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## **The Right Questions**

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## **Upcoming Events**

Sun July 1 FAST OF TAMMUZ

Wed July 4 Independence Day

Sun July 8 The Conversation Project

Fri July 13 ROSH CHODESH AV

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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.

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Please contact Mitch Shenker at 314.727.1747 if you know of someone that might be interested.

## A Message from Rabbi Arnow

Rabbi Noah Arnow - Senior Rabbi

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#### **The Right Questions**

What are the right questions to ask a person you see at shul? Here are some suggestions:

- **★** "How are you feeling today?"
- **★** "For whom are you saying Kaddish?"
- **★** "My name is \_\_\_\_. What's your name?"
- **★** "How can I help?"
- **★** "Could I sit next to you?" or "Would you like to come sit next to me?"
- **★** "Can I introduce you to \_\_\_\_\_?"

If someone has been sick, they may not feel like going into their whole medical history. But one can safely ask, "How are you feeling today?"

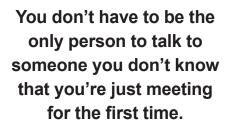
When someone is saying Kaddish, if you don't know for whom they are saying Kaddish, it's just about always appropriate to ask, "For whom are you saying Kaddish?" You can also follow up with, "Tell me something about your loved one."

If there's someone you don't know, don't pretend—just introduce yourself and ask their name. and don't assume it's someone else's job—it's everyone's job to meet people. But please don't ask people if they are new—because if they've been coming for a year, and keep getting asked if they're new, it can make them feel invisible and unnoticed. And you can ask someone's name even if they're not new—but simply if you don't know it.

If you see someone struggling—with a heavy bag, looking for a page, looking for something or someone, with a

child (or several children), with steps, with the elevator, with a walker, with a stroller, with books, with anything—ask, "How can I help?"

Don't let people sit by themselves—at shul on Friday night or Saturday morning, at minyan, at Kiddush, or at a program. Ask them—invite them to sit with you, or plop yourself down next to them, asking if it's alright. They may want a little solitude, but give them the option of some company. And this doesn't need to be just new people who you've never seen. This is a kind thing to do for acquaintances too. No one should sit alone unless they say they want to be alone.



You don't have to be the only person to talk to someone you don't know that you're just meeting for the first time. Introduce them to others. And the people to whom you introduce them can be like them—another mother of young children, for example, or someone not like them. But introducing people is a kind, welcoming thing to do. And you can introduce people you know who don't know each other, or don't know each other well.



Imagine if every single time you came to services on a Saturday morning or a holiday, you said every single one of these things to a different person. How many more people would you meet? How warmly would people feel welcomed? If you ask all six questions in a single Shabbat, let me know—I'll publicly appreciate you from the bima or in writing, anonymously or not—your choosing. Do it every week, and you'll be a hero, a tzadeek (saint) of welcoming and kindness.

# In the Calendar ... "What is This"?

Q: Why aren't the Fast of Tammuz and Tisha B'Av on their true Hebrew dates (17th of Tammuz & 9th of Av)?A: That is because the only fast day that can occur on Shabbat is Yom

Q: What is Tu B'Av on July 27?

Kippur.

A: It isn't a typo, this is an ancient Jewish holiday that has been revived in recent decades, especially in Israel. In ancient times it was a day for matchmaking. Today it is a day for studying Torah and a festival of celebration, joy and love.

#### **July Birthdays**

Beatrice Engel, Jerome Nuell, Elsie Levy, Jessica Mirowitz, Carolyn Epstein, Cindy Kalachek, Josh Shimony, Sarah Jeremy Buhler, Jaden Cohen, Noah Levy, Bonnie Templeton, Laura Weinstock, Ronald Fagerstrom, Julie Leeds, Joseph Levy, Michal Goldstein, Beth Rubin, Rebekah Simmons, Caleb Arnow, Rabbi Mark Fasman, Jessica Igielnik, Oliver Kodner, Jaron Asher, Saul Dien, Karen Aroesty, Jaron Asher, Joshua Levine, Henry Berger, Alice Fasman, Matthew Shovkhet, 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, Ken Sandler, Grace Cooperstein, Bernard Feldman, Stuart Portman, Vera Shmuylovich, Rabbi Shulamit Cenker, Stanley Shmuger, Bernice Brandmeyer, Deborah Israeli, Myron Jacobs, Moriah Lotsoff, Courtney Cerulo, Samuel Israel, Esther Claire Lega, David Cort, Marsha Soshnik, Bradley Abel, Jeffrey Carra, Matthew Cooke, Marcia Sokol-Anderson, Robert Kopitsky, Vernon Vonderheydt, David Levenson, Jordan Kodner, Paul Kodner, Mitchell Halpern

#### **July Anniversaries**

Joel & Susan Allen
David & Marsha Soshnik
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, Evelyn Lieberman, Rachel Guller, Robert Levin, Lonnie Zwibelman, Mimi Graff, Daniel Hudson, Joan Meres, Alfred Rosenfeld, Lauren Cohen, Eliot Simon, Beverly Rehfeld, Jillian Sandler, Teri Cohen, Hannah Rosenthal, Benita Boxerman, Fred Shafrin, 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, Liav Fox, Marshall Myers, Rose Shmuylovich, Ruth Altman, Roger Cohen, Marvin Goldford, Michael Greenfield, Zachary Praiss, Frances Oppenheim, Grace Paley, Benjamin Root, 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

#### **Thank You**

Thanks to all the members of Kol Rinah who generously donated to various funds or sent us lovely cards in honor of our first anniversary and Nick's not-first birthday. We are so grateful to be part of a loving synagogue community.

#### Lauren Buchsbaum & Nick Riggio

Thank you for all the lovely donations in honor of my new great-grandson's birth and the bat mitzvah of my great-granddaughter.

Sincerely,

## Irene Belsky

Thank you to the Women's Social Group for your Birthday and Anniversary wishes.

#### Gail Brody

Thank you to all my Kol Rinah friends for the lovely birthday wishes. They are very much appreciated.

Florence Cohn

### **August Anniversaries**

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Kate Blumenfeld Howard Paley Arthur Parker Thomas Platnico

Our newsletter is designed by Tovah Enger with the invaluable proofing help of: Rabbi Noah and Tammy Arnow, Nancy Greene, Micki Kingsley and Cindy Payant. Thank you!

<sup>\*</sup> Birthdays and Anniversaries are listed chronologically

# President's Message

Randi Mozenter - Kol Rinah President

president@kolrinahstl.org

Eighteen months into my Kol Rinah presidency seems a good time to reflect on the hardest job I've ever had and the most fulfilling job I've ever had. Of course, this moment in time for Kol Rinah is especially exciting, challenging, gratifying and suspense-filled. I am honored to have the opportunity to make a small mark on the future of Kol Rinah and a new Jewish presence in an area where there has been no synagogue for 50 years.

As we prepare for the groundbreaking this summer, new programs and initiatives are blossoming, our redesigned religious school, KoREH (Kol Rinah Education Hub) and our Early Childhood Center are continuing to innovate and we are already planning for a High Holiday season with more options for meaningful experiences than ever before.

All of these wonderful opportunities would not be possible without YOU. Whether you serve on our leadership team, as a member of our talented

staff, on a committee, attend services or programs, are involved in the ECC or Religious School, participate in our Men's Club, Sisterhood or Women's Social Group, USY or Kadima, attend Torah Talk, Rhythm n' Ruach, Tot Shabbat or Family Programming, come for daily minyan or Havdalah, attend our special Scholars in Residence programs or weekly Kiddush, or volunteer your time and expertise... YOU are what makes all of this possible.

As a wise individual once said, to paraphrase; Some people come into our lives for a reason, a season or a lifetime. I am proud and humbled by our community, whether we serve your needs for any or all of the above. And I am grateful to serve you and our community, in the best and toughest job I have ever held. I look forward with awe and devotion to our present and our future.

Zei Gesundt.

Yours warmly,

Randi Mozenter

In May you helped raise \$210.74 for Kol Rinah Operations with Schnucks Scrip and \$76.43 with Amazon Smile.

#### Thank you!

Don't have a Schnucks scrip card? Nancy in the office can send one to you. If you shop through Amazon and use smile.amazon.com, they will donate .5% of your purchase to Kol Rinah!





#### KR On The Move!

After receiving bid proposals from both SM Wilson and Lawlor Corporation for construction, Kol Rinah has entered contract negotiations with the Lawlor Corporation as General Contractor for our Maryland Avenue project. Our first step will be a "value engineering" cooperative with Patterhn-Ives. Lawlor's sub-contractors, and KR Facilities leadership. The goal of value engineering is to find as many ways within the scope items of the base project to reduce costs so that we can afford as much of the base project as possible. It is our expectation that construction will begin sometime this summer.

You can also keep up to date by visiting the On The Move section of our website KolRinahStL.org.

If you haven't driven by our Maryland Ave. location lately, check out our new sign!



#### Jewish Food Pantry July List

- 1. Canned Pasta with Meat
- 2. Any Type of Canned Vegetables
- 3. Healthy Snacks
- 4. Kosher Foods
- 5. Healthy Cereals
- 6. Peanut Butter & Jelly
- 7. Personal Care Items (Deodorant, Dish Soap and Baby Diapers)



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



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Order online at KolRinahStL.org (click on the Honey Link).
Order online by July 11 to avoid the \$4 shipping fee.

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

For more information or if you need assistance contact: Cindy Ginsburg: 314.983.0607 cindygmsn@gmail.com

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Micki Kingsley - Sisterhood President

Thank you for the sponsorship of a Sisterhood Kiddush over the past two months:

To the **Faye Keyser Seudah Fund** for the two Kiddushes - on May 19th to bid goodbye to Sara Steiner, and on May 26th to say thank you to Gal Roberman, our Shinshinit for the past year.

To **Nancy Goldstein** for sponsoring the beautiful Kiddush in honor of her grandsons', Nate and Jake, b'nai mitzvah on June 2, 2018. Mazal tov to the twins' parents Will and Suzanne Goldstein, and to little sister Abbie, and their whole family.

Please continue to keep Ellen Harken busy sending tributes. Give her a call at 314.961.7232 or email her at eharken@Theharkens.com.

**Torah Fund -** We exceeded our Torah Fund goal of \$2700, and thank everyone who donated. Our donations support the Jewish Theological Seminaries around the world.

Our Sisterhood Board has been meeting in the Art Studio at Crown Center since January; and any sisterhood member is welcome to attend any meeting. We especially invite any sisterhood member to attend the meeting in July when we will vote on the new slate of officers and board.

If you haven't ordered honey yet, free shipping for Rosh Hashanah is available through July 11th. michele kingsley@yahoo.com

As we reach the end of our fiscal year, our donations this year have been: to the ECC, we sponsored the ECC PJ Library Friday night dinner for Yom Ha'atzmaut; we provided the funds for laptops for the religious school's new interactive technology program; we donated to the USY so that many more kids could attend leadership training and conventions; and to the synagogue general fund for partial purchase of a new folding machine, and several other unexpected expenses that were not covered in the budget.

I thank all the officers, board members and members-at-large who have enabled Sisterhood to carry on our work.

I hope you are having an interesting summer.



#### **Boomers in the Park**





# The Time to Give is NOV

#### Your pledge matters! • Be a part of this historic, transformational project • Please join us:

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#### **Doing Your Own Theology**

Over the last several months our Discussion Group has been reviewing Rabbi Neil Gillman's book *Sacred Fragments*, which describes the evolution of Jewish theology from the Traditional to "Theology for the Modern Man".

He concludes the book with a brief chapter entitled" Do our own theology",

in which he proposes that each of us, working alone or in groups, preferably with a teacher, write a "theological will."

We are proposing that you read the final chapter, and perhaps Gillman's book *Doing Jewish Theology*, (written 2008, available at Half Price Books at Delmar and McKnight for \$9.49),

which addresses theological issues in a style easy to read and understand.

This would be in preparation of our next meeting, tentatively scheduled for September, before the High Holidays. date and time and location TBD.

Write or call us at our contacts listed above.

# **Membership**

Joyce Olshan

even learned to use our 314/636 area

codes to look 'more friendly'.

olshanj@gmail.com

The membership committee is gearing up for the new year already as are other committees at Kol Rinah.

We have been tasked with the job of reaching out to all members to verify if the contact information we have is as up-to-date as possible. We plan to soon start a phone call system to speak with you. We may rely on emails or regular mail if we cannot reach someone.

All you need to do is be open to phone calls coming your way that may have an area code that you are not familiar with. We will try to use Kol Rinah phones as much as possible so that number should look familiar (314.727.1747, or some close variation depending on which line we call you from). We totally understand the situation we are all exposed to, with telemarketers reaching out to us that we'd rather avoid – and some

Some of our members will be using their own cellphones and their area codes may not be local. At least let the answering machine pick up so you can hear if it is 'friend from Kol Rinah' or foe. We will identify ourselves at the very beginning.

We are not asking for pledges or any money. We simply want to ask you how do you want the synagogue to contact you, send you information, keep you connected. Even if you just gave the office an update, we may still call. You will also have the prerogative to tell us that you would not like to share certain information with others besides the office.

We look forward to speaking with as many of you as possible. It's a nice way to get acquainted too.

Joyce Olshan

Come Make Soup Packets for the Jewish Food Pantry! Sun, July 15 • 1pm

Contact Carol Battle for more info: crgbattle@yahoo.com

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

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

#### **Chesed Visits!**

Contact Barbara Bianco 314.727.2399 or

barbarab2@aol.com





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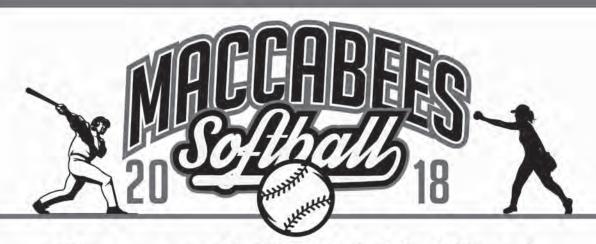
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# Kabbalat Shabbat in the Park!

FRIDAYS, JUN. 8 · JUL. 13 · AUG. 10 · 6:00 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



# **Cheer on our Kol Rinah Softball Team!**

#### Kol Rinah has a co-ed softball team!

The Kol Rinah Maccabees have been playing in the Inter-Congregational Softball League for years. All games are played on Sundays on the back fields at the J in Creve Coeur. Come out and cheer on your fellow congregants as we take on B'nai Amoona, Bais Abe, CRC and many othert synagogues in a friendly but spirited game of softball.

#### Interested in playing?

Contact team captain Gerard Burke at gburke5775@cs.com!

#### **UPCOMING GAMES**

Date Time Opponent 7/1/18 10:20 am vs. B'nai Amoona #2

7/8/18 9:00 am vs. United Hebrew Krushers #3 7/15/18 9:00 am vs. CRC City Slickers

7/22/18 no game – Tisha b'Av 7/29/18 Playoffs week #1

8/6/18 Playoffs week #2



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# Kol Rinah Religious School

Rabbi Scott Shafrin - Religious School Director

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#### A Place Where You Are Seen

One of my favorite images from all of the Talmud comes in Tractate Brachot 6b, which translates as "blessings." The story goes that when someone who regularly comes to minyan or synagogue communal events is suddenly absent, God inquires as to their whereabouts. I love the picture of God sitting at minyan on a Tuesday thinking, "Where's Rivka? Has anyone seen Rivka? She wasn't at minyan today, but she ALWAYS makes the Tuesday minyan! Where could she be?"

The moral of the story is plain to see: if even the Creator of the Universe notices when a member of the community is missing and is concerned, we should notice as well. I am so proud of this community for all

of the wonderful efforts our members take to recognize and support one another, to welcome each person in and make them feel at home, and, yes, to notice when they are not there and make sure they are ok. The way people greet one another on Shabbat and at synagogue events, the innumerable phone calls, home visits, hospital check-ins, and meal deliveries that the committed volunteers of the Chesed Committee, and many others, make, and the care with which we treat each other all serve to build a community of caring, thoughtful people. While there are always more ways we can connect to others and bring them closer to our lives and the joys of our community, I am proud to say that this is an incredible community to live, learn, and grow in. I have felt it since the moment I came here, and I am so thankful that others have shared similar experiences.

In our Religious School community, new people and families have also been captivated by the warmth of the community and the innovative framework of our newly branded Kol Rinah Education Hub (KoREH). I am happy to report that as of this writing, our little school of just over 30 students has added 10 new learners to our classrooms for the 2018-2019 school year! That tremendous growth is due in large part to the warm and welcoming nature of this community, to the hard work and passion of our teachers and congregational staff, and to the countless hours our volunteers put in to make this place incredible. Thank you all for the incredible work you do, and for investing your time, resources, energy, and love into this great community.

## **Kol Rinah Families**

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As I write this article, outside in the 95 degree shade, my kids have just started summer camp -- and High Holidays are on my mind! I am thrilled about some new offerings we will have for families, conceived with the help of the young family Leadership Team. Families will be able to join a musical service for all ages, experience the shofar service together with the entire synagogue community, and explore age-appropriate stations with their kids, giving each of us at Kol Rinah a way to move along our own

spiritual journey. Once again, we have the opportunity to welcome guests to join our community for the holy experience of the High Holidays. I am so proud that Kol Rinah does not require tickets to attend High Holiday services, and I invite us all to extend a gracious invitation to those we know who might like to join us.

#### Please mark your calendars for Backto-School Shabbat on August 25!

Looking back a bit, we celebrated Shavuot with a family picnic at Mooney

Park, with relay races and fun for all, and on Tot Shabbat we got a special peek inside the Torah and discussed how, just as we each have favorite books, the Torah is really the favorite book of the Jewish people. I loved seeing the wonder on the little ones' faces as they searched out letters in the Torah and learned about the special garments it wears. I am looking forward to a summer of relaxing and community and a wonderful start to the new year with this special community.

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What a great year our USYers and Kadimaniks had! We finished the year with a pool party/final banquet in which each outgoing USY Board Member "passed the torch" to the incoming board member through a special candle ceremony. The group also took some time to reflect, sharing their favorite moments and those things they would like to improve upon. We bid farewell to our two seniors, Pardes Lyons-Warren and Maayan Gazit and we had a visit from Rabbis Arnow and Shafrin who also shared their reflections including their pride that these teens represent Kol Rinah.

# With great excitement, I share with you our 2018-2019 USY Board:

**★**Co-Presidents: **Noa Hahn & Yael Portman** 

- ★ Vice President Social Action/Tikkun Olam & Israeli Affairs: Joey Sparks
- ★Vice President Communications & Religious Education: Jane Kalina
- ★ Freshmen Representatives: Samuel Baker and Toby Zaidman

Summer is a time of transition for our Youth Groups and one of those transitions will be in the advisor role. I have loved serving as the Director for our youth groups for the past two years and will cherish this experience. While I know stepping down is the right decision for both our youth and myself, I will miss these incredible teens.

During Shabbat Services on May 19, I was extremely humbled to be honored by Kol Rinah for my work with our youth these past two years. I am so grateful to Board member Beth Rubin, Rabbi

Shafrin, KR President Randi Mozenter, outgoing USY President Pardes Lyons-Warren and KR Co-Director Barbara Shamir for making that such a special Shabbat for me. I also want to thank Sherri Sadon, Chairwoman Extraordinaire of the Board and dear family friend. She and Randi encouraged me to take this position on and supported me every step of the way, and it is because of the guidance and leadership they consistently show this community that I was inspired to take this on even in addition to a more-than-fulltime day job.

Lastly, to my USYers and Kadimaniks-please know that I am truly a better *me* because of *you*.

"I do believe I have been changed for the better." - Wicked

# **Early Childhood Education**

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Our 2017-2018 school year has come to an end! We had a wonderful graduation celebration on May 17th and then enjoyed a field day at Villa Park to close out the year. Children played tee ball, created sidewalk chalk art and explored the playground equipment, yoga with Morah Shelley and a yummy snack of watermelon and pretzels. We concluded with Shabbat with Rabbi Noah, Rabbi Scott and Morah Karen and then had a picnic lunch.

Our summer camp theme this year is "A Summer of Eric Carle." Children will be completing projects and activities

based around his books. We will take a field trip to the Science Center, enjoy a magic show, tie dye t-shirts, participate in special dress days, have daily water play and have a visit from the Kona ice truck on July 11th. Mark your calendar because we're inviting all Kol Rinah members to come on by from 5-6:30 and purchase a snow cone that day. KRECC will receive 20% of the proceeds to help fund our teacher's classroom needs for the beginning of the school year.

Preparations are underway for our 2018-2019 school year. We have

recently hired Claire Welker as our new Infant/Toddler Supervisor. Ms. Claire taught at KRECC from 2008-2016 as a classroom teacher. Since then, she's completed her education degree and gained additional teaching and management experience at other early childhood centers. Ms. Claire will be splitting her time at KRECC between the classroom and the supervisory role, as a resource for the infant/toddler classrooms. She is also passionate about family engagement, and will be working with the Directors in this area. We are thrilled to have her back at our school!

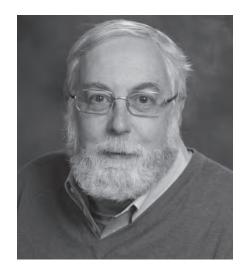
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#### MEN'S CLUB MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month's member spotlight shines on JAMES SINGMAN. Jim has been a member of Kol Rinah and the legacy Shaare Zedek for almost 60 years, and he has been active in our Men's Club for the past 34 years. He currently holds the post of executive vice president. Jim also has served on Kol Rinah's board of directors. He is one of our many cooks and is the goto guy when any job needs doing.

As you may know, Jim is executive director of Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol Cemetery and is an active member of the Jewish Cemetery Association of North America. Before pursuing a career within the Jewish community, he held various management positions in the electronics industry. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Columbia



and holds a masters degree from the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

Jim's family is complemented by his daughter Lauren and his sisters Elise, Diane and Suzi (and a countless number of cousins). Jim has served our congregation in a variety of capacities throughout the years and

always willingly contributes his time and services whenever and wherever he is needed.

#### **MEETINGS**

The Men's Club has decided to move board meetings to a weeknight evening to be determined later.

#### WHATS AHEAD?

August 19, 7:30 pm - Hearing Men's Voices

**September** - Back-to-school Pancake breakfast for Kol Rinah Religious School

**September 23** - Steak & Scotch in the Sukkah with a Taste of Talmud

B'Shalom, Max Brown







#### **Shabbat in the Park**



## July 2018 Calendar

1 Sun

#### **FAST 17TH OF TAMMUZ**

4:28am Fast Starts
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9am Communications Mtng - ECC
Office
9:08pm Fast Ends

2 Mon

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

3 Tue

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8am The Observant Life -Community Room

4 Wed

#### Independence Day

ECC & office Closed 8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

5 Thu

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:30am Limmud & Lattes with Rabbi Shafrin - Kaldi's Coffee - 187 Carondelet Plaza in Clayton 9am Study Pesach with Rabbi Shulamit Cenker - Community Room 7pm Personnel Committee Mtng -Community Room

6 Fri 7am Shacharit 6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/ Ma'ariv - Aud (lower) 8:11pm Candle Lighting

**7** Sat

Parashat Pinchas

9am Shabbat Service - Aud (lower) 10:10am Torah Talk - Community

Room

7:15pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/ Ma'ariv

9:16pm Havdalah

**♦HELP MAKE A MINYAN!** 

8 Sun 8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9am Communications Mtng - ECC Office

10am The Conversation Project - Community Room

9 Mon

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

10 Tue

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8am The Observant Life -Community Room 7pm Capital Campaign committee Mtng - Aud (upper)

**11** Wed

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 10am KR Women's Social Group Mtng - Daily Chapel 6:30pm Ritual Committee Mtng -Community Room

**12** Thu

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:30am Limmud and Lattes with Rabbi Shafrin - Kaldi's Coffee -187 Carondelet Plaza in Clayton 9am Study Pesach with Rabbi Shulamit Cenker - Community Room 7pm Coordinating Committee Mtng -Community Room

**13** Fri

#### **ROSH CHODESH AV**

6:45am Shacharit 6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/ Ma'ariv - Villa Park - 9301 Villa Ave W in Olivette 8:08pm Candle Lighting

**14** Sat

Parashat Matot-Massei 9am Shabbat Service - Aud (Iower) 10:10am Torah Talk - Community

0:10am Torah Talk - Community Room

7:10pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/ Ma'ariv

9:12pm Havdalah

15 Sun

8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9am Communications Mtng Community Room
1pm Make Soup Packets for the
Jewish Food Pantry

16 Mon

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

**17** Tue

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8am The Observant Life -Community Room 6:30pm Finance Mtng - Community Room

18 Wed

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

**19** Thu

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:30am Limmud & Lattes with Rabbi Shafrin - Kaldi's Coffee - 187 Carondelet Plaza in Clayton 9am Study Pesach with Rabbi Shulamit Cenker - Community Room 7pm Kol Rinah Board Mtng - Aud (upper)

**20** Fri

7am Shacharit 7:30pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/

Ma'ariv - Aud (lower)
8:04pm Candle Lighting

21 Sat

Parashat Devarim

EREV TISHA B'AV Shabbat Chazon

9am Shabbat Service - Aud (lower) 10:10am Torah Talk - Community Room

12:30pm Mincha

8:21pm Havdalah

8:30pm Fast Begins / Ma'ariv & Eicha

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22 Sun

#### TISH'A B'AV

8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9am Communications Mtng - ECC Office

8:58pm Fast Ends

23 Mon

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

**24** Tue

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8am The Observant Life -Community Room 7pm Capital Campaign committee Mtng - Aud (upper)

25 Wed

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

**26**Thu

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:30am Limmud & Lattes with Rabbi Shafrin - Kaldi's Coffee - 187 Carondelet Plaza in Clayton 9am Study Pesach with Rabbi Shulamit Cenker - Community Room

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#### TU B'AV

7am Shacharit 6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/ Ma'ariv - Aud (lower) 7:59pm Candle Lighting

28 Sat

Parashat Va'etchanan

#### Shabbat Nachamu

9am Shabbat Service - Aud (lower) 10:10am Torah Talk - Community Room 7pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/ Ma'ariy

9pm Havdalah

#### 29 Sun

8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9am Communications Mtng -Community Room 9:30am Sisterhood Mtng - Crown Center **30** Mon

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

**31** Tue

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8am The Observant Life -Community Room

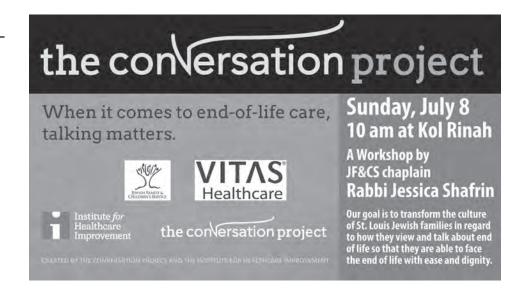
# Saturday, July 14th Honor Rico During Kiddush!



With heavy hearts, we announce the resignation of Rico Crane effective July 15, 2018, after 16 years of dedicated service. Rico has decided to focus full-time on his blossoming maintenance business "Rezults".

Please plan to join us in wishing Rico all the best with his new business.

We will miss him!!!!





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