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Dad & Me Bowling



Casablanca Night



Upcoming Events

- Sat Jan 13** Gary Kodner's 50th Bar Mitzvah Anniversary
New Baby Shabbat
- Wed Jan 17** ROSH CHODESH SHVAT
- Sat Jan 20** Sisterhood Shabbat
- Sun Jan 28** Luncheon with Journey
- Wed Jan 31** Tu Bishvat
Painting with a
Tu Bishvat Twist

- Sat Feb 17** Trivia Night
- Sun Feb 25** Purim Carnival

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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.

KR On The Move!

Things are moving so quickly. Please continue to check our website and eblasts for updates. Click the **On The Move** tab of our website menu.

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.**

Learn Haftarah, Trope or Prayer

Contact Howard Belsky
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Chesed Visits!

Contact Barbara Bianco
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Jewish Food Pantry January List

1. Peanut Butter
2. Hearty Soups
3. Canned Beef Stew/Chili/Pasta W/ Meat
4. Canned Fruits
5. Healthy Cereals
6. Kosher Foods
7. Toilet Paper, Shampoo & Hand Soap

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

A Message from Rabbi Arnow

Rabbi Noah Arnow - Senior Rabbi

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I want to share with you three short reflections on the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's biennial convention, this year in Atlanta, from which I recently returned. (The USCJ is the umbrella organization of Conservative synagogues.) Kol Rinah's president, Randi Mozenter, and past president Harriet Shanas were also all there. Harriet has long been involved with the USCJ, and is slated to become the next chair of the Central District. Mazal tov to Harriet!

First, there is incredible vitality in the Conservative movement. Conservative synagogues are creating and experimenting with new modes of prayer. There are Conservative synagogues that are hubs for social justice work in their communities. Conservative Jews are studying Torah deeply—as deeply as ever—in their own congregations, and through movement institutions like the Jewish Theological Seminary in NY, the American Jewish University in LA and the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. More students are actually being reached thanks to technology, making amazing educators and opportunities available to us anywhere we have a computer, or even a smartphone.

Second, we at Kol Rinah should be proud and optimistic about how we're doing. Percentage-wise, we have tremendous attendance at Shabbat morning services; we are able to support daily minyanim nearly every day of the year. Our Friday night

services are as musically current as any Friday night service in the movement. We are attracting many new members, including families with young children. We are on the vanguard, where it's increasingly clear synagogues need to be, with our shift from dues to voluntary member support. I personally am most proud of the work our Keruv (outreach) Committee did last year, to create the policies (approved by the Ritual Committee and Board) we need to make Kol Rinah a friendly, welcoming and open congregation to families where not everyone is Jewish.

Third, I was inspired and reenergized by some of the ideas I read and heard about at the convention. Particularly, I was struck by the learnings Rabbi Mike Uram, the Executive Director of Hillel at the University of Pennsylvania, writes about in his new book, *Next Generation Judaism: How College Students and Hillel Can Help Reinvent Jewish Organizations*.

I'll share with you one powerful, and perhaps controversial, idea from this book. Rabbi Uram, who was just a few years ahead of me in rabbinical school, writes, "**The best way to secure the institution is to forget about the institution.** If your organization can focus on innovation and impacting people's Jewish lives, people will be attracted to it—not because you recruited them or solicited them, but because people want to be associated with and invested in organizations that inspire them and make a difference in their lives."

We are not going to forget about our institution. But we must remember our focus on inspiring people and making a difference in their lives. We do it already, and together, we can do it more and better.

Sisterhood Shabbat!
Please Join Us!
Saturday, January 20, 2018

**If you would like to participate in the service,
please contact Sisterhood President, Micki Kingsley.
michele_kingsley@yahoo.com**

Mazel Tov!

January Birthdays

Aaron Vickar, Repps Hudson, Bruce Lippmann, Eric Sheldon, Rachel Shilcrat, Shelley Shray, Beatrice Borenstein, David Samuels, Benjamin Weintraub, Mary Berger, Karen Huss, Paula Rubin Sparks, Lori Brok, Laura Chaise, Perry Epstein, Andrew Sabin, Karen Wetmore, Cynthia Boxerman, Meris Hamilton, Eli Karabell, Benjamin Levin, Norman Rader, Frances Robbins, Jeremiah Simmons, Kay Sandweiss, Martin Israel, Ariane May, Jessica Wax, Jacob Bashkin, Barry Durlister, Benjamin Paley, Myron Parker, Michael Rauchman, Laurie Raffelson, Louis Albert, Lauren Brenner, Gary Kodner, Jacob Mirowitz, Yael Sabin, Merav Portman, Molly Portman, Rabbi Scott Slarskey, William Goldstein, Bernard Kunitz, Ariel Goldstein, Jeffrey Wax, Sasha Kweskin, Stefanie Levenson, Keith Petrofsky, Nancy Goldstein, Rachel Levine, Sanford Melnick, Andrea Gerowin, Simon Igielnik, Joyce Raskin, Max Brenner, Gerald Cohen, Steven Marcus, Mason Petrofsky, Philip Cooke, Becky Shimony, Craig Zaidman, Marion Cohen, Nathan Cooke, Herb Goldman, Martin Kalmes, Lisa Sheldon, Robin Weinberger, Deborah Levy, Steven Schultz, Joel Schwartz, Michael Shanas, Yiftah Goldstein, Ben Horwitz, Joshua Kalachek

January Anniversaries

Alan & Molly Portman
Lawrence & Rosalyn Margulis
Bruce & Ellen Sabin
Scott & Courtney Kaar
Leslie Birenbaum & Susan Roth
David Warren & Rhona Lyons
Yiftah & Caren Goldstein
Saul & Marilyn Dien
Paul & Karen Rader
Myron & Randee Jacobs
Allen Levin & Joyce Gang

**Birthdays and Anniversaries are listed chronologically*

February Birthdays

Howard Berliner, Joyce Gang, Anne Glowinski, Tamara Arnow, Liliella Kaar, Alia Cooke, Ella Engel, Bernard Goldstein, Hanford Gross, Jodi Granok, Rabbi Brad Horwitz, Ava Weinstock, Isaac Weinstock, Daniel Levine, Ellen Levine, Steven Grossman, Nancy Keyser, Alan Schwartz, Shelby Cooke, Aliza Igielnik, Daniel May-Rauchman, Joshua Aroesty, Yeshara Buck-Yael, Donn Rubin, Janice Shenker, Becky Lerner, Ellen Sabin, Taylor Wolf, Lamont Huss, Elior Buck-Yael, Leora Buck-Yael, Michael Levine, Steve Weisman, Audrey Berns, Deborah Igielnik, MaryAnne Sabin, Hannah Nova, Stacy Abeles, Eric Flug, David Soshnik, Michael Wolf, Sarah Lippmann, Donald Singer, Janet Goldman, James White, Jared Snyder, Steven Rosenblum, Arianna Simmons, Alan Templeton, Barbara Lowes, Rachel Zimand

February Anniversaries

William & Wendy Huss
Phillip & Deborah Gould
Robert & Rosalie Stein
Bradley & Lauren Abel
Eric & Dana Emmenegger
Gerard & Golda Burke
Danny Gurvis & Esti Goldman
Gary Kodner & Peggy Nehmen

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Thank You

Thank you so much for the warm anniversary wishes! We are so grateful to be part of this kind, loving community!

Rabbi Noah & Tammy Arnow

Many thanks to all who contributed in honor of our big birthdays.

Gershon & Patsy Spector

Thank you for your kind birthday wishes.

Gail Appleson

Thank you to everyone who sent me best wishes and good health for my birthday. I appreciate your thoughts and your tributes.

Sig Adler

We also thank everyone for all the anniversary wishes.

Sig and Carol Adler

Condolences to the Families Of

Larry Boxerman

Jean Payuk

Sylvan Robinson

In November you helped raise \$141.01 for Kol Rinah Operations with Schnucks Scrip. Call Nancy in the office to have a card sent to you.

We thank you!

You can now pay your member support on-line by going to the tribute page and under "Fund" select "Member Support".

<http://www.kolrinahstl.org/tribute/>

President's Message

Randi Mozenter - Kol Rinah President

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Disappointment. Loss. Change. Sadness. As I write this early December, I reflect upon this time of year. While this time of year brings secular as well as Jewish holidays and many automatically think of happiness, joy and celebration, it is important to know that this is also a very difficult time of year for many.

I am proud and honored to be a part of our community. I am touched to feel embraced by loving arms in good times and in lonely, sad times.

However, I am an "insider". It was not always so. There were years

when I did not feel that this was MY community and that I was accepted and embraced. Part of that was me, I'm sure. Part of that was being relatively new, or disengaged, or not putting myself out there, so to speak. Or maybe just not being met in MY place with my needs.

**Our vision of joyful
song and the most
inclusive, welcoming
community can and must
be improved upon.**

My goal is that we widen the circle. That we find better and quicker ways to welcome people into our community, whether they have been around for years or whether they have just found us. Our vision of joyful song and the most inclusive, welcoming community can and must be improved upon.

If you are reading this and thinking, "Yeah, sure," call me. Let's have lunch, or coffee, or a drink, or let me cook you a nice Shabbos dinner. I want your input. In this confusing sometimes very lonely, frightening world, we could all use a little more warmth and acceptance.



Kol Rinah & The Journey LUNCHEON

January 28 • 1pm • Leve Auditorium
RSVP online or Kol Rinah Office

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NEW SHABBAT KIDDUSH GUIDELINES

Beginning on January 1, 2018, new guidelines will be in effect for Shabbat Kiddushes. This is a joint effort between Halls and Catering and Sisterhood and is provided to clarify the options available to membership to sponsor or participate in a Kiddush. You are also encouraged to contribute to the Kiddush fund if none of these options appeals to you and your name will be mentioned in the next edition of the "The Voice: Extra" newsletter.

Standard Synagogue Kiddush

The funds to provide the weekly Synagogue Kiddush come from the operating budget, therefore, any donation to the Kiddush fund helps offset these costs.

Please contact Marsha Birenbaum at 314.725.1100 about add-ons to the Synagogue Kiddush.

A Synagogue Kiddush Will Provide

1. Soup or Salad
2. Bread or bagels
3. Selection of sweets
4. Hot Beverages (coffee co-sponsored by Men's Club)

• Add-ons to the Synagogue Kiddush

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| a. Birthday cake | (\$50) |
| b. Root Beer Floats | (\$75) |
| c. Fruit tray | (\$50) |
| d. Vegetable tray with Honey Mustard/Ranch dip | (\$50) |
| e. Hummus and pita chips | (\$75) |

Sponsored Kiddush prepared by Sisterhood

The Sisterhood is offering 3 options for those wishing to sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush catered by the Sisterhood. Sisterhood generously donates the proceeds of their Kiddushes to support synagogue programs and groups. **Please contact Micki Kingsley at 314.727.1747 to discuss.**

A "Full" Sisterhood Kiddush starts at \$1200

and the menu is decided between the Sponsor and the Sisterhood.

A LEVEL 1 Kiddush will cost \$600 and assumes "normal" Shabbat attendance. It will include:

1. Soup or Salad
2. Bread or bagels
3. Selection of sweets
4. Hot Beverages (coffee co-sponsored by Men's Club)

• Choice of 1 of the following:

- a. Egg salad
- b. Soup and Salad
- c. Dips (curry and spinach) with a vegetable platter
- d. Hummus with pita chips and veggies
- e. Fresh fruit platter

• Choice of 1 of the following:

- a. Tuna or white fish salad
- b. Herring or gefilte fish
- c. 3 pans of Sisterhood kugel
- d. 3 pans of macaroni and cheese
- f. Lox spread

A LEVEL 2 Kiddush will cost \$750 and assumes "normal" Shabbat attendance. It will include:

1. Soup or Salad
2. Bread or bagels
3. Selection of sweets
4. Hot Beverages (coffee co-sponsored by Men's Club)

• Choice of 1 of the following:

- a. Egg salad
- b. Soup and Salad
- c. Dips (curry and spinach) with a vegetable platter
- d. Hummus with pita chips and veggies
- e. Fresh fruit platter

• Choice of 1 of the following:

- a. Tuna or white fish salad
- b. Herring or gefilte fish
- c. 3 pans of Sisterhood kugel
- d. Lox spread

• Choice of 1 of the following:

- a. 3 pans of Spinach Lasagna
- b. 3 pans of Macaroni and Cheese
- c. Sliced lox with tomatoes, cucumbers and red onions

Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley - Sisterhood President

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Happy 2018!

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to you, we had a successful membership campaign. There were ladies who had dropped their memberships and came on board again; there were Kol Rinah members who joined for the first time, and there were new Kol Rinah members who joined. We appreciate all of you and thank you for putting your Sisterhood dues to work all around the congregation. **Any questions, please contact me or Janice Shenker, Vice President of Membership.**

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

Ellen Harken has been handling tribute requests for several months, since Dorrie Lerner stepped down

as Tribute Chair after more than ten years. As you know, we had to close our gift shop last summer, so we rely on our tributes and kiddushes to help support the shul. **Please keep Ellen busy at eharken@Theharkens.com or 314.961.7232.**

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

January 20, 2018 - If you are a member of Sisterhood and would like to participate in the service, please let me know.

TU BISHVAT

Sisterhood will again sponsor a Tu Bishvat table at Kiddush on **January 27, 2018.**

TRIVIA NIGHT

Joint Sisterhood Men's Club Annual Trivia Night Saturday night **February**

17, 2018. It's time to start getting your group together. There are opportunities for sponsorship of tables and rounds. If you haven't participated in one of Kol Rinah's trivia nights, you'll be in for a delightful evening. Susan Brown is Sisterhood chair.

TORAH FUND

Save the Date – Irene Belsky and Marilyn Dean, co-chairs, are working on a program for **Sunday March 11, 2018.** Information will be available soon.

WELLNESS PROGRAM

Save the Date. Marjorie Feldman has arranged for Connie Fisher to visit us again. **March 25, 10:00am** brunch and program. More information will be available soon.

Be a Sponsor, find a Sponsor:
for a Table: \$100
for a Round: \$36

Kol Rinah
Trivia Night

Sat. Feb. 17

LOCATION: Temple Israel, off of Ladue Rd Doors open: 6:30 Play begins: 7:00 pm
CASH PRIZES!!!
Soft drinks and snacks will be provided. You can bring your own food and drinks.
Tables for teams of 8: \$200 Individuals: \$25

GET YOUR TABLE TOGETHER NOW! Contact Susan Brown susanmbrown77@gmail.com

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- **Connect** with Israeli teens
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- **Snorkel** and swim in Eilat
- **Ride** a camel in the Negev Desert and sleep in a Bedouin tent.
- **Reflect** at the Kotel, the Western Wall
- **Join** a coexistence program with Arab and Israeli Teens
- **Surf** in the Mediterranean

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For more information,
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ISRAEL TRAVEL GRANTS

A gift from the St. Louis community
that provides grants to teens and young
adults to help them experience Israel.

GRANT AWARDS

Year-long program	\$1,500
Semester-long program	\$1,000
Short-term program	\$750

- Open to teens who have completed ninth grade and young adults up to age 27.
- Minimum length stay of three weeks for teens. For young adults, minimum length stay of two weeks.
- Grants are for travel on a peer-based experience.

Additional grants and
scholarships are available at
JFedSTL.org/Israel-Center.
For more information, contact
Karen Rader at 314-442-3756 or
email KRader@JFedSTL.org.



Men's Club

Max Brown - Men's Club President

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FUN EVENTS FOR ALL

Announcing: The Men's Club 2018 Man of The Year is Steve Keyser

Please congratulate Steve and join him March 4, for the Man and Youth of the Year Awards Luncheon where Steve will be honored. More details to come.

FOR DADS AND THE KIDS

The Dad & Me Bowling Party in November showed that you don't need to be Dick Weber, Don Carter or Jeffrey "The Dude" Lebowski to be an outstanding bowler. Check out the photos from that event.

FOR THE CONGREGATION

Night in Casablanca, also in November, was a hit. Following the screening of Casablanca (its 75th

anniversary happened to be the same night), 81 guests enjoyed authentic Jewish Moroccan cuisine. Sherri Sadon and a crew of five under the direction and labor of Amy Friedman prepared the delicious food. Eli Sadon and Mali Haberer gave presentations regarding Jews in Morocco. From all the positive feedback, we can say everyone left entertained, enlightened and full. Following the movie, dinner and presentations, we screened the Marx Brothers A Night in Casablanca.

FOR THE GUYS

In December, Men's Club held a Hearing Men's Voices Night Out. As a preview of Hanukkah, the men were treated to latkes with sour cream and applesauce and snacks. The guys

then played card games and Dreidel.

WHAT'S AHEAD?

January 21 - A traditional Hearing Men's Voices

January 28 - Build-a-Pair (of Tefillin) for the KRRS

January 30 - (*Tentative*) Tu'Bishvat Seder

February 4 - World Wide Wrap

February 17 - Kol Rinah Trivia Night

March 3 - Men's Club Shabbat

March 4 - Man and Youth of the Year Awards Luncheon

There are many pictures to enjoy in this issue; so, I'll not take up any more space with copy.

Early Childhood Education

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This fall season has been busy, fun, and filled with learning. For Fire Safety Prevention Week, the children of the ECC had a chance to meet some of the firefighters from the University City Fire Department. During their visit, students made their way around the perimeter of the firetruck taking notice of the variety of axes, ladders, and other equipment. Our older classes also learned about stop, drop and roll and practiced their evacuation routes in case of an emergency.

The Starfish and Penguin classes along with some of their parents visited Thies Farm while learning about the fall season and harvest. Children took a hayride around the property, found their way through a haystack maze, zip lined, and each got their own pumpkin.

Our PPO sponsored book fair at Barnes and Noble was a great success! Dressed in their pajamas, children and their families engaged in bedtime-related activities. Ms.

Katie Wright and Miss Keren Kern sang bedtime songs as well as some early childhood favorites. Children also played with lavender scented playdough and used fabric markers to decorate pillow cases.

We are thankful for the families that joined us for our Thanksgiving program, which we celebrated with music and favorite foods like mashed sweet potatoes, cranberry applesauce, cornbread and mini pumpkin pies. We are gearing up for a great winter!

Membership

Joyce Olshan, Debbie Rubin - Membership Co-Chairs

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The Membership Committee has had a busy few months. The Sages Shabbat on October 28 was very well attended. Our congregation particularly enjoyed the "Words of Wisdom" booklet which contained brief words of advice from our sages. We hope that the celebration adequately expressed our gratitude to our sages, and how we treasure the contributions they have made to our synagogue.

The New Member Shabbat took place on December 2 and was similarly well-attended. It was wonderful to see many new members and their families, and to welcome them to our

community. The Kiddush lunch was terrific, sponsored by Bill Solomon in memory of Karen Solomon. It seemed fitting that the two events were on the same date as we know that Karen would have been thrilled to see our new members welcomed to our congregation.

We want to give a huge THANK YOU to Linda Makler, who will be retiring from making birthday and anniversary calls to our members after many years of service. Linda has given so much of her time to our membership in so many ways, and we will all miss her calls! Please thank her if you see her.

Speaking of Linda, she has also arranged our next Painting program, called "Paint with a Tu Bishvat Twist" (thank you Rabbi Arnow for the spelling advice) which will take place on **January 31, 2018 at 6:45pm**, at Painting with a Twist #28 The Boulevard (Brentwood at Galleria Pkwy), the same location as our last program. More details will follow.

Finally Amy Friedman is working on another knitting get-together; please let us know if you would like to participate.

SAVE THE DATE

SUPER HEROES PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday, February 25th at 4–6:30 pm.

Kol Rinah's Annual Purim Carnival is back, this time with SUPERHEROES!

Be a SUPERHERO sponsor or donate to our silent auction.

Contact sara@kolrinahstl.org

A Year of Hope and Change

Happy New Year everyone!

Starting off something new is always an occasion to hope and wish for a better future. At times like these, we can see the bright horizon of tomorrow out in the distance and with a clean slate we hope that we can take advantage of all the opportunities life will bring us in the year ahead. I think that Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, formerly the Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, summed it up most powerfully:

"Hope is the ability to combine aspiration with patience; to be undeterred by setbacks and delays; to have a sense of the time it takes to effect change in the human heart; never to forget the destination even in the midst of exile and disaster... Hope is the narrow bridge across which we must walk if we are to pass from slavery to redemption, from the valley of death to the open spaces of new life... History does not give rise to hope; hope gives rise to history... Far from being simple or naïve, hope demands, creates and is the expression of indomitable moral courage."

[Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, *The Chief Rabbi's Haggadah* (Essays), p. 7-118]

Having that hope in new things is what impels us to teach our children, who will inherit our world, and to push them to make a brighter future. Having hope gives us strength to dare what gives us pause and to venture out in new directions. It that same bright hope that keeps us pushing forward with

new ideas, new experiments, and new learning experiences.

Over the past many months, your KRRS teachers, staff, and Advisory Board have been hard at work envisioning the future of our Religious School. We have learned with other leaders from other schools who have revolutionary new ideas for how to build learning communities. We have been looking into how our growing Jewish technologies can impact the ways in which we learn together. Throughout this all, we have been evaluating and piecing together some of our own experiences, with feedback from students, to shape new possibilities for better, more engaging learning.

Now we would like your help as well. We want to hear from you! Tell us about your interests and learning experiences. Let us know what YOU would like to learn as students of any

age. Share with us some of your best and most challenging moments as a learner. We want to work together with you to create a learning community that responds to your family's needs and interests, while offering you new and exciting Jewish experiences to take home with you.

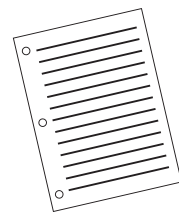
I hope that this New Year will be one filled with learning and new challenges for us all. I hope that we can learn and grow together in wonderfully new ways. I hope that you will be brave enough to call or email and let us know more about your thoughts, experiences, and dreams for learning. But more than anything, I hope that you will share with us more about you and your family and join us in building something fantastic and new.

Today Rabbah,

Rabbi Scott Shafrin

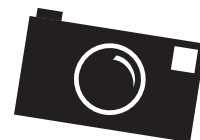
Have you kept Kol Rinah Board or Committee meeting minutes?

If you have minutes or notes from any year of Kol Rinah, or either legacy congregation, please email them (digital text or scans) to Meir Zimand, meir@kolrinahstl.org. Our goal is to eventually have an as-complete-as-possible record of our shul on hard drive as well as an online access for Committee members to review.



Do you have photos from Kol Rinah or either legacy congregation?

We're planning a photo cache! We're looking for photos with faces and activity. Best/largest quality digital possible (or good scan of historic prints). Please bring them in to the office on a disc or thumb drive.



I cannot believe we are already half way through the year! As I write this, December has just begun and our USY and Kadima are busy preparing for our Shabbaton! Special thanks to the village that has helped put this Shabbaton together including Mickey Kingsley, Rabbi Shafrin, Rabbi Rovinsky, Barbara Shamir, Rico Crane, Randi Mozenter and most importantly, Pardes Lyons- Warren who has spent hours upon hours developing programming for this Shabbat experience.

In the last issue of The Voice, I introduced our Social Action/Tikkun Olam theme for this year, "everyone deserves a childhood." This theme was suggested by our SA/TO VP, Maayan Gazit and presented to the group who unanimously supported it. In Maayan's words, "Every child fully abled or not has a right to be silly, happy and play before they are forced to grow up."

In keeping with this theme, our USY/ Kadima chapter visited Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital on November 21st. Ranken Jordan treats children with complex medical conditions, injuries, and illness and helps to bridge the gap between acute care hospital and home. They provide intensive multidisciplinary therapies including Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies, Child Life Support and Recreational Therapy, Music and Art Therapy. With programs providing exposure to cooking, horticulture, golf, swimming, animals, education, and more, children experience

every aspect of childhood while also receiving superior transitional care in a safe and controlled environment.

One of the things that makes Ranken Jordan unique is that children learn what they can do, rather than what they can't. Their programs show children who are in wheelchairs, require assistive devices such as tracheostomies, ventilators, tubing in their nose or stomach, and many other physical limitations that they can still have a childhood; they can still play, go to school, participate in sports, learn to do many activities of daily living and yes—be a child.

Over the course of this year, our USY/ Kadima kids will be visiting Ranken

Jordan three times. They will visit to paint the giant windows with some winter art and cheer; they will assist in a project with the facilities team to help clean and sanitize toys and equipment; and a small group will visit with some of the patients and support the Child Life staff in an activity.

I look forward to our youth sharing their experiences with you following these visits. It is a true Mitzvah, how they are opening their hearts and giving their time. May we all continue to celebrate what we can do to make this world a better, brighter place.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

- Winston Churchill



Jewish Spiritual Parenting Discussion

Kol Rinah is excited to offer a new class for parents!

Rabbi Jessica Shafrin will lead a conversation series about parenting and prayer. Each day as a parent can bring moments of awe, of tantrums, of wonder, and of whining. Come discuss how our prayer tradition can provide us new tools for parenting and how being a parent can add meaning to our spiritual life. Each session will stand alone, so if you miss a session, you can jump back into the next.

Please join us on the following Shabbat mornings at 9:30am for coffee and to schmooze.

The discussions will begin promptly at 9:45am. Childcare will be provided.

DATES: 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12, and 5/26

Stay after the class to participate with your child(ren) in Tot Shabbat, Rhythm 'n' Ruach, or MifgaShabbat.

To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact:
Tammy Arnow at families@kolrinahstl.org

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Adult Education

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Adult Education Committee presents:

A Tribute to Neil Gillman

The sad news about the passing Dr. Neil Gillman, of one of the 20th Century's greatest Jewish thinkers, philosophers and Rabbis, reached us early on Black Friday. He had taught generations of rabbinical students at the Jewish Theological Seminary in NYC, including our Rabbi Noah Arnow.

The Adult Education Committee, which hosted a Scholar-in-Residence with Rabbi Gillman in November 2009, was especially distraught by the news for both "Jewish" and personal reasons.

In addition to teaching rabbinical students for four decades, he also traveled around the country and the world and explained his philosophy to lay audiences and always attracted big crowds and thankful congregations.

His primary focus was on theology. Central to Dr. Gillman was not the

answers to theological questions, but the questions themselves. He always encouraged his audiences, whether rabbinical students or religious schools' 9th graders, to take pen and paper and write down questions and answers about God; If you believe in God, if you don't and if so why; and if you do believe in God, what kind of God, just to mention a few. He also made the audiences keep these pieces of paper and look at them again after a year, or 5 years, or after a life altering event, like the passing of a parent, or getting married, or the birth of a child, or a grandchild.

When you look at the answers a second time, you should ask yourselves: Are my answers different now from when I wrote them down the first time? If so, why? Or they haven't changed, and that may tell you something as well.



The Adult Education Committee will be honoring Neil Gillman at a Lunch & Learn this winter, we hope.

As soon as we know, we'll send out information and we encourage you to not miss this program. There is so much to say about Dr. Gillman, his books, and the impact he had on so many lives.

Please keep an eye out for an announcement on which Shabbat we are remembering a giant of the 20th and 21st Centuries.

Kol Rinah Families

Tammy Arnow, Family Programming Coordinator

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I am so excited to be filling the role of Family Programming Coordinator, on an interim volunteer basis. I am honored to continue to build on the tradition of strong family programming at Kol Rinah, and I am thrilled that a growing number of families are choosing Kol Rinah as their spiritual community. Currently, I am focusing on developing and coordinating social and educational events for parents

and families. (And I am very excited that Rabbi Jessica Shafrin will be offering another series of spiritual parenting discussion groups starting January 13!) I continue to lead Tot Shabbat monthly, and you are always welcome to come join the fun! I have incredible partners in my work -- Rabbi Arnow and Rabbi Shafrin, the ECC co-directors, and of course the parents themselves. I am developing

a Leadership Team of parents who will help guide the direction and priorities of our programming. In addition, I hope to work with families and the broader Kol Rinah community to explore new avenues for social action engagement. Please be in touch with your thoughts and ideas -- you can reach me at ***families@kolrinahstl.org***.

1 Mon	ECC CLOSED 8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
2 Tue	7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8am "When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough" - Sara Myers Rm 106 7:30pm USY Lounge Night - Carriage House 7709 Maryland Ave
3 Wed	NO HEBREW SCHOOL (Winter Break) 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:30am ECC Movement Class - Sara Myers Room 106
4 Thu	7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9am Study Pesach with Rabbi Shulamit Cenger - Sara Myers Room 106
5 Fri	7am Shacharit 9:30am ECC Yoga - Sara Myers Rm 106 4:36pm Candle lighting 6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv - Mirowitz
6 Sat	<i>Parashat Shemot</i> 9am Shabbat Service - Mirowitz 10am Shabbat Club - Daily Chapel Alcove 3:40pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma'ariv 5:39pm Havdalah
7 Sun	8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9am Comm Mtng - ECC Office 9:30am KRRS
8 Mon	7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

9 Tue	7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8am "When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough" - Sara Myers Rm 106 7pm Capital Campaign Cmte Mtng - Sara Myers Room 106 7:30pm USY Lounge Night - Carriage House 7709 Maryland Ave
10 Wed	7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:30am ECC Movement Class - Sara Myers Room 106 10am Kol Rinah Women's Social Group Mtng - Daily Chapel 4:15pm Hebrew School
11 Thu	7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9am Study Pesach with Rabbi Shulamit Cenger - Sara Myers Room 106 7pm Coordinating Cmte Mtng - Sara Myers Room 106
12 Fri	7am Shacharit 9:30am ECC Yoga - Sara Myers Rm 106 4:43pm Candle lighting 6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv - Mirowitz
13 Sat	<i>Parashat Va'eira</i> Gary Kodner's 50th Anniversary of Bar Mitzvah New Baby Shabbat 9am Shabbat Service - Mirowitz 10:30am MifgaShabbat - Daily Chapel 10:45am Tot Shabbat - Sara Myers Room 106 3:45pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma'ariv 5:45pm Havdalah
14 Sun	8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9am Comm Mtng - ECC Office 9:30am Men's Club Board Mtng 9:30am Sisterhood Mtng

15 Mon	ECC OPEN 8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
16 Tue	7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8am "When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough" - Sara Myers Rm 106 6:30pm Finance Mtng - Sara Myers Room 7:30pm USY Lounge Night - Carriage House 7709 Maryland Ave
17 Wed	ROSH CHODESH SHVAT 6:45am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:30am ECC Movement Class - Sara Myers Room 106 4:15pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Ritual Mtng - Sara Myers Room 106
18 Thu	7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9am Study Pesach with Rabbi Shulamit Cenger - Sara Myers Room 106 7pm Kol Rinah Board Mtng
19 Fri	7am Shacharit 9:30am ECC Yoga - Sara Myers Rm 106 4:50pm Candle lighting 6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv - Mirowitz
20 Sat	<i>Parashat Bo</i> Sisterhood Shabbat 9am Shabbat Service - Mirowitz 3:50pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma'ariv 5:52pm Havdalah
21 Sun	8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9am Comm Mtng - ECC Office 9:30am KRRS

☆ **HELP MAKE A MINYAN!** ☆

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7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

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Tue
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8am "When All You've Ever Wanted
Isn't Enough" - Sara Myers Rm 106
7pm Capital Campaign Cmte Mtng -
Sara Myers Room 106
7:30pm USY Lounge Night - Carriage
House 7709 Maryland Ave

24
Wed
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9:30am ECC Movement Class - Sara
Myers Room 106
4:15pm Hebrew School

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Thu
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9am Study Pesach with Rabbi
Shulamit Cenker - Sara Myers
Room 106
7pm Personnel Cmte Mtng - Sara
Myers Room 106

26
Fri
7am Shacharit
9:30am ECC Yoga - Sara Myers Rm 106
4:58pm Candle lighting
6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/
Ma'ariv - Mirowitz

27
Sat
Parashat Beshalach
9am Shabbat Service - Mirowitz
10:30am MifgaShabbat - Daily
Chapel
10:45am Rhythm 'n' Ruach
4pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/
Ma'ariv
5:59pm Havdalah

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Sun
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9am Comm Mtng - ECC Office
9:30am KRRS
1pm Brunch with Journey - Aud

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

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7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8am "When All You've Ever Wanted
Isn't Enough" - Sara Myers Rm 106
7:30pm USY Lounge Night - Carriage
House 7709 Maryland Ave

31
Wed
Tu Bishvat
7am Shacharit
8am ECC Family Tu Bishvat Program
9:30am ECC Movement Class - Sara
Myers Room 106
4:15pm Hebrew School
6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
**6:45pm Painting with a Tu Bishvat
Twist** - Painting with a Twist,
28 The Blvd



**Please join us for
NEW BABY
SHABBAT
JAN. 13, 2018**

Join us as we welcome the newest members of our Kol Rinah family!
A special blessing for the babies will take place near the end of our Shabbat service. Great Kiddush to follow!

Kol Rinah Event Submission Guidelines

Time Window: An event request form should be submitted a minimum of 6 weeks prior to a regular sized event and 3 to 6 months prior to a large event (up to 1 year for a Shabbat).

1. Review Kol Rinah's "All Calendar" on the Kol Rinah (KR) website to make sure there are no conflicts. Then follow the easy instructions found under "Event Request" in the KR website Calendar heading of the menu bar. The planner must provide all information needed for publicity.

2. Rabbi Arnow, Mitch Shenker and Barbara Shamir will receive the form submission and ask any clarifying questions to vet the event. Generally, in a schedule conflict, first come first served, but KR may supersede that rule for the vital interests of the synagogue.

3. Once approved, Meir Zimand will notify the event planner and enter the event on the KR calendar, beginning the publicity effort. Generally, events will get a flyer by Gary Kodner and then will be publicized (in the month prior to the event): in the Shabbat sheet and weekly e-mails, on the bima, in the Voice/EXTRA, sent to the Jewish Light and on the website and lobby display. If there is a need to deviate from this plan or if additional PR is requested, the office will coordinate with the planner.

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