



 A Campaign for Kol Rinah



***“It’s our turn to build, renew and reinvent an inclusive Jewish community and sacred space for the 21st century. It is our turn to create a legacy and a sanctuary for our Jewish future.”***

— Rabbi Noah Arnow

### We are:

- Developing a Jewish community presence in the most vibrant, growing area in St. Louis.
- Constructing a new sanctuary building and daily chapel, custom designed to meet our spiritual needs today and in the future.
- Recreating existing spaces for our religious school, Early Childhood Center, and community.
- Offering beautiful event facilities with kosher kitchens.
- Providing space for legacy and future memorial plaques.
- Securing parking for 250 cars, including on-site accessible spaces.

### Exciting facts:

- 1 We are moving to our new home in 2019!
- 2 We are designing state-of-the-art acoustics, lighting, accessibility, and security.
- 3 We have raised over \$4.5 million to date.
- 4 We are finalizing our construction plans and budget.

**Be a part of this historic, transformational project.**

### Your pledge matters!

Rabbi Arnow and our capital campaign representatives welcome your involvement today – 314.727.1747.

See a list of people who have already pledged to our campaign (p.8)

## Upcoming Events

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Thu Mar 1  | PURIM   |
| Fri Mar 2  | SHUSHAN PURIM                                 |
| Sat Mar 3  | Men's Club Shabbat                            |
| Sun Mar 4  | Man & Youth of the Year                       |
| Wed Mar 7  | Financial & Estate Strategies                 |
| Sun Mar 11 | Torah Fund Lunch                              |
| Sat Mar 17 | ROSH CHODESH NISAN<br>Rhythm & Jews           |
| Thu Mar 22 | Israel & Current Issues<br>In The Middle East |
| Sat Mar 24 | “Address Stress” with<br>Connie Fisher        |
| Fri Mar 30 | PESACH- 1ST SEDER                             |
| Sat Mar 31 | PESACH- 2ND SEDER                             |

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**Thank You  
Phil & Sima Needleman for  
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# Kol Rinah Leadership

## Kol Rinah Board

|                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Randi Mozenter    | <i>President</i>                |
| Sherri Sadon      | <i>Chairman of the Board</i>    |
| Sue Albert        | <i>VP Communications</i>        |
| Jeremy Buhler     | <i>VP Education</i>             |
| David Cooperstein | <i>VP Facilities</i>            |
| Elisa Israel      | <i>VP Personnel</i>             |
| Barbara Shamir    | <i>VP Membership</i>            |
| Stephen Selipsky  | <i>VP Development / Finance</i> |
| Esti Goldman      | <i>Secretary</i>                |
| Michael Levine    | <i>Treasurer</i>                |

## Serving Through 2018

Benita Boxerman, Todd Cohen, Michael Goldstein, Howard Granok, Maurice Guller, Stacy Hudson, Dan Rosenthal, Lvav Spector

## Serving Through 2019

Pat Cohen, Denise Field, Debbie Igielnik, Al Leving, Linda Makler, Beth Rubin, Debbie Rubin, Andrew Sabin

## Serving Through 2020

Steve Birenbaum, Denise Bobick, Amy Friedman, Gary Kodner, Paula Lernerman, Marvin Marcus, Jinny Petrofsky, Al Snyder

## Staff

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Mitch Shenker, Barbara Shamir | <i>Co-Directors</i>                         |
| Nancy Greene                  | <i>Executive Assistant</i>                  |
| Meir Zimand                   | <i>Director of Operations &amp; Finance</i> |
| Tammy Arnow                   | <i>Family Programming Coordinator</i>       |
| Sara Steiner                  | <i>Youth Director</i>                       |
| Rico Crane                    | <i>Facilities / Maintenance</i>             |

## Ritual

|                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Noah Arnow                      | <i>Rabbi</i>          |
| Marvin Lerner, Jonathan Belsky  | <i>Ba'alei Kriah</i>  |
| Mark Fasman, Benson Skoff zt"l, |                       |
| Mordecai Miller                 | <i>Rabbis Emeriti</i> |

## Education

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Scott Shafrin             | <i>Religious School Director / Assistant Rabbi</i> |
| Elyse Picker, Liz Collins | <i>Early Childhood Center Co-Directors</i>         |
| Patty Kaplan              | <i>B'nai Mitzvah Tutor</i>                         |

## Auxiliary Groups

|                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Max Brown      | <i>Men's Club President</i> |
| Micki Kingsley | <i>Sisterhood President</i> |
| Marilyn Dien   | <i>Women's Social Group</i> |

## Committee Chairs

|                                     |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Richard Gavatin, Ralph Graff        | <i>Adult Ed</i>                  |
| Barbara Bianco                      | <i>Chesed</i>                    |
| Gary Kodner                         | <i>Communications</i>            |
| Richard Gavatin, Michael Greenfield | <i>Constitution &amp; Bylaws</i> |
| Steve Rosenblum                     | <i>Development</i>               |
| Jeremy Buhler                       | <i>ECC Council</i>               |
| Sue Albert, Dan Rosenthal           | <i>Facilities</i>                |
| Todd Cohen                          | <i>Finance</i>                   |
| Marsha Birenbaum                    | <i>Halls &amp; Catering</i>      |
| Esti Goldman, Bob Olshan            | <i>Israel</i>                    |
| Joyce Olshan                        | <i>Membership</i>                |
| Denise Field                        | <i>Personnel</i>                 |
| Michael Levine                      | <i>Strategic Planning</i>        |
| Cindy Kalachek                      | <i>KRRS</i>                      |
| Mitch Halpern                       | <i>Ritual</i>                    |

## 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.

## Wednesday, March 7th - 7pm

Join Andrew and Bruce Sabin,  
Vice Presidents of Investment Officers  
and Steve Spewak, an estate planning attorney.

Learn strategies to meet your financial and  
estate goals while also making a sustainable  
impact on the new home of Kol Rinah.

## Jewish Food Pantry March List

1. Canned Tuna Fish or Chicken
2. Kosher Foods
3. Hearty Soups
4. Any Type of Canned Vegetables
5. Beef Stew or Chili with Meat
6. Canned Fruits
7. Deodorant, Shampoo & Baby Diapers

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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## A Spirituality of Fundraising

I recently experienced an unexpected benefit of sharing space with the Journey. Last week, I picked up a pamphlet The Journey had extra copies of entitled “**A Spirituality of Fundraising**,” by 20th century Catholic theologian Henri Nouwen.

Nouwen writes with Christian vocabulary, but the wisdom is universal. “Fundraising isn’t a response to a crisis. Fundraising is, first and foremost, a form of ministry [or outreach, as Jews might say]. It is a way of announcing our vision and inviting other people into our mission,” he says.

And that’s exactly what so many of the meetings I’ve had with people have been about. I’ve had the opportunity to share my and our vision and excitement about this project and Kol Rinah’s future, and so many people have had the opportunity to join us in this mission.

Nouwen continues, “Fundraising is precisely the opposite of begging. When we seek to raise funds we are not saying, ‘Please, could you help us out because it’s been hard.’ Rather, we are declaring, ‘We have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you—your energy, your prayers, and your money—in this work to which God has called us.’”

“Building & Growing Together: A Campaign for Kol Rinah” is a dramatic,

ambitious and future-oriented vision of what we might create together, of what Jewish life and community could be.

Our vision includes intimate, communal prayer experiences in spaces conducive to introspection, inspiration and music—singing and hearing each other. Our vision includes useful and beautiful outdoor greenspaces that bring us in touch with nature and the urban community around us. Our

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vision includes a state-of-the-art early childhood center that is immersively Jewish for kids and families, helping to raise and engage a new Jewish generation of children and parents. And our vision includes a facility that is open to and used by the wider Jewish and secular communities for meetings, performances, gatherings and celebrations—a space that is the beating heart of community.

“Fundraising must always aim to create new, lasting relationships,” observes Nouwen. And through this campaign, I’ve had to develop new relationships with people I didn’t know, and deepen my relationship with many more people. For that reason

alone, it’s been a blessing for me, to know more people, and to know more people more deeply.

If we haven’t had the opportunity to connect yet, or recently, let’s make some time to do so, whether in my office or for a cup of coffee. Give me a call (**314.727.1747**) or send me an e-mail (**rabbiarnow@kolrinahstl.org**) and let’s get together and share together some time, some conversation, and some vision!

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## Chesed Visits!

Contact Barbara Bianco  
314.727.2399 or  
**barbarab2@aol.com**



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**In November you helped raise \$174.55 for Kol Rinah Operations with Schnucks Scrip.** Call Nancy in the office to have a card sent to you.

***We thank you!***

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**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/>***



# Mazel Tov!

## March Birthdays

Carole Granillo, Jennifer Lotsoff, Stephen Selipsky, Sherry Kaplan, Karen Kern, Marjorie Feldman, Phyllis Hyken, Tim O'Connell, Deborah Gould, Alison Lewkowitz, Michael Reichman, Marsha Birenbaum, Harlan Radinsky, Jody Feldman, Helene Mathis, Barbara Bianco, Bonnie Levens, Deborah Zimmerman, Esther Zuckerman, Carol Glick, Sarah Sherer-Kohlburn, Stephanie Berk, Abby Goldstein, Hedva Levy, Steven Brody, Rabbi Tracy Nathan, Sylvia Silver, Harlie Frankel, Livia Kessler, Jean Pinken, Daniel Rosenthal, Arlene O'Connell, Micki Kingsley, Barbara Becker, Marsha Bernstein, Debbie Chase, Ruth Battle, Harvey Fenster, Guy Friedman, Anthony Granillo, Shmuel Israeli, Sheila Durlister, Jinny Petrofsky, David Warren, Daniel Buchalter, Paula Lemerman, Barbara Sherer, Aleene Zawada, Doris Lerner, Aileen Melnick

## March Anniversaries

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

*\*Birthdays and Anniversaries are listed chronologically*

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.**

## April Birthdays

Ann Frank, Carol Pessin, Laura Rainey, Rabbi Jessica Shafrin, Bonnie Vickar, Todd Cohen, Stephanie Zoller, Stanley Allen, Tobie Liebert, Frank Anderson, Shirley Barken, Denise Field, Audrey Katcher, Stephen Keyser, Juliane Praiss, Howard Belsky, William Huss, Mark Rubin, Gerald Cohen, Vickie Parker, Cheryl Stein, Harvey Melnick, James Singman, Hal Goldsmith, Vivienne Palmer-Young, Lauren Abel, Eli Abeles, William Hamilton, Maddie Lapp, Allan Leving, Joel Goldstein, Andrew Rosman, Amos Shamir, Mitchell Shenker, Pamela Reznick, Sharon Katz-Weintraub, Elaine Melnick, Ruth Sandler, Rabbi Scott Shafrin, Jeichael Nova, Jeremiah Weinstock

## April Anniversaries

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

## Host a Seder! Join a Seder!

Contact the office to find out more. **314.727.1747**



## Condolences to the Families Of

Joseph Balk  
Louis Fine  
Herbert Fredman  
Betty L. Horton  
Yona Paul  
Earle N. Rothbell

# Thank You

Thank You all for your kind birthday wishes.

*Frances Robbins*

Thank you to all my friends at Kol Rinah who sent me birthday wishes.

*Sandy Melnick*

The following friends made a contribution to the Womens Social Group in honor of our birthdays Jan. 24 and Jan. 26th. We are so grateful and want to say "thank you" to all of them:

Nira Asher Geller & David, Marilyn & Saul Dien, Linda & Fred Makler, Deborah & Philip Gould, Cindy Payant, Lonnie Zwibelman, Irene Belsky, Jackie & Harvey Fenster, Sig & Carol Adler, Meir Zimand & Family, Abe Horowitz, Marjorie Feldman, Marian Katz, Jerry Nuell, Peggy Nehman & Gary Kodner, Betty & Don Seigel, Susan Roth & Les Birenbaum, Barbara Bianco, Joyce Eisenberg, Carol Battle, Bill Solomon, Jaron Asher, Margie Gillerman, Bea Borenstein, Mary & Henry Berger, Barbara Becker.

And for tributes made to the Kol Rinah Sisterhood in honor of our birthdays we wish to thank Linda Biggs & Micki Kingsley.

Also our appreciation and thanks go to the Keyser Family for their donations to the Faye Keyser Seudah Fund.

We are so thankful for all this support. Todah Rabah to all.

*Marion & Jerry Cohen*

Thanks to all the volunteers and participants who made the Trivia Night such a tremendous success. See you next year!

*Burton Boxerman*

Thank you so very much the generous and kind wishes in honor of my birthday! I am so grateful! to be part of this community! Thank you,

*Tammy Arnow*

# President's Message

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Randi Mozenter - Kol Rinah President

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When I checked in with my son in LA to find out how a new venture is going, his response summarized so much for me. He said, actually texted, cause, you know, he's 29, "It's a journey".

We are all certainly on a journey, no double entendre intended. Times of change and uncertainty are exhilarating and exciting and also frightening and stressful. It has been written many times that only in times of uncertainty do we have the opportunity to really grow and develop. The unknown challenges our survival centered lizard brains to protect ourselves. So change is difficult.

What will the new building look like? How much total money will we raise? Will it be enough? Will it feel like our

home? Every day our synagogue leaders are facing decisions, questions, fears and a passion to do something new and amazing that will enrich Kol Rinah as well as our broader community, for years to come.

I am so excited and challenged and stretching every day. I have had the privilege to work side-by-side with internal as well as external religious leaders, financial experts, architects, design people, development and marketing people, leaders of every background, age and interest, and more.

I know that we are on the right path. There have been frustrations and bumps in the road, aplenty. I wish I knew five years ago what I know now, but isn't that often the case?

We have a remarkable opportunity to shape and contribute to something historic which will meet the needs of Kol Rinah and provide opportunities of Jewish life for many years to come. We will have the ability to lead, host and house all things Jewish, religious services of greater breadth and interest, educate the next generations of Jewishly committed, bring music, theater, art, lectures to our community and provide a hub for gathering in a new, Jewish way.

Contribute your resources, time, money and expertise. Experiences and opportunities of this magnitude do not come along that frequently. Join us in this ground breaking innovation; pun intended.

## KR On The Move!

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The construction documents for the Base Project (new Main Sanctuary with basement, renovation of the existing buildings, and shell space for the ECC) will be completed in March. At that time, based on the Board's continuing commitment to its fiduciary responsibilities, the Facilities Committee has recommended that the Construction Documents be submitted to two independent contractors, SM Wilson and an additional St. Louis construction firm, for final bids on the project. Once those final bids are submitted, the Facilities Committee will review and vet the numbers, and make a recommendation to the Board

about which contractor to engage for the project. The Board will then weigh the clearly defined cost of construction against the report from the Capital Campaign Committee about their achieved and projected fundraising efforts, and decide how to proceed.

The Facilities Committee continues to coordinate with the architects, and gather and provide information in the areas of security, synagogue heirlooms (paintings, stained glass & memorial plaques), interior furnishing, landscape, door hardware, roofing, etc. The project is proceeding at a rapid pace. All of these decisions

being weighed are dependent on the availability of funds. We have already raised enough funds to build a project at our new home. The Facilities Committee is working hard to define specifically what items can and should be included in the project, based on the amount of funding projected.

The Facilities Committee is confident that the project we build will be a beautiful, inspiring and spiritual new home for Kol Rinah.

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

# KASHRUT AT KOL RINAH

In the last issue of *The Voice*, we shared the guidelines for sponsoring/participating in a Shabbat Kiddush at Kol Rinah. Now, we would like to share how the synagogue maintains kashrut and what every member should know to help us maintain that level of kashrut.

Kol Rinah maintains a level of kashrut in our kitchens and in the food we serve at a level consistent with the range of practices within the Conservative Movement. Our goal is for a wide range of Jews to feel comfortable eating at Kol Rinah at all times.

To these ends, we maintain the following standards regarding *hashgacha* (kosher supervision):

All food brought into the kitchen or served at Kol Rinah must be inspected and approved by a rabbi or other individual currently approved as a *mashgiach/mashgichah* (kosher supervisor), ideally not the person who has purchased/brought the food. This includes snacks for meetings.

**All cooking in the kitchen must be scheduled with Meir Zimand, Kol Rinah's Director of Operations and lead mashgiach.**

Those who cook weekly or very frequently in the kitchens require kosher supervision at the level of *nichnas v'yotzei*—"entering and exiting." This means they are subject to random, unscheduled visits and inspections from a mashgiach.

Those who do not cook regularly or frequently in the kitchen (including congregants and outside caterers) require *hashgacha temidi*—constant kosher supervision. A mashgiach should be in the kitchen most of the time supervising (and helping, as available). In this situation, the mashgiach should not be closely associated with the people cooking (not a member of the group cooking, or an immediate relative) to avoid conflicts of interest.

Those not cooking or directly helping are not permitted in the kitchen.

Individuals may bring food into the building for their own personal consumption. That food is not permitted in the kitchen or in any room at any time when food is being served.



Luncheon with The Journey

# Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley - Sisterhood President

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Every day we are so thankful to work with fantastic volunteers who find great speakers, organize events to bring people together, and raise funds to support programming here at Kol Rinah. The Sisterhood, from its inception has succeeded because the founders had a vision and everybody continues to contribute. We are excited at the future opportunities the Sisterhood will have to continue its mission in a synagogue that will be beautiful, functional, welcoming and even more spiritual.

Thank you to **Gary Kodner and Peggy Nehmen** for sponsoring a Sisterhood Kiddush in January to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Gary's bar mitzvah.

## SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE

**Ellen Harken** is handling tributes since Dorrie Lerner retired. Please keep Ellen busy at [eharken@Theharkens.com](mailto:eharken@Theharkens.com) or 314.961.7232.

## SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Thank you to everyone who participated in Sisterhood Shabbat in

January, including **Julia Lieberman** for birkat hashachar and psukei d'zimra; **Rabbi Jessica Shafrin** for shacharit, **Tammy Arnow** for the introduction to the parsha; **Lauren Buchsbaum** and **Leora Spitzer** for serving as Torah gabbaim; **Wendy Love Anderson** for the introduction to and chanting the haftarah; **Edie Goldman** for leading us in the Prayer for Our Country; **Susan Brown** for leading us in the Prayer for Israel; and **Joyce Olshan** for the end of Torah service and Musaf.

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Trivia event, helping to make it such a success. Special thanks to: **Burton Boxerman** for another year of extraordinary questions, **Max and Susan Brown**, co-chairs of the event, and **Jerry Raskin** for his exceptional work on table and round sponsors.

## TORAH FUND LUNCHEON

Sunday March 11th at 1:00 pm. You should have received a letter about the Torah Fund which supports the JTS institutions around the world, including

the Ziegler Institute of Jewish Studies. Co-chairs **Irene Belsky and Marilyn Dien** have a lovely lunch planned, and **Rabbi Jessica Shafrin** will talk to us about her life as a Rabbi and Rabbi's wife. If you haven't RSVP'ed, please call the office.

## WELLNESS PROGRAM

Shabbat -March 24th. Connie Fisher will talk during services and after Kiddush on how to recognize and deal with stress in our everyday life. It should be very helpful to all of us.

## REGIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONFERENCE

On April 30th, as part of the Conference, Cindy Ginsburg will be installed as region president at a dinner at B'nai Amoona.

## BOARD MEETINGS

Our Sisterhood Board meetings are now being held at **Crown Center**.

**Bais Abe is having  
a 2nd seder.**

**Contact Bais Abe  
for more information.  
314.721.3030**

Kol Rinah Sisterhood presents a Lunch & Learn:

## "Address Stress" with Connie Fisher

**Saturday, March 24 following Kiddush**



Connie Fisher,  
Director of  
Mental Health  
Promotion

This seminar will encourage individuals to recognize signs and symptoms of stress and provides practical stress management strategies for everyday use.

(Everyone is invited)

For more information contact:  
**Marjorie Feldman at maf55@email.com**



## **Capital Campaign Pledges/Donations Received as of 2/2/18:**

Louis and Susan Albert  
Marc and Penny Alper  
Kim Anderson & Marcia Sokol-Anderson  
Anonymous (4)  
David and Madeleine Arnow  
Noah and Tammy Arnow  
Jaron Asher  
Ben and Joan Barzilai  
Irene Belsky  
Henry and Mary Berger  
Michael and Gina Bernstein  
Barbara Bianco  
Steven and Marsha Birenbaum  
Aaron and Denise Bobick  
Beatrice Borenstein  
Burton and Benita Boxerman  
Max and Susan Brown  
Micah and Aviva Buck-Yael  
Jeremy Buhler and Wendy Love Anderson  
Joe Burstein  
Josh and Laura Chaise  
Jerry Cohen  
Todd and Lauren Cohen  
Florence Cohn  
Dave and Alisa Cooperstein  
Eleanor Correa  
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Michael Faccini  
Richard and Jodi Feldman  
Michael Cannon and Denise Field  
Harvey and Jackie Fenster  
Hannah Friedman  
Richard and Linda Gavatin  
David Geller and Nira Asher-Geller  
Michael Ginsburg  
Theresa Goldenhersh  
Esti Goldman  
Michael and Abby Goldstein  
Robert and Susan Goldstein  
Lawrence Goodman  
Phillip and Deborah Gould  
Ralph and Mimi Graff  
Howard and Jodi Granok  
Maurice and Rachel Guller  
Sidney Guller and Family  
Fred and Estelle Handler  
Louis and Ellen Harken  
Stuart Hoffman and Rita Rothschild  
Abraham Horowitz

Brad and Mindy Horwitz  
Repps and Stacey Hudson  
Phyllis Hyken  
Simon and Debbie Igielnik  
Elisa Israel  
Marty and Margaret Israel  
Jeffrey and Janet Jacob  
Kol Rinah Men's Club  
Kol Rinah Sisterhood  
Gary and Fran Kaar  
Scott and Courtney Kaar  
Merwyn and Maxine Kalina  
Marian Katz  
Micki Kingsley  
Gary Kodner and Peggy Nehmen  
Bob and Diane Kopitsky  
Phil and Bonnie Levens  
David and Stefanie Levenson  
Marc Levin and Deborah Rubin  
Michael and Allison Levine  
Judel and Susan Lew  
Bruce Lippmann and Patricia Cohen  
Fred and Linda Makler  
Men's Club  
Randi Mozenter and Larry Friedman  
Marshall & Sara Myers  
Phil and Sima Needleman  
Steven Nehmen  
Jerry Nuell  
Donald and Sharongay Pearline  
Keith and Jinny Petrofsky  
Michael Rauchman and Ariane May  
Steven and Andrea Rosenblum  
Dan Rosenthal and Laurie Furman

Jonathan Root and Deborah Zimmerman  
Al Snyder and Sharon Rosenberg  
Donn and Beth Rubin  
Andrew Sabin and MaryAnne Smyly Sabin  
Bruce and Ellen Sabin  
David Samuels and the Samuel Honigberg  
Foundation  
Eli and Sherri Sadon  
Edward and Trina Schukar  
Henry and Joyce Schwob  
Stephen Selipsky and Phyllis Hanson  
Fred and Bonnie Shafrin  
Scott and Jessica Shafrin  
Amos and Barbara Shamir  
Donald and Betty Siegel  
Sylvia Silver  
James Singman  
Sisterhood  
Scott Slarskey and Tracy Nathan  
Alan Snyder and Sharon Rosenberg  
Bill Solomon  
Gershon and Patsy Spector  
Marc and Lvav Spector  
Starlight Investment Acquisitions LLC  
Sara Steiner  
Marc and Elaine Tenzer  
Steven and Lisa Tenzer  
Upscale Resale Shop  
Garry and Bonnie Vickar  
Michael and Karen Wetmore  
James White and Cindy Payant  
Keith and Karen Zeff

***Thank you!***



**Want to make your contribution to our future?**

Call **314.727.1747** or visit the donation page our  
website ***<http://www.kolrinahstl.org/tribute/>***



# Kol Rinah Families

*Tammy Arnow, Family Programming Coordinator*

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There are so many reasons I am immensely proud to be part of Kol Rinah. I won't list them all here (I would go over my word limit!), but I will focus on one that I am realizing more and more as I work in this position: Kol Rinah's families are energetic and dedicated believers in the future of our shul.

At the first meeting recently of the Leadership Team (a group of volunteers who come together to shape and give input to the priorities, programs, and direction of the younger families at Kol Rinah) the excitement was palpable in the room. We talked about what drew us to Kol Rinah initially, and for so many, the people and the welcoming community were powerful forces. It is inspiring and exciting to realize just how important Kol Rinah has been and continues to be for many of our families. A suggestion was made that at the groundbreaking for the new building, the kids could don hard hats and pose for a photo -- a concrete (ha!) reminder that this space will be this next generation's new home.

In addition to the Leadership Team meeting, it has been a busy few months! We welcomed the 11 smallest new members of our community at New Baby Shabbat on January 13, with Tot Shabbat, a blessing, and a gift. And we had a wonderful Parents Night Out on January 27, with adults game night. The photo here shows the winners of our bocce ball tournament, Jeff Kraft and Zach Leeds, who won limited edition Kol Rinah kippot! Rabbi

Jessica Shafrin continues her Spiritual Parenting Class, which takes place before kids' Shabbat programming, offering a welcome opportunity to take a deep breath, connect with each other and explore how our prayers can inform our parenting (and vice versa).

I am thrilled, humbled, and proud to be among the families at Kol Rinah and a part of our broader, vibrant shul, at this exciting time. If you have any questions or know someone who is interested in joining our community, please be in touch at [families@kolrinahstl.org](mailto:families@kolrinahstl.org).



**Kol Rinah Sisterhood**  
**Annual Torah Fund Lunch and Program**  
  
**Sunday, March 11, 1:00 pm**

**Please join us for a tasty lunch followed by a talk by Rabbi Jessica Shafrin.  
Cost: \$8 per person and a donation to Torah Fund. (314) 727-1747 to RSVP**

## Men's Club Shabbat!

Be a part of it!

**Saturday, March 3**

**fjmc**

**Special Shacharit and Torah Service Music led by Meshorerim**

# Early Childhood Education

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Kol Rinah Early Childhood Center is the place to be! You might be curious to know why. Over the past few years, we have added new part time options to our program, allowing us to accommodate more families. While we continue to be committed to serving families in need of a year-round, full time program, our part-time options also make us a great choice for families who need fewer than 5 days a week or are only looking for a morning preschool program. Our center also includes excellent enrichment programs. Music education starts in the infant room at KRECC, with science, art, creative movement, yoga and a second music class all added to the curriculum as children move up to the toddler and preschool classes.

Our art and science program is outstanding! Our art teacher, Ms. Erin Richter and our science teacher, Ms. Linda Kram, work in collaboration with each other to expose children to topics related to Jewish holidays, Jewish values, and stories from the Torah. In the past year, we also opened an outdoor classroom, giving children even more outside space to explore. Children go outside to collect sticks, leaves, acorns and other bits of nature, draw in their art journals, explore the native plants and look for signs of changing seasons. This year, we also introduced a new music program, Growing through Music. Our Jewish music specialist, Ms. Karen Kern and our secular music specialist (and music therapist by training), Ms. Katie Wright, work together to introduce children to Jewish and secular music, concepts of

rhythm and tone, and expose them to a wide variety of instruments.

Looking ahead to the summer, we're excited to unveil our theme: The Wonderful World of Eric Carle! Throughout the summer, children will explore rainbows, cooking, outer space, the human body, friendship, make believe and more through classic Eric Carle stories such as Brown Bear, Brown Bear, From Head to Toe and The Mixed up Chameleon. Older children will also take a field trip to the St. Louis Science Center. You don't have to be a year-round family to enroll in our summer camp! We offer weekly enrollment for children ages 2 to 5. Camp runs from June 4th – August 3rd. Please contact Liz Collins or Elyse Picker at [eccdirector@kolrinahstl.org](mailto:eccdirector@kolrinahstl.org) for additional information.

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**Saturday, March 17 at Kol Rinah**

11am: Songs and Introduction

12:30pm: Concert



"We perform pop music,  
Disney classics, Hebrew  
songs, and more."

# Kol Rinah Religious School

Rabbi Scott Shafrin - Religious School Director RabbiShafrin@kolrinahstl.org

## "B'nai He-Atid: Children of the Future"

One of the greatest joys of my life has been the ability to be a part of Jewish summer camp communities. I grew going to Camp Interlaken JCC in Eagle River WI, spending a total of 13 summers back in Wisconsin's beautiful North Woods.

We had a song there that we loved to sing after dinners called "B'nai He-Atid," (Children of the Future), and we would scream out the words as we danced throughout the dining hall. The song explains that the future will be a bright one for everyone and in every place and time. Even when the Jewish People were wandering in the desert, anxious and afraid of the new world they were exploring, they had the a goal ahead of them that bound them together: to build up a new land and home and make it their own.

One part of the song goes:

**במקום ההוא יהדים השתדלו  
לעזור את העם, ועם ישראל חי**

*And in that time  
(wandering in the desert),  
the Jews all tried to help  
the people [around them],  
And the Jewish People thrived.*

For me, this is a crucial lesson: that we have the power to shape our future when we are willing to join together. Your Kol Rinah staff, Board Members, leaders, ECC and Religious School teachers and everyone who volunteers their time have been working tirelessly to make sure that the future of this community in the next year and far beyond will be as bright as possible.

And we need each of your voices, minds, hands and hearts to ensure that that future is just as wonderful as we all dreamed it would be.

Here in the Religious School, we have found new ways to make the learning more active and impactful. We have been training in the latest and best practices for experiential education, and learning more about the needs of our students and families. And as we learn and improve, we are finding new ways to honor the uniqueness and special gifts of every student who walks in our door, whether they are nine years old or ninety. We want to learn and grow together with you.

I know our future looks bright because of all of you, your compassion and your love for this community and for everyone in it. Thank you for all that you do!

Kol tuv,

*Rabbi Scott Shafrin*

## Men's Club

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## What An Exciting Future For Kol Rinah

Nearly four years ago, Susan and I became members of Kol Rinah. And we are forever thankful. Many shuls claim to be warm and welcoming; Kol Rinah folks were truly warm and welcoming. We were strangers but not for very long.

### WHAT'S AHEAD?

**March 3** - Men's Club Shabbat

**March 4** - Man and Youth of the Year Awards Luncheon

*Photos from World Wide Wrap on page 15.*

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## Kol Rinah Men's Club Presents

The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs - Midwest Region Honorees:



**Noa Hahn**

**"Youth of the Year"**

## Youth of the Year and Man of the Year

*A special event will be held in their honor*

**Sunday, March 4 • 1:00 pm  
at B'nai Amoona.**



**Steve Keyser**

**"Man of the Year"**



# Youth

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What does the future look like for Kol Rinah's youth? Based on what I have seen these past two years, it looks fantastic and full of possibilities!

Transition is hard. Change is hard. When I began as the USY/Kadima Director in August, 2016, we had four members of our youth group... total. A year and a half later, we have fifteen. I've asked our youth what draws them to Kol Rinah specifically. They tell me it's a family, a sense of home and belonging.

In our youth group, I am both happy and stunned to report that there is absolutely no judgement. There is no petty fighting or gossiping, none of the things that I would have expected from a group of teenagers. Our group is unique in that we "embrace the weird." If you are a teenager struggling to find where you fit in, you fit in here. Kol Rinah's USY and Kadima welcome youth to celebrate what makes them special, what makes them unique, and yes, what makes them weird. Because let's face it, we are all a little weird.

Through social action projects, our youth have the opportunity to reach

out into the community, lend a hand and do some good. They grow and learn through the eyes of those less fortunate. They collaborate to raise money for those in need and strengthen the spirit and hope of those suffering.

As I write this, our youth are busy planning our annual Purim carnival. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and money raised ensures that we can keep providing our youth with opportunities, education, and experiences to help prepare them for adulthood. It is fitting that the theme of this year's Purim Carnival is "Superheroes," because that is what our youth are. They are our everyday superheroes, making this world better and constantly working to better themselves.

**These** children and teens are the next generation. **They** are the leaders of tomorrow. **They are the future of Kol Rinah.**

*"Heroes are made by the paths they choose, not the powers they are graced with."* - Brodi Ashton, Author

# Membership

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The membership committee is here to serve you, the many members of Kol Rinah. We strive to offer programs that enhance your synagogue and Jewish life experience, bringing us together to meet and learn and celebrate throughout the year. We also welcome new members and do our best to integrate them into our spiritual community.

At this time, as we go from celebration (Purim) to celebration (Pesach), we also are working to strengthen our physical growth. The merger of our two legacy congregations has created many new opportunities for us to work together in showing respect for our histories while developing a new vibrant future. The door is always open to our leadership for any questions or comments you have about this important endeavor.

You will soon hear more about our upcoming spring membership programs in future articles. We thank you in advance for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at shul.

## Kol Rinah Needs You

Would you like to learn to read Torah, chant haftarah, or lead a service? The ritual committee invites you to participate in Kol Rinah's services in any or all of these ways.

If you'd like to learn more, please follow this link to a Google form and fill in your contact information. A member of the ritual committee will be in contact with you.

<https://goo.gl/forms/RWkx7arOo9JYUe8K2>





# Adult Education

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Our thanks to **Rabbi Pamela Barmash** for her two presentations on January 27, paying tribute to Neil Gillman, z'l.

The reception of Rabbi Barmash's presentations was so overwhelmingly positive that we are continuing our Book Club series with Rabbi Gillman's book *Sacred Fragments* in March.

We have read **Chapter 1 - Revelation: What really happened?** and will continue with **Chapter 2 - Religious Authority: Who commands?** Rabbi Barmash join us as her schedule allows.

## Understanding Gillman's philosophy:

Gillman intent is to write in a way that is understandable to everyone (not just other philosophers). In his writings he defines a group of terms among which are "Signs", "Symbols" and "Myths".

An example of a **Sign** is a red traffic light that indicates stop, even though there is no inherent connection between "red" and "stop".

An example of a **Symbol** is our use of the expression Avinu Malkenu ('our father, our king'). Although God is neither our father nor our king, we use the expression because the terms have a strong and positive meaning to us.

Gillman uses the term **Myth** as a story with no proof of its truth or untruth. The myth is the structure through which a community organizes and makes sense of its experience. He suggests that religious language has to be understood as mythic.

Using these terms and others, Gillman helps us look at Judaism in a "modern" way and still maintain our Jewish tradition. We will explain this in much more detail in our sessions.

We will also probe deeper into the direct correlation between some of Rabbi Gillman's philosophy and modern neuroscience.

The following is a brief summary of **Chapter 1 - Revelation, What Really Happened**, in which Gillman:

1. Identifies the major Jewish revelations: Exodus, Sinai and the Torah.
2. Describes ways that our Modern scholars view revelations:
  - a. the **Traditional approach** which demands that the Torah be accepted literally as G-d's words, as proposed by Lamm.
  - b. the **Liberal approach** which describes the Torah as a man-made document which filled the needs of Jews at the time it was written and has been and will be revised as man's need require change.
  - c. the **Middle ground** indicating that both G-d and man are involved in the creation of Torah; with Rosenzweig supporting a mutual relationship between G-d and man; and Heschel insisting that a mutual relationship is not possible because man could not know or understand G-d.
3. Gillman notes that the three subsidiaries of revelation - principle, fact and content - are inextricably intertwined.

As you can see, there is basis for deep discussion. If you plan to attend, please contact Ralph Graph.

One of the unique characteristics of Kol Rinah is the abundance of members able and willing to take on educational programs like this. When we move into our new building, this attribute will be one of the hallmarks of the new shul.

**Looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming programs!**

## Steven Simon to Speak at Kol Rinah



**Thursday, March 22 • 7 pm**

Kol Rinah will host nationally recognized Mideast authority and Amherst College Visiting Professor of History, Steven Simon. He will discuss prospects for the future of the U.S. -Israel alliance beginning with Israel's founding in 1948 and following the Six-Day war in 1967. He will focus on Changes in both Israel and the Arab world in light of current developments.

**1 Thu**  
**Purim**  
 6:30am Shacharit  
 9am Study Pesach with Rabbi Shulamit Cenko - Rm 106  
 11:30am ECC Family Purim Program  
 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 7pm Personnel Committee Mtng - Rm 106

**2 Fri**  
**Shushan Purim**  
 7am Shacharit  
 9:30am ECC Yoga - Rm 106  
 5:37pm Candle Lighting  
 6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv - Aud (lower)

**3 Sat**  
**Men's Club Shabbat**  
*Parashat Ki Tissa*  
 9am Shabbat Service - Aud (lower)  
 10am Shabbat Club - Lower Level Alcove  
 4:35pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma'ariv  
 6:36pm Havdalah

**4 Sun**  
 8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv - Daily Chapel  
 9am Comm Mtng - ECC Office  
 9:30am KRRS  
**1pm Men's Club MOY & YOY - B'nai Amoona**

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

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

**7 Wed**  
 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 9:30am ECC Movement Class - Rm 106  
 4:15pm Hebrew School  
**7pm Financial & Estate Strategies** - Rm 108

**8 Thu**  
 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 9am Study Pesach with Rabbi Shulamit Cenko - Rm 106  
 5pm ECC Staff Mtng - Aud  
 7pm Coordinating Committee Mtng - Rm 106

**9 Fri**  
 7am Shacharit  
 9:30am ECC Yoga - Rm 106  
 5:44pm Candle Lighting  
 6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv - Aud (lower)

**10 Sat**  
*Parashat Vayak'hel-Pekudei*  
 Shabbat Parah  
 9am Shabbat Service - Aud (lower)  
 9:30am Jewish Spiritual Parenting Discussion - Community Rm  
 10:30am MifgaShabbat - Daily Chapel  
 10:45am Rhythm 'n' Ruach - Rm 106  
 4:45pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma'ariv  
 6:43pm Havdalah

**11 Sun**  
 8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv - Daily Chapel  
 9am Comm Mtng - ECC Office  
 9:30am KRRS  
 9:30am Men's Club Board Mtng  
**1pm Torah Fund Lunch - Aud**

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

**13 Tue**  
 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 8am "When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough" - Rm 106  
 8am ECC Yoga - Rm 106  
 7pm Capital Campaign Mtng - Rm 106  
 7:30pm USY Lounge Night - Carriage House

**14 Wed**  
 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 9:30am ECC Movement Class - Rm 106  
 10am KR Women's Social Group Mtng - Daily Chapel  
 4:15pm Hebrew School

**15 Thu**  
 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 9am Study Pesach with Rabbi Shulamit Cenko - Rm 106  
 7pm Kol Rinah Board Mtng

**16 Fri**  
 7am Shacharit  
 6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv - Aud (lower)  
 6:51pm Candle Lighting

**17 Sat**  
*Parashat Vayikra*  
**ROSH CHODESH NISAN**  
**Shabbat HaChodesh**  
 9am Shabbat Service - Aud (lower)  
**12:30pm Rhythm and Jews**  
 5:50pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma'ariv  
 7:50pm Havdalah

**18 Sun**  
**NO KRRS (Spring/Pesach Break)**  
 8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv - Daily Chapel  
 9am Comm Mtng - ECC Office

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

**20 Tue**  
 7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
 8am "When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough" - Rm 106  
 6:30pm Finance Mtng - Rm 106  
 7pm Capital Campaign committee Mtng - Aud  
 7:30pm USY Lounge Night - Carriage House

**21**  
**Wed**

**NO Hebrew School** (Spring/Pesach Break)

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
9:30am ECC Movement Class - Rm 106  
6:30pm Ritual Mtng - Rm 106

**22**  
**Thu**

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
9am Study Pesach with Rabbi Shulamit Cener - Rm 106  
11:30am ECC Family Pesach Program  
**7pm Israel and current issues in the Middle East - Leve Aud**

**23**  
**Fri**

7am Shacharit  
9:30am ECC Yoga - Rm 106  
6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/ Ma'ariv - Aud (lower)  
6:58pm Candle Lighting

**24**  
**Sat**

*Parashat Tzav*  
**Shabbat HaGadol**  
9am Shabbat Service - Aud (lower)  
9:30am Jewish Spiritual Parenting Discussion - Community Rm  
10:30am MifgaShabbat - Daily Chapel  
10:45am Tot Shabbat - Rm 106  
**12:30pm "Address Stress" with Connie Fisher - Rm 106**  
5:55pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/ Ma'ariv  
7:57pm Havdalah

**25**  
**Sun**

8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/ Ma'ariv - Daily Chapel  
9am Comm Mtng - ECC Office

**26**  
**Mon**

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

☆ **HELP MAKE A MINYAN!** ☆

**27**  
**Tue**

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

**28**  
**Wed**

**NO Hebrew School** (Spring/Pesach Break)  
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
9:30am ECC Movement Class - Rm 106

**29**  
**Thu**

7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
9am Study Pesach with Rabbi Shulamit Cener - Rm 106

**30**  
**Fri**

**Fast of the First Born**  
**PESACH - 1st SEDER**  
7am Shacharit  
9:30am ECC Yoga - Rm 106  
3pm ECC Closes @ 3:00 pm  
5pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/ Ma'ariv - Auditorium (lower)  
7:05pm Candle Lighting

**31**  
**Sat**

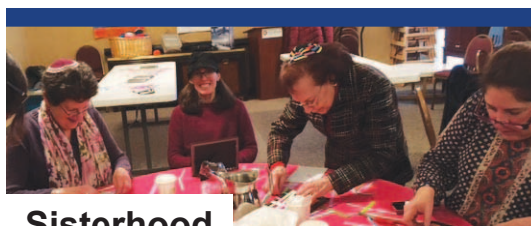
**PESACH - Day 1**  
9am Shabbat Service - Aud (lower)  
12:30pm Mincha  
8:04pm Candle Lighting



## World Wide Wrap







**Sisterhood Weaving**

**ECC Tu Bishevat**



**Painting with a Tu Bishevat Twist**

