

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.

Mazal Tov!

March Birthdays

Carole Granillo, Jonathan Igielnik, Toby Imler, Benjamin Kass, Jennifer Lotsoff, Lauren Praiss, Josiah Simmons, Iva Youkilis, Stephen Selipsky, Sherry Kaplan, Karen Kern, Gabriel Wax, Marjorie Feldman, Phyllis Hyken, Levy Zimand, Justin Newstadt, Tim O'Connell, Debra Schuster, Deborah Gould, Michael Reichman, Marsha Birenbaum, Harlan Radinsky, Hannah Boxerman, Helene Mathis, Barbara Bianco, Jane Kalina, Spencer Leeds, Joey Ettinger, Bonnie Levens, Stanley Gellman, Douglas Miller, Deborah Zimmerman, Esther Zuckerman, Carol Glick, Stephanie Berk, Abby Goldstein, Hedva Levy, Brian Myers, Steven Brody, Rabbi Tracy Nathan, Jon Siegel, Sylvia Silver, Harlie Frankel, Livia Kessler, Jean Pinken, Daniel Rosenthal, Ansley Vickar, Rose Jonas, Maya Shimony, Kaylie Cerulo, Arlene O'Connell, Micki Kingsley, Barbara Becker, Marsha Bernstein, Rhoda Grimsky, Debbie Chase, Mia Cohen, Ruth Battle, Harvey Fenster, Howard Pearlstone, Frances Cohen, Anthony Granillo, Shmuel Israeli, Mital Lyons Warren, Isaac Young, Eli Emmenegger, Harry Rubin, David Warren, Paula Lemerman, Aleene Zawada, Doris Lerner, Aileen Melnick

April Birthdays

Ann Frank, Benjamin Goldsmith, Carol Pessin, Laura Rainey, Bonnie Vickar, Zachariah Simmons, Ezra Bynum, Yahalelel Bynum, Todd Cohen, Stanley Allen, Tobie Liebert, Addy Wexelman, Lauren Yeazel, Frank Anderson, Shirley Barken, Denise Field, Audrey Katcher, Stephen Keyser, Julianne Praiss, Benjamin Shoykhet, Howard Belsky, Gary Yavitz, Aaron Abeles, William Huss, Vickie Parker, Cheryl Stein, Naftali Buck Yael, Harvey Melnick, James Singman, Hal Goldsmith, Vivienne Palmer Young, Eli Abeles, William Hamilton, Allan Leving, Flora Eissman, Joel Goldstein, Charles Selipsky, Andy Youkilis, Jerrold Schwartz, Amos Shamir, Mitchell Shenker, Isaac Emmenegger, Pamela Reznick, Edward Finkelstein, Sharon Katz Weintraub, Elaine Melnick, Samuel Youkilis, Jacques Fehr, Serra Lesa Ivener, Peter Brody, Sascha Harken, Eliana Hudson, Sheldon Kessler, Ruth Selipsky, Tamar Lerner, Jeremiah Weinstock, Jesse Zvibleman

March Anniversaries

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

April Anniversaries

Donn & Beth Rubin
Denis & Ruth Altman
Martin & Phyllis Kalmes

New Baby

Mazel tov to Courtney and Scott Kaar on the birth of their daughter, Liliella Marion Kaar, born February 4, 2016. Mazel tov also to proud grandparents Jeff and Jan Jacob, and great-grandmother Ruth Jacob.

Condolences to the Families Of

Irl Baris
Sydney Farber
Martin Feit
Thelma Ginsburg
Evelyn Levin
Gerald "Jerry" Margolies



From 2015's Jewish/Muslim Day of Service

What a wonderful morning of service! 40 FULL bags of move-in ready supplies for the new Gateway 180 home owners....

Upcoming Events

Visit kolrinahstl.org for full event information

- ✧ March 4-6 - Meet Rabbi Sara Zacharia - candidate for Religious School Director/Assistant Rabbi
- ✧ March 5 - Sisterhood Kiddush for Phyllis Hyken's 80th Birthday
- ✧ March 6 - Cong. Small Group mtng
- ✧ March 10-11 - Rosh Hodesh
- ✧ March 13&16 - KRRS Spring Break
- ✧ March 19 - Kaar Baby Naming
- ★ March 23-24 - Find a full list of Purim Events on page 16

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Can You Find The 8 Differences?



Answers: black apple stem, right grape leaf, Haman's left nostril, extra filling in tiny hamantaschen (lower right), left side of squiggly filled hamantaschen, CHOO, no basket tip behind mask, extra dot in orange

Kol Rinah Leadership

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A Message from Rabbi Arnow

Rabbi Noah Arnow

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New Old Words: The New Siddur Lev Shalem

This month at Kol Rinah, we have a once-in-a-generation event. It's kind of a big deal. I am so thrilled that in March 2016, Kol Rinah will be welcoming a new addition to our sacred community, and specifically, to our Shabbat morning experience. We will be introducing a new Shabbat and Festival siddur (prayer book), *Siddur Lev Shalem*. *Siddur Lev Shalem* is in the same series as our relatively new machzor (High Holiday prayer book), *Machzor Lev Shalem*. Based on the fantastic reactions we have had to that new machzor, we have invested in this new siddur.

Siddur Lev Shalem will replace the blue *Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals*, which is now about twenty years old. I have many fond memories and associations with our current siddur, and I'll miss many things about it. I also remember how much of an improvement it was over the Silverman siddur, which it replaced at the synagogue at which I grew up. I know how much of an upgrade this new siddur will be to the prayer experience we share every Shabbat.

The new siddur follows the same format and layout as the machzor. It features a four-column format with Hebrew and English in the center of the book, and historical/explanatory comments and poetry/inspiration on the margins. The goal is to provide information to better understand the prayers, as well as alternatives, readings and poems to enhance the pray-er's experience.

It also features clearer directions, and much transliteration, to make participating in services easier for those less familiar with the service and Hebrew. Compared to *Sim Shalom*, which has very little transliteration, and virtually no commentary or explanation, this is an incredible leap forward. There will certainly be a period of adjustment as we acclimate to the new siddur. We'll have to learn new page numbers, and a new layout. The book will feel different in our hands; the paper will have a different texture. But rest assured: the prayers themselves are the same ones we collectively have been saying our whole lives, and, indeed, for generations. The changes are in translation, gender-neutral God language, and the addition of new liturgy as well as some ancient alternatives for particular prayers. We will have the opportunity to experiment with using some of the old alternatives

that are new to us as we learn how best to use the siddur here at Kol Rinah.

It will take some work to learn this new siddur, and we will be studying it together. When we introduce it (we'll let you know by e-mail the exact date, which depends on shipping, etc.), I will devote some sermon times to studying the siddur, and will be teaching about it in different venues and to different groups throughout the congregation. There will also be opportunities coming soon to sponsor our purchase of these siddurim.

I look forward to using the new *Siddur Lev Shalem* to allow us to reach higher, to dig deeper, to pray together with you as we, as a community and as individual Jews, strive to create, experience and attune ourselves to moments of holiness in God's presence.

Jewish Food Pantry List For March

1. Canned Tuna Fish
2. Healthy Soups
3. Kosher Food
4. Peanut Butter
5. Canned Beef Stew/Chili/Pasta with Meat
6. Canned Fruits
7. Toothpaste, Deodorant, Shampoo and Detergent

Currently, the Jewish Food Pantry is feeding over 8,000 individuals in a month. The need is great so please help in any way you can. Thank you.

For more info, contact Louise Levine 636.227.1259.

Youth

My IC Experience

This past winter break, I had the pleasure of attending the 65th annual United Synagogue Youth International Convention (IC). The convention took place in Baltimore, Maryland during the five days between Christmas and New Year's Day. The convention comprised of more than 700 kids from the 17 regions of USY, both from the United States and Canada. I was one of the 25 representatives of the Emtza (central) regional delegation, and along with Sam Shoykhet, one of the two representatives of Kol Rinah's KRSTL USY chapter.

At the convention, we participated in a wide variety of activities, whether that be davening, eating, selling regional merchandise, attending programs led by guest speakers, or walking around Baltimore. The theme of this year's convention was "Think more, do more, B-more," and there was a large amount of programing focused on becoming advocates, both for current social justice issues in America, and for Israel.

A large portion of the convention is dedicated to the election and installation of the new USY International Executive Board officers. Voting for officers is done by chapter, and based off of our size and participation in the convention, KRSTL got two votes in each race.

For me personally, the best part of the convention was reuniting with a number of friends from my trip to Israel, people I hadn't seen since August. But the convention was more

than just a reunion. I made new friends and our region became closer through our shared Emtza spirit.

IC was a great way to end the year, and I look forward to seeing what 2016 has to offer in the way of USY.

Harry Rubin

KRSTL Youth Israel Affairs VP

(photos on the back cover)

Learn Haftarah, Trope or Prayer

What do you want to learn: trope (Haftarah and/or Torah trope), a specific prayer, such as "Ashrei, "Prayer for Israel", etc? I am willing to teach you whatever you want.

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Sisterhood

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TRIVIA is happening – Saturday night, March 12!

Please call **Burton Boxerman** at 314.994.9133 to reserve your place or table - \$25 per person or \$200 a table. This will be one of the most laid-back events you'll attend all year. Table sponsorships are \$100; round sponsorships are \$36. Doors open at 6:30. Fun and games begin at 7:00 pm. Call Burton for all information.

Sisterhood Shabbat was January 16, and I would like to thank everyone who participated in the service, especially those who helped run the service: Paula Lemerman - Floor Gabbai (Glider), Enid Perll, Bima Officer, Wendy Love Anderson for davening shachrit and musaf, Cindy Payant and Tammy Arnow for reading Torah, Joyce Olshan for her intro and chanting the Haftarah; Nancy Berg for her Sermon, and Marion Cohen for leading Ashrei, and of course, Rabbi Arnow.

I hope you all enjoyed the Kohn's deli Kiddush, and learned a little about what Sisterhood gives to the synagogue. Our ladies work so hard throughout the year.

Our Kiddush Appreciation to:

Nira Asher-Geller and **David Geller** in celebration of David's birthday; **Jim Singman** in celebration of the auf ruf of his daughter Lauren, and Andrew Moss; and **The Faye Keyser Memorial Seudah Fund** for the Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat on February 13.

Please consider celebrating your next simcha with a beautiful Sisterhood Kiddush. Just contact **Sue Propper** at 314.395.1349 or e-mail her at: **suemeryl@charter.net** and leave the rest to Sisterhood.

Membership – We filed our second and final report to Women's League, for almost 150 members. Thanks to all of you who renewed your membership, gave above the minimum dues level, or became members for the first time.

Consultant Visit – March 14, 2016 – 6:30pm. Sisterhood has arranged for a Consultant to visit us for a training program on Monday evening, March 14th. If you call ahead of time, we will be able to order box dinners from Kohn's for 6:30. There will be a charge for the box dinners, but the training session is free. We ask any woman interested in Sisterhood to try to attend. The more voices we hear from, the better we can be.

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

Contact **Sue Propper**

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Kol Rinah Religious School

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KRRS – Moving Forward

At the beginning of January, TuBishvat was the first holiday (besides Shabbat) of 2016 to be celebrated. Our Banot Sherut, Menucha and Noga, spent time with each class, teaching about the holiday through games and foods representing the Shvat Haminim – the “Seven Species” of the Land of Israel.

Several of our seventh graders attended the Shabbaton at B’nai Amoona.

At the end of January, the 6th/7th graders practiced the Mitzvah of wrapping T’fillin under the wonderful leadership of Men’s Club members, Max Brown, Bob Olshan and Don Pearline.

This was in preparation for the congregational World Wide Wrap which took place on February 7, 2016.

As we kicked off the second semester, we welcomed Rob Friedman to our staff, as a teacher in the 6th/7th grade. The whole staff has been “on the move” with creative additions to grade level curriculum, as shared below:

☆ In the Primary Level, Pre-K through 1st grade, Morah Debbie Friedman has helped to institute the online “Learning Hebrew at Home” from Behrman House Publishing. This is a complementary digital supplement to the Hebrew program being used in the classroom.

☆ Morah Ayelet Goldman, in second grade, began the “formal” study

of Shabbat. Lessons have been specifically focused on prayers recited for the lighting of the candles, the drinking of the wine, and the eating of the challah – along with a festive table setting!

☆ Under Morah Linda Kram’s leadership, the third graders are focusing on the “Don’t Laugh At Me” no bullying curriculum written by Peter Yarrow. The class has designed a “peace corner” in the room – where one can choose their time to have some personal “peace.”

☆ Morah Jennifer Greenberg is taking her 4th/5th graders on a trip back

into the Jewish History of Kings and Prophets. They will add to their “Wall of Learning” by developing an historical Jewish timeline.

☆ At the 6th/7th grade level, Morah Sarah Gordon and Moreh Rob Friedman are focusing on the topics of discrimination and anti-Semitism while studying about the Holocaust. A trip is planned to the Holocaust Museum and Learning Center at the end of March.

Please stay in touch by checking out the KRRS calendar on the KR web site.

Paula Hertel



Men's Club

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This will be my last submission to the Voice as President of Kol Rinah Men's Club. A longer version with my personal thank you's is on line.

Yeshar Koach to Max Brown, Jim Singman and Don Pearline - who were elected President, Exec VP, and Treasurer respectively. Please come to Men's Club Shabbat and installation of new officers April 9th (delicious Kiddush). Make reservations now for FJMC Man & Youth of the Year Luncheon honoring Maddie Lapp, our well deserving Youth of the Year, and Bob Olshan (really?) on April 10th.

We had an amazing first ever TuBishvat Adult Mixer Seder where in addition to eating fruits and nuts (and desserts thereof), we enhanced our Spirt-uality with Amaretto, Slivovitz...

This year our 5th/6th graders participated in a Wonderful World

Wide Wrap with older youth, adults and families. Visit our website to see the new KR WWW Rap Video, by Sam Forman with pictures of our KR youth.

I am very proud of the new and upgraded programs that we instituted during my years as President:

- ☆ Steak and Scotch in the Sukkah w/ Taste of Talmud
- ☆ Sushi and Sake Shabbat
- ☆ Hearing Men's Voices
- ☆ Keruv (interfaith family) Programs
- ☆ TuBishvat Live w/ Israel and new Adult Mixer Seder
- ☆ Toasting Torah and Talmud
- ☆ Family Bike Hike
- ☆ Lag B'Omer - FJMC Torch Award
- ☆ Young Men's Club Chaver - new events upcoming!

My primary goal was to add more Spirtuality to our programs, and I think

we've succeeded. Look for Taste of India in November. We have continued our other excellent programs: Yellow Candle, Sports Nights, Trivia Nights; Poker, and with KRSS: Make your Chanukiah; Build-A-Pair; Lag B'Omer & WWW.

I would like to thank all of the MC officers and Board members who helped in so many ways, Micki and the Sisterhood for all they do, and of course Rabbis Fasman and Arnow for helping add spirituality and continual support.

B'Hatzlacha Max!

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as Kol Rinah (and Shaare Zedek) Men's Club President.

Bob Olshan



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Trivia Night

Sat. Mar. 12

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Tables for teams of 8: \$200 Individuals: \$25

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DorWays: Families & Young Members

Jessica Wax

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Kol Rinah families came together on erev TuBishvat to create "seed bombs". We mixed together soil, clay, seeds and water, then rolled them into small balls to create seed bombs. Once dry, they were ready to throw out in nature, no digging or planting required! Families took some home, and we also put them around Kol Rinah and donated them to the JCC's Garden of Eden. We can't wait to see the beautiful Missouri wildflowers explode! We then enjoyed eating and schmoozing together and sampling many delicious fruits

and veggies that come from trees in honor of TuBishvat. The children also enjoyed learning about the holiday from Rabbi Noah.

We can't wait to see everyone at our family Purim party on Thursday, March 24! The fun will begin with the Family Purim Carnival, followed by a costume parade and a special family Megillah reading! It will be fun and festive for children of all ages. I can't wait to see everyone in their costumes!

Make sure to watch your email for upcoming programs, and email me at jessica@kolrinahstl.org if you have any questions or to be added to our mailing list.

B'Shalom,
Jessica Wax



Adult Education

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Building on the past for the Future

How did we get from the biblical Abraham to the Judaism of today?

The Jewish People have had an evolving relationship with God and God's Law which has been recorded through the millennia. Analysis of post TaNaK writings and their authors reveals a blend of tradition as exemplified in the writings of Rashi, and the influence of the many lands in which the Jews have lived, i.e. the Greek, Roman, Islamist, European, influences and the integration into the American mainstream as in the writings of Schechter, Heschel and Kaplan.

There are those who would say what can these authors add to the writings of the Prophets, Tannaim, Amoraim, etc?

Albert Einstein recognized that his achievements were possible because of the scientists who preceded him in his statement:

"A hundred times a day I remind myself that life depends on the labor of other men, living and dead and that I must exert myself in order to give the same measure as I have received and am still receiving."

As these authors built on the literature of their predecessors, each of us can learn from their writings. To that end the Committee is proposing the initiation of a **study group** to learn from our literature. When appropriate, we will invite guest speakers, including Scholar in Residence programs. *More to follow, and contact us if you have suggestions!*

Ralph Graff

Adult Ed Committee Chair
with Richard Gavatin

Early Childhood Education

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In January, we were very excited to host an evening of Professional Development for educators from all the Jewish Early Childhood Centers around the area. Over 100 teachers came together to participate in an evening of learning that included developmentally appropriate strategies for dealing with challenging children, how to integrate social/emotional curriculum with infants and toddlers, ideas for using unique materials to empower creative and imaginative young artists in the classroom setting, and how to observe children during free play to identify red flags that may warrant further evaluation of a fine or gross motor delay.

At our TuBishvat Family Program, children had an opportunity to engage in activities celebrating the Jewish birthday of the trees. Students visited a variety of centers that included planting chives, sorting objects according to whether or not each came from a tree, "planting" and "growing" their own flowers in a sensory bin filled with planters, dirt, shovels, and fake flowers. Children and adults alike enjoyed a yummy parfait with Greek yogurt, pomegranate seeds and dried fruit granola that the children in the Panda, Koala and Penguin classes helped to make. In February, we

had a Special Person's Breakfast. Grandparents, relatives, and special friends had a chance to visit our Early Childhood Center and spend time with their child. The children, along with their guest, enjoyed a delicious breakfast, created a take home craft and participated in a Shabbat celebration with Rabbi Noah.

This winter has brought us some cold weather, with opportunities to bring snow inside for sensory play and some warmer days with opportunities for our children to play outside. We are all looking forward to Spring!

Membership Committee

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New committee chairs for the Membership Committee

Deborah Rubin and Joyce Olshan are now co-chairing the membership committee, letting Linda Makler and Monroe Ginsburg get a well deserved rest. We thank them for their leadership and strong commitment for the past few years and hope to follow in their footsteps.

We look to the future with the intent to work towards providing services and activities to help maintain our present members' involvements as well as strive to bring in new interested parties.

We see ourselves as an umbrella committee working with other programming bodies to help coordinate activities that will enhance all levels of connections at Kol Rinah. It is not our

plan to necessarily do the programs but to provide input to make the programs as successful as possible with outreach to as many different ages and interests as possible. We are working to answer the question that Rabbi Arnow has charged us to ask - "why do we do what we do at Kol Rinah" as opposed to only "what do we do".

Our presence will be felt at large and small programs - greeting people, offering help and information, building connections, providing hands on when needed. We will be there for Shabbatot and holiday celebrations. And behind the scenes, we will be bringing gifts to new members, keeping contact with them, and utilizing the Rudy

Oppenheim, z'l, Ambassador program in a new, stream lined function.

Keep your eyes open for the Purim Bash after the Megillah reading on Wed. March 23. It's a great time to kick your heels up and show everyone your party side! What better way to make new friends!

Our committee meets every month and we are always happy to have new faces at meetings to give ideas even if you don't want to commit to joining. We will succeed best if we have a good cross section of the congregation. The Membership committee is for you - the members. Let us hear from you, too.

Here's to a great start!

Debbie and Joyce



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Volunteers Needed for the St. Louis JCC Maccabi Games

The JCC Maccabi Games® is the largest Jewish youth event in the world. From July 31 - August 5, 2016 our community will welcome more than 1,000 visiting teens from across the globe and involve all of Greater St. Louis, including 400 host families, 1,000 volunteers and 200+ local teen athletes. Learn more and volunteer at <https://maccabistlouis.org/about-the-maccabi-games/>

Everyone Has A Story

Sima Needleman

The Story of Elisa Israel

Elisa Israel, the first child of Margaret and Martin (Marty) Israel, was born in St. Louis and growing up, lived with her parents and younger brother, Samuel, in Ladue.

Both Martin and Margaret were graduate students in California when they met and got married. Marty completed a Ph. D. degree in Physics at Caltech and Margaret received an M. A. degree in Italian Language and Literature from UCLA. The couple moved to St. Louis when Marty was hired by Washington University (WU) to be Assistant Professor of Physics in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences.

Over the years, Marty introduced Elisa to things that interested him. For example, one of the times when Elisa was very young, he attended a meeting at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA. and came home with lots of information and great pictures of the Planets taken by the Voyager Space Probes, which fascinated Elisa. Also, she loved to go with him to WU to look through the old telescope on the roof of the Physics Building and can remember being excited when she was able to see Halley's comet, which is only visible from earth every 75 years! Most of Elisa's life, her father has been a role model and unofficial mentor to Elisa.

As for her mother, Elisa feels that she is very much like Margaret and that they enjoy many of the same things.

Margaret has been a member of and leader in several organizations as well as an exceptional volunteer for a number of worthy causes as far back as Elisa can remember. In addition, her mother studied Italian language and literature for many years and then taught Italian at both UCLA and WU.

Elisa's brother, Sam, who is three years younger than she, was diagnosed at age 5½ with Fragile X Syndrome, which, simply stated, is a "genetic condition that causes a range of developmental problems," including cognitive impairment. As a child, he had speech and occupational therapy and was able to attend special classes in the Parkway School system and to graduate from Parkway Central High with a regular high school diploma. Elisa stated that "having a sibling with special needs is different." Although Sam is relatively independent, theirs is "not a typical brother-sister relationship." However, they are very close, and Sam will often say to her, "Elisa, you're a good sister."

Meanwhile, Elisa's public school education began at the Ethical Society's Nursery School to which she went for 2 or 3 years. From there, she attended the Reed Elementary School from kindergarten through 6th grade. However, the year Elisa was in second grade, her family went to Altadena, CA, near Pasadena, where her father did a one-year sabbatical at Caltech.



After the sabbatical year, when Elisa's family returned to St. Louis, they joined BSKI, and Elisa was enrolled in BSKI's Sunday School. She clearly remembers that every Sunday morning Rabbi Skoff greeted the children over the loud speaker with "*Boker Tov, Yeladim*" and then led the children in reciting the *Shema*.

In addition to Sunday School, Elisa attended Hebrew School at BSKI three days a week after the public school day was over. At that time, Hebrew School came under the auspices of St. Louis' Central Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), and children attended classes at one of two locations, depending on where their family lived. CAJE East where Elisa went, held classes at BSKI and Shaare Zedek while CAJE West's classes were at B'nai Amoona.

When Elisa was five years old she began taking private violin lessons, but she switched to group Suzuki classes in violin when she was in the 4th grade at Reed School, and then continued

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studying violin through the 7th grade at Ladue Junior High. A classmate of hers named Mimi, who also took violin lessons, became Elisa's best friend in the 5th grade and is still her friend today.

The year Elisa was in the 7th grade and stopped taking violin lessons was a busy year for her. She not only began to study French (which she continued to do through the first year of college) but also continued to attend Hebrew School and was, at that point, beginning to prepare for her *Bat Mitzvah*.

Three things stand out in Elisa's mind about the year before her *Bat Mitzvah*. First, she attended *Shabbat* services on a regular basis and sometimes during those services, she was the only student standing on the bema when it was time to sing *Ein Keloheinu* and *Adon Olom*; and therefore, she had to sing them by herself, which made her very nervous.

Second, BSKI was becoming more egalitarian ("but it wasn't 100%," according to Elisa). Women did not wear a *tallit*, and, while they could read from the *Torah*, they were not allowed to say the blessings before and after the reading by themselves. Therefore, at her *Bat Mitzvah*, Elisa had to say the *Aliyah* with her father. However, she did read from the *Torah* and also did the whole *Haftarah* by herself. Elisa was so well prepared that she wasn't nervous at all.

Third, Elisa became a member of Young Judea and enjoyed, among other things, attending two Young Judea conventions. One was in St. Louis and

the other was in Indianapolis.

For a few years after her *Bat Mitzvah*, Elisa attended Hebrew High School; and, when she was 16, she was confirmed. (At that time, Rabbi Benson Skoff was teaching the Confirmation class.)

Elisa went to Ladue Horton Watkins High School for 9th through 12th grades. She continued to study French and joined the high school's French Club. In addition, Elisa became a member of the National Honor Society, took four years of Science and four years of math plus advanced placement classes in English, French and History. Throughout high school Elisa had a small, close-knit group of friends, to whom she constantly spoke on the telephone. One thing Elisa really liked about high school was that "it wasn't weird" for her to be smart because there were a lot of smart kids in her class.

After graduating from high school, Elisa, who had always been interested in Space and Planetary Sciences (an interest she credits to her father), went to Northwestern University in Chicago and studied Geology.

The summer after her freshman year at Northwestern, Elisa studied the planet Venus during an internship at Washington University's Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences. The following summer, she worked at the St. Louis Science Center through another internship at Washington University. One of her responsibilities at that time was to organize all the slides at the Science Center that might be used in planetarium shows. The summer after her junior year, Elisa's

internship was at the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, CA (near Palo Alto), where she studied data about Venus and made a map of a portion of that planet.

Elisa graduated from Northwestern with a B.A. degree in Geological Sciences and then moved back to St. Louis to go to graduate school at WU in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences. She worked with Professor Ray Arvidson, and he became the advisor for her Master's thesis.

After Elisa got her M. A. degree in Earth and Planetary Sciences, she was hired by the St. Louis Science Center and has worked there ever since (almost 20 years) although her positions and titles have changed several times over the years. She has worked her way up to become the Science Center's Director of Research and Evaluation, where she has two full-time staff and two part-time staff reporting to her. Her job primarily focuses on evaluating programs and exhibits in order to better understand the Science Center's visitors. She does data analysis, presentations, surveys, observations, interviews and writes reports; and, she really enjoys her work!

In addition to working at the Science Center, Elisa finds time to volunteer and participate at Kol Rinah, where she is currently on the synagogue's Board as well as a member of the Facilities Committee and co-chair of the Personnel Committee with Scott Kaar. In addition, Elisa attends Shabbat services as often as she can.

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In her free time, Elisa, who is passionate about baseball, thoroughly enjoys going to games. Also, she very much likes to travel and loves taking photographs wherever she goes. In fact, she is a "serious" photographer, who makes note cards from some of her favorite photographs and has many of those photographs hanging on the walls of her home and her office.

Elisa posted one particular photo on the "Astronomy Picture of the Day" website. It's a picture of the shadow of a tree during an eclipse and shows how the leaves act like a pinhole camera. Elisa has had many requests for that special photograph. As a result, it can be found in numerous books and publications.

In addition, Elisa, who calls herself "a Science Geek," genuinely loves science. Although that may be true, there is much more to Elisa than science. She is also an amazing

photographer and an active, productive member of Kol Rinah. She is a person who truly makes a difference in whatever she does!



"Taken during a solar eclipse in 1994, this photo shows how the leaves of a tree act as a pinhole camera, casting a shadow of the tree that is made up of many small images of the partially eclipsed sun."

Kol Rinah Men's Club Presents

The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs ~ Midwest Region honorees:



Maddie Lapp
"Youth of the Year"

Youth of the Year and Man of the Year

*A special event will be
held in their honor
Sunday, April 10 at 1:00 pm
at Kol Rinah.*

*Luncheon Cost: \$23 per person, \$10 under age 18
Reservations no later than April 1st*



Bob Olshan
"Man of the Year"

Mazal Tov and Thank You!

Dr. Jerry Cohen was recognized by Rabbi Arnow at Shabbat services on February 6th, for his devotion to morning minyan and breakfast for over fifteen years. As Rabbi told us, Herman Spector, z"l, was the first "volunteer" Morning Minyan Man, and when he was sick for the last time, he asked his friend Jerry Cohen if he would take over the job of the morning minyan and breakfast; and the rest is history.

Jerry faithfully opened the building, in all kinds of weather, and then started to prepare breakfast. For years, Pat Rosen, who volunteered in the Early Childhood Center, helped Jerry. She said many times that she did it "only for Jerry." He kept a notebook with a list of people who were "emergency" volunteers, to be called to come help make a minyan. David Geller was tops on that list, followed by Michael Waxenberg, Steve Birenbaum and

the Singer family. He can tell you who comes every day of the week; and he is concerned when they don't report to him when they will be out of town. Jerry also made sure to celebrate minyanaire birthdays, with a little cake and candle, and a picture or two, taken with his trusty Polaroid camera, about which he complained: "It's getting harder and harder to find film!" He also kept track of sponsored breakfasts. But in the past couple of years, even with his cane, it's been hard for Jerry to get around. Jim Singman volunteered to take over a lot of the duties involved in opening the building and running the minyan.

Jerry finally let it be known that he was going to step-down, officially, from his "job" the end of January this year. He still comes to morning minyan three days a week, but he doesn't have to worry about



opening the building or shopping for breakfast. Jerry Cohen is certainly a treasure to Kol Rinah, and Rabbi Arnow suggested that the greatest way we might show Jerry our appreciation is for each of us to try and attend a morning minyan now and then, to ensure that no one in charge of the morning minyan will ever have to make a call for help.

Please Help Us Count To Ten!

We need your help to make a minyan at our daily morning and evening services.

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.





STAR WARS

EPIISODE: PURIM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

7:45 PM MAARIV

8:00 PM MEGILLAH READING

POP-UP PARTY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEGILLAH READING

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 AM MEGILLAH READING




12:30 PM PURIM SEUDAH (MEAL)

4:30 PM FAMILY CARNIVAL

4:30 PM KIDS' COSTUME PARADE

6:30 PM KIDS' MEGILLAH READING

HELP SUPPORT OUR USY

-  Be a Carnival Booth Sponsor – \$36
 -  Donate an item or package to the silent auction
 -  Donate your time & talent, run a station at the Carnival
- Your support provides scholarships, meaningful programs and events that benefit the youth of Kol Rinah.



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STAR WARS

EPISODE: PURIM

MISHLOACH MANOT

Kol Rinah Congregation celebrates Purim by delivering special Mishloach Manot packages filled with holiday treats, greetings and smiles. All Kol Rinah members will receive this special gift delivered to their homes, but you can also share Purim and the mitzvah of giving with family, neighbors, friends, or your kids in college.

Join the Force... Help us raise funds!

Name: _____

email: _____ Phone: _____

☐ I want to help support Kol Rinah and be listed on the scroll included in our Mishloach Manot packages.

☐ \$1000 JEW-DI MASTER: includes sending Mishloach Manot to 10 special friends or family members

☐ \$500 JEW-DI KNIGHT: includes sending Mishloach Manot to 5 special friends or family members

☐ \$118 JEW-DI APPRENTICE

☐ I want to be listed on the scroll as follows: _____

☐ I want to share in the Mitzvah of Purim with others outside of Kol Rinah

Include your names/mailling addresses for those to whom you will be shipping your Purim greeting on the back of this form. To send your greetings to someone who is not a member of Kol Rinah, the cost is \$20 ea. plus out of town shipping cost if applicable.

☐ I would like to order delicious hamentaschen (\$5 per half-dozen, see back of form)

You can also go online to place your order at: kolrinahstl.org or mail to: Kol Rinah, 829 N. Hanley Rd. 63130 or Fax to: 314-727-0080

Other donation: \$ _____ Total amount of my donation: \$ _____

☐ Enclosed is check payable to Kol Rinah ☐ Charge my Credit Card # _____

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____ **Deadline for Mishloach Manot order is March 9.**



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March 2016 Calendar

Adar1 / Adar2 5776

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1
Tue 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8am "Moral and Ethical Issues" -
Sara Myers Rm 106

2
Wed 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9am Movement Class - Sara Myers
Rm 106
1pm KR Women's Social Group
Mtng - Sara Myers Rm 106
4:15pm KRRS Classes
7pm USY Lounge Night

3
Thu 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
1pm Lib Cleanup - Lib
7pm Executive Committee Mtng - Lib

4
Fri **Meet Rabbi Sara Zacharia -
candidate for Religious School
Director/Assistant Rabbi**
7am Shacharit
5:40pm Candle Lighting
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat

5
Sat *Parshat Vayakhel*
Shabbat Shekalim
**Meet Rabbi Sara Zacharia -
candidate for Religious School
Director/Assistant Rabbi**
**Sisterhood Kiddush for Phyllis
Hyken's 80th Birthday**
9am Shabbat Service
10am Shabbat Rm Open - Sara
Myers Rm 106
4:40pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/
Ma'ariv
6:38pm Havdalah

6
Sun **Meet Rabbi Sara Zacharia -
candidate for Religious School
Director/Assistant Rabbi**
8am Shacharit at 1107 E. Linden
9am Communications Mtng - Lib
9:30am Religious School
**10am Congregational/Small
Group Mtngs: Youth/Education
Discussion - Aud**
10:30am Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah
Seminar - Sara Myers Rm 106
6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

7
Mon 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

8
Tue 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8am "Moral and Ethical Issues" -
Sara Myers Rm 106
10am Poetry Chavurah - Sara Myers
Rm 106
11:45am JCRC Mtng

9
Wed 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9am Movement Class - Sara Myers
Rm 106
4:15pm KRRS Classes
7pm USY Lounge Night

10
Thu **Rosh Hodesh Adar II**
6:45am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/
Ma'ariv
1pm Lib Cleanup - Lib
7pm Kol Rinah Board Mtng

11
Fri **Rosh Hodesh Adar II**
6:45am Shacharit
5:47pm Candle Lighting
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat

12
Sat *Parshat Pekude*
9am Shabbat Service
10:30am MifgaShabbat - Chapel
11am Tot Shabbat - Sara Myers Rm 106
4:45pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/
Ma'ariv
6:45pm Havdalah
7pm Trivia Night at Temple Israel

13
Sun **KRRS Spring Break**
8am Shacharit at 1107 E. Linden
9am Communications Mtng - Lib
10am Men's Club Board Mtng -
Youth Lounge
6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

14
Mon 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
7pm Ritual Mtng - Sara Myers Rm 106
6:30pm Sisterhood Consultant Visit - Aud

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Tue 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8am "Moral and Ethical Issues" -
Sara Myers Rm 106
7pm Calendar Mtng

16
Wed **KRRS Spring Break**
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9am Movement Class - Sara Myers
Rm 106
7pm USY Lounge Night

17
Thu 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
1pm Lib Cleanup - Lib

18
Fri 7am Shacharit
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat
6:54pm Candle Lighting

19
Sat *Parshat Vayikra*
Shabbat Zachor
Kaar Baby naming
9am Shabbat Service
10am Shabbat Rm Open - Sara
Myers Rm 106
5:50pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/
Ma'ariv
7:52pm Havdalah

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Sun 8am Shacharit at 1107 E. Linden
9am Communications Mtng - Lib
9:30am Religious School
6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

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

22
Tue 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8am "Moral and Ethical Issues" -
Sara Myers Rm 106

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Wed

Fast of Esther

7am Shacharit
9am Movement Class - Sara Myers
Rm 106
4:15pm KRRS Classes
7pm Mincha
7:45pm Maariv & Megillah reading
7:48pm Fast Ends
9pm Purim Pop up party - Mirowitz Aud

24
Thu

Purim

6:30am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/
Ma'ariv
11:30am ECC Family Purim Program
12:30pm Purim Seudah
4:30pm Purim Carnival
5:30pm Kids Purim Parade

25
Fri

7am Shacharit
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:10pm Candle Lighting

26
Sat

Parshat Tzav
9am Shabbat Service
10:30am MifgaShabbat - Chapel
11am Rhythm n Ruach - Sara Myers
Rm 106
12:30pm Torah Talk w/ Rabbi Arnow
- Sara Myers Rm 106
6pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/
Ma'ariv
7:59pm Havdalah

27
Sun

8am Shacharit at 1107 E. Linden
9:30am Religious School
10:30am Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah
Seminar - Sara Myers Rm 106
10:30am The Torah of Community w/
Rabbi Arnow
6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

28
Mon

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

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Tue

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8am "Moral and Ethical Issues" -
Sara Myers Rm 106

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Wed

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9am Movement Class - Sara Myers
Rm 106
4:15pm KRRS Classes
7pm USY Lounge Night

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Thu

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
1pm Lib Cleanup - Lib

**Kol Rinah
Gift Shop**



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Sunday by appointment

Call **314.727.1747** to arrange a time.

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Youth Scholarships**, contact Bob Olshan at olshanr@gmail.com

Kol Rinah Kashrut Rules & Kitchen Etiquette

1. **All food** brought into the building must be checked by the Kol Rinah staff for acceptable hechshers. **"Tablet K" is NOT an acceptable hechsher for Kol Rinah.**

2. If food is not delivered during normal business hours, please call David Weber so arrangements can be made for the food to be checked.

3. No food is to be brought in, delivered or removed at Kol Rinah on Shabbat or any other holiday.

4. There is to be **NO** cooking of food on Shabbat.

Any questions should be directed to David Weber by phone 314.727.1747 (office) or 314.541.7322 (cell) or email dweber@kolrinahstl.org

General Kitchen Reminders

☆ If you must be in the kitchen, please do not touch or take any food items from the refrigerators, freezers, and cabinets that do not belong to you. Every food item, even if not specifically marked on the food item itself, has been purchased and intended for use at a particular event.

☆ **Please refrain from visiting the kitchen or taking food from the Kiddush table PRIOR to Kiddush being served on Shabbat. It is disruptive to the volunteers who are preparing and plating the food for the Shabbat Kiddush.**

We are looking for volunteers to assist in preparing kiddushes. Please call Betty Siegel at 314.991.0709 or Marsha Birenbaum at 314.725.1100 if you are interested.



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