it - that's 10 cent's a day. Much less than a pack of gum. We're looking for a Minyan (10 men) to each donate \$100 this year - we have 8 Men already, so thank you (looking for two more to beef up their donation). That way the Men's Club can provide good coffee, Scotch, send kids to Israel. Did I mention good coffee?

Thank you to everyone who joined Men's Club, it's still not too late to join!

Mazal Tov to Kol Rinah Man and Youth of the Year Jerry Raskin and Alex Zvibleman.

So - **LET MY PEOPLE GO** - to Men's Club Programs, and Youth to Israel

Shabbat Shalom,
President -
The first Men's
Club ever

Moses



(This speech was approved by the current Men's Club President Bob Olshan)

DorWays: Families & Young Members

Jessica Wax Jessica@kolrinahstl.org

I hope everyone had a nice Passover and that you are enjoying the beautiful spring weather. Join Kol Rinah families for a fun, laid back Shavuot picnic! We will meet at Mooney (Jackson) Park on Sunday, May 24 at 5:00pm. Please bring dinner for your family and a dessert to share.

It has been wonderful to see so many families participating in our young children's services. Please join us on May 2 for Rhythm 'n' Ruach led by Shelley and Jeff Dean, and on May 16 for Totally Tot Shabbat led by Tammy Arnow. These are wonderful ways to infuse Jewish music and prayer into your child's life in a relaxed child friendly atmosphere.

Please watch your email for information about summer Shabbat open gym times and other family programs. Email **Jessica@kolrinahstl.org** for more information or to be added to our mailing list.

We had a wonderful and joyous Purim celebration at Kol Rinah! Enjoy the cute photos on the next page.

B'Shalom,

Jessica Wax



Harlie Frankel

Harlie Frankel's parents met each other in Miami Beach, FL. during World War II. Neither was born in Florida. His mother, Sylvia, came from St. Louis and was in Miami because her parents wanted her to take her very ill younger sister Peggy there, hoping Peggy's health would improve in the warmer climate.

Harlie's mother was a remarkable woman. During World War II, she went to Washington University and simultaneously got a job selling insurance, which enabled her to buy a car. She then changed jobs from selling insurance to selling, not residential but, commercial real estate. This happened at a time when it wasn't easy for women to get jobs in the business world, but Sylvia managed to do just that. One of her tactics was to sign her name, using just the initial "S" and then her last name.

Harlie's father, Maurice, loved to play soccer, but he had a serious heart condition and was expected to have a short life. Surprisingly, he took good care of himself, avoiding strenuous exercise and lived to be 94.

Maurice, who was born and raised in Brooklyn, was working in a men's clothing store when he met Sylvia. His boss had sent him to Florida to assess the possibility of opening a shop in Miami Beach.

Soon after Maurice and Sylvia met,

they fell in love, got married and moved to St. Louis, Sylvia's home town, where her father, who was known to everyone as A. J. (which stood for Abraham Jacob), and his brothers owned a grocery store that they called Food Center. A. J. offered Maurice a job as a butcher in the store. In time, National Food Store bought the Food Center, and Maurice had to make a career change. He became an East St. Louis property manager, someone who maintains, repairs or replaces property for other people, an occupation that Maurice maintained until he retired.

Although Maurice worked in East St. Louis, he and Sylvia bought a house on Amherst Avenue in University City, 1/2 block from Kol Rinah. Harlie attended Jackson Park Elementary School until he was 8 years old. That year, the family moved to Richmond Heights, and Harlie transferred to the Clayton School District, where he completed elementary school and went on to middle school and in time to Clayton High School, from which he graduated.

Harlie is the only son and the youngest of Sylvia and Maurice's four children. Two of Harlie's sisters, Leslie and Judy, live in Florida. Leslie and her husband, Murray, have been living in Ft. Myers for many years, and Judy and her husband, Elliot, live in Miami. Harlie's third sister, Helene and her



husband, George, live in St. Louis and belong to CRC. Harlie feels close to all three of his siblings. He frequently has Friday night dinners with Helene and George and visits Leslie and Judy in Florida at least once or twice a year.

When Harlie lived in U. City, his maternal grandparents, A. J. and Esther, whom Harlie called Zada and Baba, played an important role in his life until they moved to Florida. They were Orthodox and at first belonged to the Orthodox Brith Sholom Synagogue, which was on Delmar Blvd. After a while, Harlie's parents changed their membership to B'nai Amoona, which was closer to where they lived. Harlie attended both Hebrew School and Sunday School at B'nai Amoona, and that's where he became a Bar Mitzvah and was later confirmed.

Harlie's paternal grandparents, Aaron and Rae, always lived in New York City. As a result, Harlie rarely saw them -- only on holidays -- and was not able to ever form a close relationship with them.

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When Harlie was in elementary school, the school had a good history department, and Harlie loved history! During the summertime, Harlie had lots of fun playing with neighborhood kids, riding his bike, being a member of the JCC, especially because he was able to use the facilities at both locations - - the one on Olive Boulevard in U.City and the other one in Creve Coeur, which had an indoor and an outdoor swimming pool. Also, Harlie joined various clubs at the JCC, swam a great deal, and was a camper at the JCC's day camp, Camp Bear, for two summers. For the next two years, Harlie went to overnight camps that were not affiliated with the JCC.

At this point, Harlie was in middle school, and for Harlie that meant 7th grade at Bellevue Middle School and 8th grade at Wydown. Probably the best thing about Harlie's middle school years was the friendships he developed at school. He stated that he keeps in touch with a number of those friends to this day and periodically gets together with them.

The summer after his freshman year at Clayton High School, Harlie was hired by Camp Bear to be a Junior Counselor. He was paid \$75.00 for 9 weeks (3 three-week sessions). His very first paycheck!

Interestingly, Harlie didn't particularly like algebra in high school, but geometry was a different story. He had a very good math teacher and loved geometry! In addition to his academic studies, Harlie became very involved over the four years he was at Clayton High in a number of

extracurricular activities. For example, he thoroughly enjoyed working after school in the Technical Division of the Drama Department, where he adjusted, repaired and enhanced the lighting and sound systems. During all four of his fall semesters, he was on the water polo team and played deep-water goalie. Surprisingly, Harlie was 6'6" tall but couldn't stand up in the water. He also was on the swimming team for two years, and his specialty was the breaststroke.

After graduating from Clayton High, Harlie enrolled in the University of Missouri - St. Louis (UMSL), which had no residence halls at that time. His major was Business Administration. At UMSL, Harlie participated in a number of extracurricular activities. For instance, he joined a co-ed service organization, which was called Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity. He helped with the group's fundraisers, including semi-annual used book sales and selling bagels in the Student Union. In addition, Harlie held a number of part-time jobs, some of which were off-campus. For example, he worked for a time as a Cub Scout leader at the St. Louis JCC. A family friend who was a Scout Master for a U. City troop knew Harlie and about his extensive camping experience in high school. So while at UMSL, Harlie was asked to be the Assistant Boy Scout Master for the family friend's troop. Harlie couldn't refuse and served in that capacity during his sophomore, junior and senior years -- leading weekly troop meetings, periodic overnight camp-outs and adult training sessions.

In addition to his coursework, his service work for Alpha Phi Omega,

and his Boy Scout responsibilities, Harlie became a member of and then served for one year as president of the Hillel Chapter at UMSL.

At this point, Harlie started thinking about going to graduate school to specialize in Parks and Recreational work, but he remembered what his father had told him before he entered college - - that he "would pay for only one college degree" because that is what Maurice had done for Harlie's sisters. However, when Maurice realized how relatively inexpensive Harlie's undergraduate education was at UMSL compared to the schools his sisters attended, he was willing to have Harlie pursue a master's degree.

Harlie actually did begin graduate school. Knowing that he would have to do an internship and write a thesis in order to get a Master's degree, Harlie worked as an intern in the Administrative Office of the Department of Parks and Recreation and started a Master's thesis; but, he never completed the thesis. Instead, Harlie took and completed an 8-week summer course offered at the University of Missouri - Columbia Campus, which prepared him to be a guide or teacher of individuals or groups that wanted instruction in recreational activities.

His goal at that point was to use the knowledge and skills he had acquired from both his scouting experiences and his university training to find a good job with livable wages in the field of recreational pursuits and/or activities.

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At this time, Harlie took time off and went to Florida, where he ended up staying 10 years. While living in Florida, he held a number of different positions, including salesman in a small department store, repairman in a window and screen repair company, and real estate agent. When selling houses in Miami, Harlie realized he could just as easily sell real estate in St. Louis. As a result, he moved back to St. Louis and got his Missouri Real Estate License and has worked in some form of real estate ever since -- first as a real estate agent and then as a property manager. He also occasionally buys a property, makes repairs and rents it to a third party.

At the time Harlie returned to St. Louis, his father Maurice was saying Kaddish for his own mother and then, not long after that, for his father. And, most of the time, he was going to minyan at BSKI because, by this time, the shul had moved to Linden Avenue and was much closer to their home than B'nai Amoona. Also, his father frequently attended services at BSKI and decided to become a member -- as did Harlie. They liked the rabbi, the services and the friendly congregants. Harlie, who was raised in a kosher home, still observes the dietary laws and celebrates all the Jewish holidays. He considers himself to be "moderately observant."

While attending BSKI services, Harlie met Ben Weintraub, a regular attendee, who was an electrical engineer at a company that designed banks before he retired. Harlie thinks Ben is an "Unsung Hero" because as a volunteer, Ben has been repairing

electrical problems, installing electrical fixtures and making repairs at the shul for as long as Harlie has known him. In addition, over time, Ben has taught Harlie how to do many things, and Harlie has become Ben's unofficial assistant (as well as his friend) in the process.

Harlie is happy with the merger of BSKI and Shaare Zedek. He thinks there are a lot of good people at Kol Rinah, and he is comfortable with the Conservative service. In addition, Harlie has served as a member of the synagogue's Adult Education Committee and tries to take an active role in the Men's Club. (An aside: Harlie stated that "It was fun to go to High Holiday Services last year at Kol Rinah because it was close to the house [he] grew up in, and [he] parked in front of his old house.")

Besides his volunteer work for the synagogue, Harlie is a member of the American Jewish Congress and has gone to their monthly meetings for many years and served on their Board for 10 years. Also he is a member of the St. Louis Tall Club, the St. Louis Zoo, and the St. Louis Art Museum.

In addition, Harlie, who likes to cook, goes to Souard Market every week for fresh fruits and vegetables. He also enjoys gardening, maintaining his property, and going to the theater as well as taking camping trips and attending outdoor concerts at various city and state parks in the summer.

In the year 2000, Harlie met a Jewish woman named Sarah from Collinsville, IL, who has a Ph.D. degree in Education and worked at Washington University. After getting to know each

other, they seemed to be compatible and to enjoy each other's company. They got married, but unfortunately, "things didn't work out," and they got divorced.

In talking with Harlie, what stands out is the people who have made a difference in his life. High on his list you would find his parents, his sisters and their husbands, his Uncle Stanley who always found time to talk to Harlie, and his good friend of 30 years, Judi Furman, a retired school teacher who plays clarinet in the HaShemesh band. (Harlie says he's the President of the Judi Furman Fan Club.) These are good and dependable people, who have helped each other in numerous ways over the years.

Haftarah with Howard

**Class meets 6:30 - 7:30pm
in the library every Tuesday
(barring holidays)**

- ☆ Everyone welcome, from "newbies" to veterans
- ☆ There will be a Haftarah chanting at the conclusion of the class.
- ☆ There is NO COST for materials or supplies!

Contact Howard Belsky for questions: 314.546.0810 or ***howardbelsky@gmail.com***



Women's Social Group Presents:

La Rondine by Puccini

Phyllis Hyken, Opera Theatre of St Louis docent and Kol Rinah member, will talk about this most amazing opera. In addition she will show excerpts of a video from the 2008 Metropolitan Opera production.

Can a beautiful, sophisticated Parisian courtesan find happiness with a young man from the country? Or is her love affair doomed by a past she cannot keep secret? Celebrated OTSL music director Stephen Lord brings Puccini's gorgeous music and romantic storytelling to life in this stunning, new belle epoque period production.



Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 7:30pm

- Everyone is welcome
- Refreshments to follow
- Kol Rinah - Sara Myers Community Room
- Free admission



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May 2015 Calendar

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1
Fri
7am Shacharit
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:35pm Candle Lighting

2
Sat
Parashat Acharei Mot - Kedoshim
9am Shabbat Service
10:30am MifgaShabbat-Family Service - Mirowitz Gym
11am Rhythm & Ruach - Sara Myers Room 106
6:35pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/ Ma'ariv
8:37pm Havdalah

3
Sun
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9am Communications Meeting - Lib
9:30am KRRS Religious School
11am KRRS Tefillah - Daily Chapel
5pm USY Final Banquet
7:30pm Puccini Opera La Rondine - Sara Myers Room 106

4
Mon
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Monday Class

5
Tue
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8am "With Heart & Mind" - Sara Myers Room 106
6:35pm Haftarah Class by Howard Belsky - Sara Myers Room 106

6
Wed
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8:15am Rabbi Fasman's Talmud Shiur
1pm KR Women's Social Group Meeting - Sara Myers Room 106
4:15pm KRRS Hebrew School
7:30pm USY Lounge Night With Rabbi Arnow - Youth Lounge
8:30pm Lag B'Omer Celebration

7
Thu
Lag B'Omer
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
7pm Executive Committee Mtng - Lib

8
Fri
7am Shacharit
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:42pm Candle Lighting

9
Sat
Parashat Emor
Mitch Shenker 50th BM Anniversary
9am Shabbat Service
6:45pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/ Ma'ariv
8:30pm USY End of the year sleepover
8:45pm Havdalah

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Sun
No KRRS
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9am Communications Meeting - Lib
9:30am Sisterhood Meeting - Aud
10am Men's Club Board meeting - Lib

11
Mon
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Monday Class
4:15pm Rabbi Tracy Nathan Bar/Bat Mitzvah Tutoring - Library
7pm Ritual Meeting - Sara Myers Room 106

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Tue
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8am "With Heart and Mind" - Sara Myers Room 106
10am Poetry Chavurah - Sara Myers Room 106
6:35pm Haftarah Class by Howard Belsky - Sara Myers Room 106

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Wed
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8:15am Rabbi Fasman's Talmud Shiur
4:15pm KRRS Hebrew School
6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
7pm Membership Committee Meeting - Sara Myer Room 106

14
Thu
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
7pm Kol Rinah Board Meeting

15
Fri
7am Shacharit
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:48pm Candle Lighting

16
Sat
Parashat Behar - Bechukotai
9am Shabbat Service
10:30am MifgaShabbat Family service - Mirowitz Gym
11am Tot Shabbat - Sara Myers Rm 106
12:30pm Toasting Talmud and Torah
6:55pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/ Ma'ariv
8:52pm Havdalah

17
Sun
Yom Yerushalem
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9am Communications Meeting - Lib
9:30am KRRS Religious School Last Day - End of Year Celebration
11am KRRS Tefillah - Daily Chapel
1pm Melman Club - Leve Auditorium
2pm Rabbi Shook - The Ezra Scroll

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Mon
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Monday Class
4:15pm Rabbi Tracy Nathan Bar/Bat Mitzvah Tutoring - Library

19
Tue
Rosh Chodesh Sivan
6:45am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8am "With Heart & Mind" - Sara Myers Room 106
6:35pm Haftarah Class by Howard Belsky - Sara Myers Room 106

20
Wed
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8:15am Rabbi Fasman's Talmud Shiur
4pm ECC Ecologie - Auditorium

21
Thu
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

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Fri
ECC Park day Close 1:00 PM
7am Shacharit
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:54pm Candle Lighting

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Notice: The Inter-congregational Writer's Workshop program has been canceled.

23 Sat *Parashat Bemidbar*
9am Shabbat Service
7pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/
Ma'ariv
8:59pm Havdalah

24 Sun *Shavuot*
9am Shacharit
**5pm Dorways Shavuot Picnic -
Mooney (Jackson) Park**
8:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9pm Candle Lighting

25 Mon *Shavuot*
ECC Closed
9am Shacharit
8:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:01pm Shavuot Ends

26 Tue 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8am "With Heart & Mind" - Sara
Myers Room 106
6:35pm Haftarah Class by Howard
Belsky - Sara Myers Room 106

27 Wed 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8:15am Rabbi Fisman's Talmud Shiur

28 Thu 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

29 Fri 7am Shacharit
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat
8pm Candle Lighting

30 Sat *Parashat Naso*
Samuel Bernstein's Bar Mitzvah
9am Shabbat Service
7:05pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/
Ma'ariv
9:06pm Havdalah

31 Sun 8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9am Communications Meeting - Lib



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1. The process begins with the event planner (you) reviewing Kol Rinah's "All Calendar" on the Kol Rinah (KR) website to make sure there are no conflicts.
2. Follow the easy instructions on this KR web page: <http://www.kolrinahstl.org/event-request/> or find the link "Event Request" under the KR website Calendar heading on the main menu bar.

What will happen next:

3. Our Rabbi and David Weber will receive the form submission and ask any clarifying questions to vet the event. Generally, the rule will be first come first served, but KR may supersede that rule for the vital interests of the synagogue.
4. Once approved, Meir Zimand will put the event on the calendar which begins the publicity effort. Meir will also notify the event contact and any other KR stakeholders so that program coordination can begin.

Thank you in advance for adhering to this process.

The Communications Committee

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