

## Let Your Voices Ring Out

In a world with too little compassion, understanding and tolerance, it is vitally important that we set an example of inclusion, perspective and tzedakah.

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## Upcoming Events

- Tue July 4 Independence Day
- Tue July 11 Fast (17th) of Tammuz
- Sun July 23 Congregation Mtng for Facilities Update
- Mon July 24 Rosh Chodesh Av
- Sun July 30 Gary Kodner Book Signing
- Mon July 31 Erev Tisha B'Av

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# Kol Rinah Leadership

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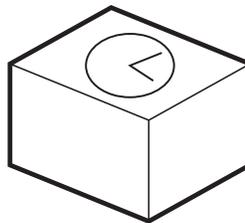
## Kol Rinah welcomes everyone. This means YOU!

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.

**We have been in search of a time capsule** that was installed in 1956 with the dedication of the Shaare Zedek Sanctuary.

Anyone who has any knowledge or memory of this event and the possible location of the time capsule, please contact **Gary Kodner**, [gkodner@gmail.com](mailto:gkodner@gmail.com).



## Joke for the Month

A citizen of Chelm asked his rabbi, "Which is more important, the sun or the moon?"

"What a silly question!" he exclaimed. "The moon, of course! It shines at night when we really need it. But who needs the sun to shine when it is already broad daylight?"

Our newsletter is designed by Tovah Enger with the invaluable help of her dedicated volunteer proofing team: Nancy Greene, Micki Kingsley, Cindy Payant & Sherri Sadon. **Thank you.**

from: "Encyclopedia of Jewish Humor"

# President's Message

Randi Mozenter - Kol Rinah President

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Happy Summer. I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer whether you are experiencing the season in town or traveling.

Summer has always been my favorite time of year; growing up near the ocean, spending every possible moment "down the shore," and appreciating the longer days, the heat, and the changes in schedules have always been precious to me.

This season has been a whirlwind of activity with the personal move to my new home and the preparations for our community relocation to our new home.

The first part of this summer has marked many simchot and programs; a beautiful wedding, 2 Bar Mitzvahs,

ECC graduation, Confirmation class graduation, visiting speakers, new Chavurot, new members, and fun and inspirational programming.

I am joyful about the growing closeness of our community, the hard work and engagement of more and more of our members and the excitement of new friends, closer relationships and spiritual endeavors.

My life is enriched spiritually and interpersonally by my involvement at Kol Rinah. Thank you so very much for all you do to support our community. There will continue to be tough decisions, countless hours of debate, dedication and plain exhausting work, but I am enriched by the challenge. Please join me as we create our future.

Get involved in big ways or small. Attend a committee meeting. Participate in a service, learning opportunity or a Chavurah. Sponsor a Kiddush. Invite friends to your home for a Shabbat dinner, happy hour or a play date.

Let your voices ring out in song, prayer, input and discussion. I appreciate your kindness, your respect and your views. In a world with too little compassion, understanding and tolerance, it is vitally important that we set an example of inclusion, perspective and tzedakah. Our children are watching. We deserve to be our best selves. Kol Rinah can be a respite from the hassles and trials of our every day world. Join me.

Respectfully and gratefully yours



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**AUG. 27**

**We are having**  
**another**  
**BBQ BASH!**

**GREAT FOOD**  
**& FUN FOR ALL**

# Mazel Tov!

## July Birthdays

Beatrice Engel, Jerome Nuell, Elsie Levy, Louise Kaufman-Yavitz, Carolyn Epstein, Cindy Kalachek, Josh Shimony, Alvin Siwak, Sarah Levy, Jeremy Buhler, Noah Levy, Bonnie Templeton, Laura Weinstock, Ronald Fagerstrom, Julie Leeds, Joseph Levy, Michal Goldstein, Jack Rosman, Beth Rubin, Rebekah Simmons, Caleb Arnow, Rabbi Mark Fasman, Jessica Igielnik, Oliver Kodner, Jaron Asher, Saul Dien, Karen Aroesty, Joshua Levine, Henry Berger, Alice Fasman, Beatrice Hollander, Matthew Shoykhet, Adin Cooke, Benjamin Igielnik, Rachel Miller, Joyce Olshan, Jeremy Brenner, Bonnie Cerulo, Caleb Scherer, Alexander Karabell, Harold Karabell, Boden Kweskin, Jonathan Root, Lisa Gellman, Joseph Cooke, Jeffrey Kraft, Grace Cooperstein, Bernard Feldman, Arlene Fox, Charlene Kass, Stuart Portman, Vera Shmuylovich, Rabbi Shulamit Cenker, Stanley Shmuger, Bernice Brandmeyer, Deborah Israeli, Myron Jacobs, Moriah Lotsoff, Courtney Cerulo, Esther Claire Lega, David Cort, Marsha Soshnik, Bradley Abel, Jeffrey Carra, Lorraine Cherrick, Matthew Cooke, Marcia Sokol-Anderson, Robert Kopitsky, Vernon Vonderheydt, Gavin Corral, David Levenson, Myles Tenzer, Jordan Kodner, Paul Kodner, Mitchell Halpern, Susan Tenzer

## July Anniversaries

Joel & Susan Allen  
David & Marsha Soshnik  
Alvin & Nancy Siwak  
Myles & Susan Tenzer  
Phil & Bonnie Levens  
David Geller & Nira Asher Geller  
Larry Friedman & Randi Mozenter  
Jeffrey & Shira Kraft  
Robert & Diane Kopitsky  
Monroe & Cindy Ginsburg  
Mitchell Halpern & Amy Friedman

James Bashkin & Shelley Shray  
Scott & Jessica Shafrin  
Adam & Lori Brok  
Jonathan Root & Deborah Zimmerman  
Eric & Lisa Sheldon  
Jeichael & Miriam Nova

## August Birthdays

David Cohen, Marcia Goldsmith, Helen Berman, Rachel Guller, Lonnie Zwibelman, Mimi Graff, Daniel Hudson, Joan Meres, Alfred Rosenfeld, Roger Siwak, Lauren Cohen, Eliot Simon, Thomas Platnico, Beverly Rehfeld, Teri Cohen, Hannah Rosenthal, Benita Boxerman, Rita Fineberg, Samuel Levenson, Abigail Weinstock, Denis Altman, Loren Ettinger, Leo Kraft, Hope Shimony, Ruth Hartstein, Robert Olshan, Edith Goldman, Mitchell Podolsky, Marc Alper, Ethan Schwartz, Sage Bernstein, Marc Tenzer, Michael Drake, Barbara Frommer, Shayna Gordon, Liav Fox, Marshall Myers, Rose Shmuylovich, Ruth Altman, Roger Cohen, Marvin Goldford, Michael Greenfield, Zachary Praiss, Frances Oppenheim, Grace Paley, Jacqueline Berliner, Michael Goldstein, Claire Spector, Asher Zimand, Jeffrey Rose, Lawrence Goodman, Myron Applebaum, Noemi Neidorff, Yael Portman, Alyson Wolf, Andrew Gold, Maxine Kalina, Shirley Portman, Dennis Rainey,

Sandra Rosenberg, Irene Belsky, Lauren Buchsbaum, Stuart Hoffman, Donna Tepper

## August Anniversaries

Mitchell & Janice Shenker  
Loren & Julie Ettinger  
Josh & Alexia Porter  
Herbert & Shirley Fredman  
Donald & Betty Siegel  
Josh & Becky Shimony  
Omri & Juliane Praiss  
Benjamin & Jessica Igielnik  
Dennis & Laura Rainey  
Bob & Carol Glick  
Aaron & Denise Bobick  
Bernard & Marjorie Feldman  
Phillip & Sima Needleman  
Steven & Marsha Birenbaum  
Jeremiah & Laura Weinstock  
Gerald & Marion Cohen  
Marc Levin & Deborah Rubin  
Scott Slarskey & Tracy Nathan  
Meir & Rachel Zimand  
David & Golda Cohen  
Garry & Bonnie Vickar  
Gershon & Patsy Spector  
Eli & Stacy Abeles  
Stanley & Judy Allen  
Joel Goldstein & Maxine Lipeles Goldstein  
Myron & Vickie Parker



### **Congratulations to Liz Collins who recently joined the JProStl board.**

JPro, an initiative of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, is the professional association for staff who work at 50 Jewish organizations throughout St. Louis. Liz is also co-chair of the 13th Annual JPro Luncheon scheduled for February 1, 2018.

# Kol Rinah Religious School

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Rabbi Scott Shafrin - Religious School Director

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This past year has been an incredible, moving, and unthinkably exciting time for me, for my family, and for our Kol Rinah Religious School. I am so grateful to all of the staff, teachers, parents, students, and community members who contributed to making the 2016-2017 school year such a success.

Over the course of the summer, our leadership is looking at ways to dramatically redesign our Religious School program. We are investing considerable time reimagining what it means to be a Jewish learner, and how we can best capture the curiosity and wonder that too often is lost in some formal education settings. I have been hard at work streamlining and rewriting our curriculum so that we can have each learning session be engaging for the students who are in the room, have meaningful experiences that can be taken home, and that can help our families along their own Jewish journeys. I have also enlisted the help of a group of our staff and parents to work with me in researching and evaluating successful, out-of-the-box models of supplementary Jewish education in order to help us craft new ideas for our own community. We will be talking to leaders from other schools, camps, JCCs, youth programs, and experiential education initiatives in order to learn and implement new frameworks for learning in our KRRS community.

In doing so, we are planning to make next year an educational playground

where teachers, parents, students and community families can all interact and learn together in new ways, and also engage one another in sharing the powerful Torah that each of us has to teach one another. We are crafting a new format for MifgaShabbat, our K-5th grade Shabbat minyan, opening up possibilities for a wonderful prayer experience, a leadership forum, a song session, and a hands-on educational workshop all rolled into one Shabbat experience. We also want to link all of our various Shabbat youth programming together so that children of different ages get to interact, giving the older students a chance to lead, the younger ones a chance to be inspired, and the community a chance to learn and grow together.

This year, we will also be looking to engage our KRRS parents and adult family members as learners in a number of interesting ways. Too often, Jewish learning may stall at B'nai Mitzvah, but we know that Jewish experience and Jewish life does not. We want our parents to have their own experience of Jewish learning and development, not only in order to be more effective parents and heads of households, but so that they can expand their own repertoire of positive, meaningful Jewish experiences.

Another exciting revision will be our **Kol Rinah Engaging, Active Teen Education (KREATE)** program. This learning cohort, for students in 8th, 9th, and 10th grades, is designed to be an opportunity to learn about themselves and their own Jewish identity, and

also to explore practical ways that Jewish life and community can move, inspire, and shape our young adults and their worldviews. We have been working hard to find and create new experiences, with feedback from many current and former students, in order to engage students where they are and introduce them to new ways of interacting Jewishly with one another and with their broader community.

The goal of all of these ideas and initiatives is to experiment and play with how we, as a community and as individuals, mature, grow, and learn Jewishly. We have the opportunity and energy to do great things, and I am excited to invite each of you to participate and add your voice and energy to this process.

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## Thank You

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Best wishes to everyone who sent me birthday contributions [through the Women's Social Group]. I appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness.

*Phyllis Warner*

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## Condolences to the Families Of

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*Shirley Janick  
Martha Londe  
Miriam Pessin  
Rose Rosen  
Asher Sadon  
Chuck Sandroff  
Anita Schukar  
Edith Sobel  
Sara Wolf*

# *Kabbalat Shabbat at the Park!*

**AUGUST 11 • 5:30 PM**

- Villa Park, 9301 Villa Ave. W, Olivette, MO 63132
- Come at 5:30 to mingle and play - Services at 6:00
- Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy after services
- Challah and grape juice will be provided

## *L'Shana Tovah! Sisterhood Rosh Hashanah Honey Fund Raiser*



*Wish someone a sweet and happy New Year  
with an 8 oz. gift jar of kosher clover honey.*

Cost is only \$11.00 per jar, which includes shipping to anywhere in the U.S.A.\*

\*Order online by July 24 to avoid a \$4 shipping fee.

Your purchase will help our Kol Rinah Sisterhood continue to strengthen  
programs that serve our Kol Rinah community.

Order online at [KolRinahStL.org](http://KolRinahStL.org) (click on the Honey Link)

For More information: Sue Propper-314.395.1349, Cindy Ginsburg - 314.963.0607

# Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley - Sisterhood President

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**Thank you** to the following members for sponsoring Sisterhood Kiddushes recently:

- ★ To **Bill Solomon** for sponsoring the speaker from Israel Zeev Ben Shachar on April 29, 2017
- ★ To **Linda Biggs**, who, on May 20, 2017 chose to honor all those who have made the first ten years of her becoming a Jew by Choice so warm and welcoming
- ★ To **Rick and Becky Lerner** in celebration of their son Idan's bar mitzvah on June 3, 2017
- ★ To **Lauren Buchsbaum and Nick Riggio** in honor of their upcoming marriage on June 4, 2017

Since our gift shop is closing, we will be depending more on our Kiddush income to give money to the shul. So, if you have an upcoming simcha, please call **Sue Propper** at (314) 395.1349, who will be happy to explain the menu and the pricing; or you can email her at [Suemeryl@charter.net](mailto:Suemeryl@charter.net).

## Women's League Regional Conference

The first week in May, Cindy Ginsburg, Area Director of the IntraContinental Region, and I, as President of Sisterhood, attended the annual regional conference, this year in St. Paul, MN. Dinners were hosted by Temple of Aaron three nights, once on Friday night before the conference for early-arrivers, and two during the conference itself. It's always interesting to see how other Sisterhoods interact with their clergy, and to hear how they coordinate

with their congregation. Friday night, I bumped into one of Florence Cohn's daughters who is a member of Temple of Aaron; and met their chazzan and his wife who are friends of Jessica and Jeff Wax. Small world. Workshops included membership, Torah Fund, programming, and other topics concerning management, accounts, and bylaws. One day, our lunch speaker was the Minnesota Secretary of State, who is the first Jew ever to be elected to a state-wide office in Minnesota. We also heard from an Israeli representative from the Chicago Consulate's office about

the work they do to educate American Jews and non-Jews on issues vital to Israel.

As our fiscal year ends June 30, 2017, I would like to add that Sisterhood is giving the synagogue \$5000 to help purchase a new server for the computers since the current one is running out of space.

I would like to thank all the ladies – officers and board members – who have worked hard this past year to enable Sisterhood to give to the synagogue; and I welcome our new officers and directors and wish us well.

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## Learn Haftarah, Trope or Prayer

Contact Howard Belsky  
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## Chesed Visits!

Contact Barbara Bianco  
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## KR On The Move!

### *Important Facilities Reminders for the summer:*

- ★ The synagogue office including the Rabbis will be located upstairs in the youth lounge beginning June 26. Phone numbers and email remain the same.
- ★ Kol Rinah will have exclusive use of the Guller Chapel, the Leve Auditorium, the Mirowitz auditorium, the Sara Myers Room and both the Meat and Dairy kitchens until we move out of the building.
- ★ Services will be held downstairs in the Mirowitz Auditorium as they have been held for the past several summers.

Click the **On The Move** tab of our website menu for updates.

# 135 Years of the St. Louis Cardinals Uniforms & Logos

Sunday, July 30 • 12:30 pm

A pictorial presentation by Gary Kodner  
based on his new book.

## *St. Louis Cardinals Uniforms & Logos: An Illustrated History*

A chronological archive, documenting the Cardinals' uniforms and logos (1882-2016). Featuring detailed drawings, rare photos, uniform and print graphics, cap emblems, lettering, logos, patches and more.



### **Ballpark lunch will be served**

#### **The ballpark lunch includes:**

hot dogs, veggie dogs, chips, popcorn, soda and beer.

**Cost:** \*\$17 for adults (\$12 for Men's Club members) and \$6 for children under 13.

*\*We must receive payment with your reservation*

RSVP to [KolRinahStl.org](http://KolRinahStl.org) or 314-727-1747

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# Men's Club

Max Brown - Men's Club President

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## IT'S SUMMETIME, SUMMERTIME, SUM-SUM-SUMMERTIME

Did that trigger a tune in your head? And now you can't get rid of it. The Jamies wrote and recorded that song in 1958 — 59 years ago. What's that got to do with the Men's Club? Like most Jewish Men's Club members nationwide, we all remember 1958. We are looking to attract members who think 1958 was the dark ages.

So, Kol Rinah Men's Club is planning two events for the summer doldrums — a Dad and Children Bowling Party (sorry, not for empty-nester dads) and a meet and greet for young men. Details are forthcoming.

By the time you read this, Bob Olshan, Don Singer, Alan Schwartz and I will be on our way to Washington D.C. for the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs International Bi-annual convention. We all have high hopes that we will be inspired and bring back great programming ideas.

## LAG B'OMER

The Men's Club never gets tired of lighting your fire. On May 14, Lag B'Omer, or 33rd day of the Omer, the crowd enjoyed a dinner of hot dogs and falafel along with side items and lemonade. Around 8:30, the bonfire was lit — with a lot of help from Jeff Wax.

## WHAT'S AHEAD?

**Sunday, June 25** - Second annual Kol Rinah/B'nai Amoona Bike Ride. Check your email for details.

**Sunday, July 30** - Gary Kodner Book Signing. Check your email for details.

## A SIDE NOTE

Dare I repeat myself — the weekday morning services are struggling to make minyans (10 Jewish adults). That's why I am asking you to consider attending at least one morning minyan each week. Pick your day — you'll enjoy the friendship and satisfaction of fulfilling a mitzvah ... as well as the bagel and lox breakfast.

# DorWays: Families & Young Members

Jessica Wax - DorWays & Development Coordinator

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I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer!

Mark your calendar for our 2nd BBQ Bash on Sunday, August 27 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm! There will be great food and fun for everyone! Watch for more information and registration. Please contact me if you would like to help plan this great event.

It was wonderful seeing so many families at our Shavuot Family Picnic and first Kabbalat Shabbat at the park! We had a great time eating, schmoozing, praying and playing

together. The fun continues at Villa Park as we welcome Shabbat together on Friday, August 11. Come at 5:30 to mingle and play, and services will take place at 6:00pm. Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy after services.

Join DorWays for Summer Shabbat open gym. We will be hosting open gym in the Kol Rinah gym on Saturday, July 22 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm. The gym is appropriate for children 5 and under.

Summer is a busy time for planning for the next school year. Kol Rinah is excited to be continuing bi-weekly

children's services. Watch for the 2017-2018 children's service calendar coming out shortly. There will be a variety of holiday and family programs throughout the year, and we look forward to having your family involved. If you have ideas of what you would like to see, or interested in helping plan a program, please let me know!

If you would like to receive emails and invitations regarding DorWays and family events at Kol Rinah, please contact me at [jessica@kolrinahstl.org](mailto:jessica@kolrinahstl.org) or 314.727.1747.

## KR Fundraising

There are many ways to support our Kol Rinah Community...

### ★ Contribute to a Synagogue

**Kiddush** - Our Kiddush fund provides the opportunity to have a delicious Kiddush on Shabbatot where no one is sponsoring Kiddush.

David Weber: 314.727.1747 or [dweber@kolrinahstl.org](mailto:dweber@kolrinahstl.org)

### ★ Sponsor a Sisterhood Kiddush

Sue Propper: 314.395.1349 or [suemeryl@charter.net](mailto:suemeryl@charter.net)

### ★ Join Sisterhood, Women's Social Group or Men's Club

### ★ Support our Youth

### ★ Donate a Car



### ★ Use Schnuck's Scrip

Contact the office to learn how.

### ★ Make a Tribute to a Fund

Go to [kolrinahstl.org](http://kolrinahstl.org)

## Jewish Food Pantry July List

1. Dry Pasta
2. Canned Tomato Products
3. Healthy Snacks
4. Canned (Chicken & Fish)
5. Kosher Foods
6. Canned Fruits
7. Healthy Cereals
8. Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes & Deodorant

Thank you. For more info, contact Louise Levine 636.227.1259.

## Adult Education

Richard Gavatin, Ralph Graff - Co-Chairs

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*In case you didn't see it, below is an article from the St. Louis Jewish Light describing the Jewish response to the Forward Thru Ferguson report. If you are interested in joining Jews United for Justice in this important work, contact David Lander at [info@jujstl.org](mailto:info@jujstl.org).*

JUU was formed in St. Louis to provide a progressive voice in the Jewish community and a Jewish voice in the Progressive community. The organization advocates for institutional change on a range of domestic, racial, social and economic issues.

When the Ferguson Commission Report was published, JUJ reached out to the Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Relations Council, National Council of Jewish Women, Anti-Defamation League, the Rabbinical Association, and synagogues' social justice leaders to lead a coordinated Jewish communal effort to help implement the recommendations in the Ferguson Report.

After two town hall meetings and surveying members of the Jewish community, JUJ established four task forces to support change in each of the report's four primary sections. To strengthen these efforts JUJ is recruiting people in the Jewish community to work actively on these issues:

★ The Opportunity to Thrive Task Force, chaired by Susan Roth, is focused on alternatives to

predatory lending through education and advocacy. It is working with Prosperity Connection in areas of financial literacy education, financial coaching and providing the Red Dough product as an alternative to payday loans. The advocacy effort includes supporting predatory loan ordinances in the region.

★ The Justice for All Task Force, chaired by Ben Senturia, addresses policing practices. Its approach is based on relationship building with area police departments and has met with police leadership, learning and discussing how to implement mutually beneficial reforms as proposed in the report. The task force works with Metropolitan Congregations United.

★ The Youth at the Center Task Force, chaired by Lou Albert, is working to improve early childhood education by helping operators of day care centers that have good treatment but need support to meet various licensing requirements. It works in conjunction with the JCRC task force on early childhood education.

★ Racial Equity Task Force, chaired by Philip Deitch, works with ADL to provide anti-bias training for staff and lay leaders of Jewish organizations and congregations.

For more information on participating with the task forces, contact **David Lander** at [info@jujstl.org](mailto:info@jujstl.org) or visit [www.jujstl.org](http://www.jujstl.org).

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On May 16th USY and Kadima wrapped up the 2016-2017 year. This year, we focused on rebuilding, creating a welcoming environment, and working together as a cohesive group. I was constantly impressed by the thoughtful subjects our groups discussed. There was a significant amount of sadness and fear surrounding recent threats in Jewish Communities both in St. Louis and around this country and instead of shying away from this, our group talked, supported, and learned from each other.

We developed new regalia—our now famous “Jewgle” tee-shirts and our “KROC” stickers. Several of our members attended regional events in both the fall and spring. We held an incredibly successful Hollywood-themed Purim Carnival here at the shul; an event which the group

worked on for several months and literally all night the night before to ensure its success.

Our group chose to raise awareness about The Trevor Project, a national non-profit organization founded in 1998 that provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBTQ youth ages 13-24. Created at time where there was no real place for young people to turn when in crisis or considering suicide, there is now a 24-hour crisis line specifically for that. This is not a light subject but it is unfortunately a reality that our teens confront and promoting awareness that there is somewhere to turn was extremely important to them.

We have a fantastic Chapter Board set for next year led by Pardes Lyons-Warren, our incoming USY President. We have already begun planning and

cannot wait to see what next year has in store for us.

As a first time Youth Director, it has been a remarkable year for me. It never ceases to amaze me that the more I try to teach these children, the more I learn from them. They are unique and all have their own stories; but they come together with common goals, values, and dreams. I have said before that I truly believe these children can change the world and what's better, they want to.

Our youth group meets weekly for “Lounge Nights” and participates in a variety of events, programs and regional events throughout the year. If your child is entering 7th grade or above and you would like more information about USY/Kadima, please do not hesitate to contact me at [sara@kolrinahstl.org](mailto:sara@kolrinahstl.org).

## Early Childhood Education

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Our 2016 – 2017 school year has come to an end! The last day of school for our older children was spent at Villa Park. The day began with free play that included tee ball, kite flying, and playing on the playground equipment. Mid-morning, Morah Shelley, from Rythmn 'N Ruach, joined us for yoga in the park. After a yummy watermelon snack and some more free play, Rabbi Noah and Rabbi Scott stopped to get us ready for Shabbat.

Summer camp is off to a great start here at KRECC! Each week children are exploring animals from all over the world and their habitats. So far this summer, children have been to the mighty jungle, through the safari, under the sea, and soaring like birds through the air. With each weekly theme, the children have enjoyed a yummy snack, water play activities, and special visitors.

Preparations are underway for the upcoming school year. The first few days of August, our teachers will be spending time getting their rooms organized and in order to welcome new students. Teachers will also be reviewing first aid and CPR techniques as well as participating in professional development. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 9. Just after school gets underway, we will be having a family park day on Sunday, August 13.

## Dealing with Elderly Parents: A Message for Adult Children & Their Parents

In February I attended Limmud Phoenix, a day of Jewish learning, and one of the classes, led by Dr. Larry Waldman, a licensed psychologist, was called Dealing with Elderly Parents. Here's the message of the session: Don't wait until your parents are in their 70s or 80s to talk to them about their getting older. Have discussions early and often!

### Key Points

- ★ Eventually there's a role reversal. They were your caregiver/guardian/advocate – and now you're theirs. Nobody wants to "parent a parent." It's hard enough managing our own lives, let alone someone else's, but if you don't do it, who will? Get prepared. Seek assistance from professionals: a mental health pro, social worker, attorney, senior living administrator, etc.
- ★ If a parent needs to be hospitalized and no close relative is local or able to come in right away, ideally your parent will have a local advocate. If you can, hire a geriatric care manager or an aide. Here in St. Louis, the going rate is about \$22 an hour for an aide. Elderly individuals without an advocate may not get the best care by the staff even in the best of hospitals.
- ★ Discuss arrangements for assisted living and senior care early. Visit facilities with your parent, make arrangements now, plan ahead.
- ★ Taking the car keys from an aged person can be traumatic for both of you. Don't wait for a major accident. A gerontologist showed me a birthday card that made an impression. On the front of the card was an elderly man driving with the words "Happy Birthday! You're not getting older." Inside it read "You're getting more dangerous!" There are financial implications as well, as an accident can bankrupt your parent and liquidate their estate.
- ★ Loved ones should pay attention to signs of deterioration even before parents get older. Periodically assess reflexes, vision, hearing, and the effect of medications. Signs of impairment like close calls, car damage, citations, and getting lost can help demonstrate to Mom or Dad that there's a problem. Sometimes they'll agree to drive only during daylight hours and/or only to familiar destinations. Professionals can also test their driving.
- ★ Pay attention early on to money matters. Where are all their assets? They may fight it, but when they're ready, have your name put on their accounts and ask for power of attorney. Are they managing their checking accounts responsibly? Don't assume they are. When was their will last updated? Who is the executor? Include siblings and heirs in the conversation to show you're not focused on your inheritance, but

eager to avoid probate and angst among heirs.

- ★ Familiarize yourself with their final wishes – where do they want to be buried, and have they made arrangements already? Which Jewish burial rituals are important to them: A plain pine box? A watchman for the body until burial? Who will officiate? Also, are they organ donors? By asking them now and recording their preferences, you can avoid conflicts with siblings and heirs in their time of grief.

### We Have Good Resources in St. Louis

**Jewish Family & Children's Service (314) 993.1000** – an agency offering counseling services, financial assistance, and a homemaker's program (based on a sliding scale) for those who want to stay in their own home, but need a little extra help for 15 hours a week or less.

**ElderLink (314) 812.9300** – a free telephone information and referral service for Jewish older adults, their children, caregivers, etc. regarding senior services. *The program is coordinated by Jewish Family & Children's Service and is staffed by Lori Zimmerman and Ken Schwartz.*

**Driver's Evaluation through Mercy Hospital (636) 893.1100** – a three-hour check-up costing \$252, requiring an order from a doctor. *Does not take insurance.*

# Holy Roller Program

Steve Birenbaum

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## Work done by Rabbi & Sofer Yochanan Salazar on May 10 and May 11, 2017.

Before the work, we thought what we had were:

- ★ 7 kosher Torahs, 5 of which were in-house and 2 on long-term loan.
- ★ 4 *b'diavad* (questionable) Torahs.
- ★ 12 *pasul* (not kosher) Torahs.

Rabbi Salazar looked over the 11 Torahs we thought were kosher or *b'diavad*. He found that 4 of the 7 “kosher” Torahs were not kosher.

- ★ He made quick fixes of 2, making them kosher. One of these we loan to Mirowitz School.
- ★ The other 2 would cost \$1,800 to \$1,900 to fix. I decided not to have them fixed.
- ★ He fixed the 4 *b'diavad* Torahs, making them kosher. These took some time.

Net results:

- ★ We now have 9 kosher Torahs, 7 in house and 2 on long-term loan.
- ★ And we now have 14 *pasul* Torahs.

Rabbi Salazar will send us a report and bill on work done, and suggested values of the Torahs, both kosher and *pasul*. He said there should be a market for some of them. An option for the others would be donations to poor congregations, for instance in other countries.



## KRRS with Rabbi & Sofer Yochanan Salazar



## Fixing a Torah.

1. The tear is found.
2. A patch is made on the back.
3. The broken letter is scraped off.
4. The letter is rewritten to fit beside the old tear.



**1 Sat** *Parashat Chukat*  
 9am Shabbat Service  
 10:15am Torah Talk - Sara Myers  
 Rm 106  
 7:20pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/  
 Ma'ariv  
 9:17pm Havdalah

**2 Sun**  
 8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 9am Communications Mtng  
 10am Facilities Mtng - Sara Myers  
 Rm 106

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

**4 Tue** **ECC Closed for July 4th INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
 8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 9am "Moral and Ethical Issues" -  
 Sara Myers Rm 106

**5 Wed**  
 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

**6 Thu**  
 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 9am Study Pesach with Rabbi  
 Shulamit Center

**7 Fri**  
 7am Shacharit  
 6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/  
 Ma'ariv  
 8:11pm Candle Lighting

**8 Sat** *Parashat Balak*  
 9am Shabbat Service  
 10:15am Torah Talk - Sara Myers  
 Rm 106  
 7:15pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/  
 Ma'ariv  
 9:15pm Havdalah

**9 Sun**  
 8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 9am Communications Mtng  
 9:30am Men's Club Board Mtng

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

**11 Tue** **FAST 17TH OF TAMMUZ**  
 4:06am Fast Starts  
 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 8am "Moral and Ethical Issues" -  
 Sara Myers Rm 106  
 9:05pm Fast Ends

**12 Wed**  
 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 10am KR Women's Social Group  
 Mtng - Daily Chapel

**13 Thu**  
 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 9am Study Pesach with Rabbi  
 Shulamit Center  
 4:30pm Jewish Federation Board of  
 Trustee Mtng - Aud  
 7pm KR Exec Mtng - Sara Myers  
 Rm 106

**14 Fri**  
 7am Shacharit  
 6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/  
 Ma'ariv  
 8:08pm Candle Lighting

**15 Sat** *Parashat Pinchus*  
 9am Shabbat Service  
 10:15am Torah Talk - Sara Myers  
 Rm 106  
 7:10pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/  
 Ma'ariv  
 9:12pm Havdalah

**16 Sun**  
 8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 9am Communications Mtng  
 9:30am Sisterhood Mtng - Aud  
 10am Facilities Mtng - Sara Myers  
 Rm 106

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

**18 Tue**  
 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 8am "Moral and Ethical Issues" -  
 Sara Myers Rm 106  
 6:30pm Finance Mtng

**19 Wed**  
 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 7pm Ritual Mtng

**20 Thu**  
 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 9am Study Pesach with Rabbi  
 Shulamit Center  
 7pm Kol Rinah Board Mtng - Aud

**21 Fri**  
 7am Shacharit  
 6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/  
 Ma'ariv  
 8:03pm Candle Lighting

**22 Sat** *Parashat Matot-Massei*  
 9am Shabbat Service  
 10:15am Torah Talk - Sara Myers  
 Rm 106  
 4pm Open Play - Mirowitz Gym  
 7:05pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/  
 Ma'ariv  
 9:06pm Havdalah

**23 Sun**  
 8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 9am Communications Mtng  
 12pm Facilities Mtng - Aud  
**3pm Congregation Mtng for  
 Facilities Update - Aud**

**24 Mon** **ROSH CHODESH AV**  
 6:45am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/  
 Ma'ariv

**25**  
Tue  
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
8am "Moral and Ethical Issues" -  
Sara Myers Rm 106

**26**  
Wed  
7am Shacharit  
6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

**27**  
Thu  
7am Shacharit  
9am Study Pesach with Rabbi  
Shulamit Cenker  
6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
7pm Personnel Committee Mtng

**28**  
Fri  
Last Day of ECC Summer fun camp  
7am Shacharit  
6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/  
Ma'ariv  
7:57pm Candle Lighting

**29**  
Sat  
*Parashat Devarim*  
9am Shabbat Service  
10:15am Torah Talk - Sara Myers  
Rm 106  
7pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/  
Ma'ariv  
8:59pm Havdalah

**30**  
Sun  
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
9am Communications Mtng  
12:30pm Gary Kodner Book  
Signing - Aud

**31**  
Mon  
ECC Interim Care  
EREV TISHA B'AV  
7am Shacharit  
2pm Mincha  
8:13pm Fast Starts  
8:30pm Ma'ariv/Eicha

☆ **HELP MAKE A MINYAN!** ☆

## Kol Rinah Kashrut Guidelines

☆ 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.

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.

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

## KITCHEN RULES REMINDER

### We need your assistance!

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☆ Please refrain from visiting the kitchen during private catered events.

☆ 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.

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

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