Bintzes, Torah and Community

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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.

Mazal Tov to our B’nai Mitzvot!

Ben Shoykhet  May 5, 2018
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Shavuot has always been one of my favorite holidays, for reasons that have changed over the years. Growing up, I fastidiously observed a gastronomic Shavuot by eating mountains of cheese blintzes. My great-grandmother, who passed away in October of 2009 just a few weeks shy of age 107, was for my childhood, the blintz-maker par excellence. The blintz-making gene skipped a generation (and from my father’s side of the family to my mother’s), and my mother took up the mantle of blintz-maker. My great-grandmother would serve them with strawberries and sour cream. Leftovers I would eat with just a little sprinkling of sugar.

I never thought too hard though about why we eat blintzes and other dairy delicacies (like cheesecake) on Shavuot, and not meat, which is typical Jewish holiday fare. For me, the answer was always rather obvious—Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah, and blintzes look like Torahs. You will not be surprised to learn that this is not one of the explanations our tradition gives for eating dairy or blintzes during Shavuot. There are a variety of explanations for this minhag (custom)—Google “dairy on Shavuot” and see what you find!

While living in New York City in my twenties, the minyan which I attended had a fantastic annual Shavuot retreat. At the retreat (usually at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires), we played softball, ate blintzes, and most important, stayed up all night the first night of Shavuot and studied Torah together. The inspired idea of a Tikkun Leyl Shavuot—all-night study the first night of Shavuot—developed among the Kabbalists in Tsfat in the 16th century. It has subsequently caught on around the world, especially in recent years, including here in St. Louis. Late-night Torah study can generate an incredible energy of anticipation and excitement for the morning of Shavuot, when by reading the story in Exodus of matan Torah (the giving of the Torah), we effectively reenact receiving the Torah.

Blintzes are no longer the crucial element of Shavuot for me. And it used to be the Torah that was taught that long night that was the essence of the holiday for me. Now, it is the community that gathers every year at Bais Abe for a community night of study. Teachers and learners from Kol Rinah, Bais Abe, CRC, Neve Shalom, and Shir Chadash gather. It’s so rare that we all really come together to learn together, when we can learn from rabbis and teachers who are not from our own communities.

Join us Saturday night, May 20 at Kol Rinah at 7pm for mincha, a little learning with Rabbi Shafirin and me, and cheesecake, and then maariv at 9pm. And then meet us at Bais Abe at about 10pm for learning with the whole community. Stay as late as you can, as late as you want, and prepare to receive Torah like at Mount Sinai, with a broad, diverse group of Jews.
Mazel Tov!

May Birthdays
Esti Goldman, Amy Zaidman, Rabbi Noah Arnow, Rhona Lyons, Judy Allen, Gail Brody Kodner, Gloria Feldman, Franklin Haspiel, Phyllis Warner, Tobi Don, Lori Siegel, Alan Snyder, Rosalie Stein, Sara Steiner, Russell Gottlieb, Davanna Renee, Bonnie Shafrin, Lauren Schuver, Denise Bobick, Jada Fox, Donald Levy, Elisa Israel, Shirley Fredman, Cindy Ginsburg, Nancy Rosman, Marc Levin, Edward Schukar, Michael Bernstein, Frances Wilner, Patricia Cohen, Phillip Gould, Deborah Rubin, Jim Fehr, Rolf Cooke

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Thanks to all the following members and friends for my birthday wishes: Al & Sheila Rosenfeld, Marilyn & Saul Dien, Linda & Fred Makler, Linda Biggs, Nira Asher-Geller, Meir Zimand and Family, Cindy Payant, Irene Belsky, Jerry Nuell, Susan Roth and Leslie Birenbaum, Abe Horowitz, Bea Borenstein, the Granillo Family, Margaret Israel, Barbara Bianco, Shirley Portman, Jackie and Harvey Fenster, Joyce Eisenberg, Gail Appleson, Margie Gillerman, Bill Solomon, Phyllis Hyken, Randi Mozenter, Pat Rosen, the Keyser Family.

Harlan Radinsky

Thank you everyone for your condolences on the loss of my father, it has really meant a lot to me.

Meir Zimand

Thank you to everyone who sent a tribute to the Sisterhood, the Samuel Frank Chesed Fund, The Faye Keyser Seudah Fund, the Abe Fine Fund, the Shabbat Kiddush Fund, the Women’s Social Group, and the Early Childhood Fund, in honor of my birthday. It is my real pleasure to know all of you.

Micki Kingsley

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Samuel Frank Chesed Fund and other funds in honor of my birthday. Your good wishes are very much appreciated.

Ann Frank

Thanks to all those who sent me birthday wishes.

Bonnie Levens

Thank you to all the friends who sent birthday wishes to me.

Harlie Frankel

* Birthdays and Anniversaries are listed chronologically
President’s Message

Randi Mozenter - Kol Rinah President

What’s in a number?

I’ve always been fascinated by the number five. It’s been my lucky number for as far back as I can remember. That makes the multiples of five pretty interesting as well.

This year, my father would have turned 90. I will, G-d willing, turn 60 and my son, 30. My Mom will be 85 and my daughter, in under a week from now, will be 25.

My father always said, “They’re just numbers” and “Live every day as if it was your birthday”. He was wiser than he knew.

But back to the numbers. How much do we allow numbers to rule our lives? In Judaism, some are very important to us, such as the 10 Commandments, 613 mitzvot, the counting of the omer.

Numbers also structure our lives; salaries, bills, obligations and charitable giving. Unfortunately, many people believe it’s how we keep score in this life. What can we afford? How will we leave a legacy for our children or relatives? For what will we be remembered?

I recommend we count in other ways as well. How many acts of kindness can we bestow? What can we do to make a difference in the lives of others? How do we ration our limited time and resources?

It all adds up. It depends on what we think really counts.

B’Shalom

Randi Mozenter

Kol Rinah Families

Tammy Arnow, Family Programming Coordinator

Kol Rinah Young Families are looking forward to some warmer-weather events (and just some warmer weather!). Our annual Shavuot Picnic is Sunday May 20 at Mooney Park, and we are looking forward to the summer Erev Shabbat Picnics in the Park, a wonderful way for families to welcome Shabbat together.

We had a joyous time at our mock seder the Shabbat before Passover dancing, singing, eating, learning, and acting our way through the seder and Passover story! And we are busy putting together our calendar for the 2018-2019 school year with programs and activities for kids of all ages. Please be in touch with Tammy at families@kolrinahstl.org with any questions!

Condolesnces to the Families Of

Lillian Albert
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Chesed Visits!

Contact Barbara Bianco
314.727.2399 or barbarab2@aol.com

KR On The Move!

Our architects provided the completed 100% Construction Document to two general contractors (SM Wilson and Lawlor Corporation) for bidding. Bids were received mid-April and were presented to the Kol Rinah Board of Directors, along with a recommendation from the Facilities Committee about which contractor to select for the project. Based on the results of the Capital Campaign at this point and the costs of construction, the Board will ultimately make a decision on how to proceed with the appropriate scope, phasing and total cost of the project. We are looking forward to groundbreaking once the Kol Rinah Board has selected the contractor and finalized the contract.

For an update on the Question and Answer session from the April 15 meeting, please see the On The Move tab of our website menu.

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!
Phyllis Hyken, docent for Opera Theatre of St Louis, will present the opera "Regina" composed by Marc Blitzstein from a play and a movie by Lillian Hellman.

Sunday, May 6, 7:00 pm

Sponsored by the Women's Social Group.

Lag B’Omer Annual Bonfire and Talent Show

ALL AGES AND TALENT TYPES WELCOME!

Wednesday, May 2

MUSIC & SONG * 6:30 Dinner * 8:00 BONFIRE

$5 per dinner. Hot Dog, Chips, Cookie, Drink • Vegetarian options.

ALSO: VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help us build the bonfire.

More information: olshanr@gmail.com • RSVP at KolRinahStL.org
KIDDUUSHES
Thank you to the Faye Keyser Seudah Fund for the two recent Kiddushes on March 17th when Steve Keyser reprised his Bar Mitzvah haftarah, and on April 21 when the Kol Rinah group returned from Israel.

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES
Ellen Harken is happy to help you with any Sisterhood Tributes. Give her a call at (314) 961-7232 or email her at eharken@Theharkens.com.

MARCH TORAH FUND LUNCHEON
Thank you to Co-chairs Irene Belsky and Marilyn Dien for the successful luncheon. Our own Rabbi Jessica Shafrin spoke to us about her life as a Rabbi and Rabbi’s wife, and how the Conservative institutions supported by the Women’s League Torah Fund campaign gave her the opportunity to sample several paths on her journey. Thank you, Jessica, and thank you to those whose donations helped us meet our goal again this year.

MARCH WELLNESS PROGRAM
Thank you to Marjorie Feldman for inviting Connie Fisher to speak to us after Kiddush before Passover on how to recognize stress and how to deal with it. It was a timely topic while we were cleaning, shopping, preparing for the Seders and the holiday itself, visiting relatives, housing relatives, and a lot more. It helped many of us arrive at the holiday in better spirits.

INTRACONTINENTAL REGIONAL WOMEN’S LEAGUE CONFERENCE
Those of us who attended the installation dinner at B’nai Amoona on April 30th were very proud as Cindy Ginsburg was installed as President for a three-year term. May she go from strength to strength.

MAY & JUNE SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETINGS
Remember, our meetings are now being held on Sundays. The May meeting will be held on May 27, delayed because of Mother’s Day and Shavuot. It is Memorial Day Weekend. The June meeting will be on June 24. Father’s Day is the Sunday before that. These meetings are open to any Sisterhood member.

JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL
We have four complimentary tickets to "Bombshell", our sponsored movie for the Jewish Book Festival. If you have an interest in attending, please call Benita Boxerman at (314) 993.9133.

Membership
Joyce Olshan

We start off May with our annual Lag B’Omer celebration – bringing together the Men’s Club and our committee to make for a fun event. We are offering something new between the ‘feast and fire’ – a Kol Rinah first-time talent show – open to our members of all ages and all types of talent. It is scheduled for May 2nd, and we are hoping for a big turnout.

Continuing with our plan to organize events for a range of ages, we will once again host a spring dinner/picnic geared for what we lovingly refer to as our “Boomer” age members. June is a good time to get together before it is too hot and too many are traveling. Look for information coming soon.

Our next focus will be to gear up for the High Holidays. We work to welcome new faces and embrace our regular members as well. It is an important time when we all are together, looking forward to a new and sweet year. It is a time for introductions as well as renewals of past connections.

We will host other programs as the year unfolds, such as New Member Shabbat, probably something for Purim and other fun times to get together. I mention them though they are in the future so you can see that we are working to provide consistency in our plans, so that you can come to expect good times and a variety of opportunities to connect with your fellow Kol Rinah members.

Please feel free to contact myself or anyone on our committee with ideas, questions or an interest in joining us. You can usually find us at shul on any given Shabbat morning.

Joyce Olshan
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we studied, we made new friends and we strengthened old friendships, with forty other Men's Club members from B'nai Amoona, the Chicago area, and Milwaukee. It was a very productive weekend and your Kol Rinah Men's Club members gleaned several great ideas for making our Men's Club a better organization, as well as new ideas for events.

WHATS AHEAD?
May 2, 6:30pm - Lag B’Omer bonfire, games, talent show, and food. Watch for full information.

MC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT
I'm introducing a new feature - MC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT. Our first member of note is Steve Keyser. Steve has been a Men’s Club member for more than 30 years. He is quick to volunteer to cook for the annual Men’s Club Sports Night and take a full table and sponsor a round at our Trivia night. Steve is part of the crew that assembles and packs Yom HaShoah yellow candles to deliver to all Kol Rinah households.

He has supported the congregation as president, vice president, treasurer, board member, and as chair of the ritual, finance and membership committees. Through the memorial fund named for his late wife, Faye, Steve sponsors the Second Night Seder, Break-the-Fast, plus regular Shabbat and special kiddushes. He’s a loyal minyanaire, and you will frequently catch him leading the davening on Saturday mornings.

He also spent thirty years serving his country, retiring from the Air Force as a colonel. He brings to everything he does the qualities of hard work, loyalty and commitment developed as an Air Force officer. We are proud to have him as a member of the Men's Club.

MEN’S CLUB RETREAT
On March 16 to March 18, Bob Olshan, Alan Schwartz, Richard Gavatin, Don Singer and I attended the Midwest Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Club retreat at Starved Rock State Park in Illinois. We prayed, we socialized, we dined...
Early Childhood Education

Liz Collins, Elyse Picker - ECC Co-Directors
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Our Purim Family Program was a great success! Throughout the week of Purim, children did a mitzvah project of bringing in canned/boxed food items that were donated to the Covenant Place food pantry. On Purim, children dressed in their costumes and sang songs and then paraded their way to a variety of activities. Children and their families visited the carnival, made playdough hamantashen, and decorated puppets for each of the characters in the Purim story. At the conclusion of the activities, children and their families were treated to delicious hamantashen cookies. Each child also took home a Mishloach Manot bag from Kol Rinah to their family.

At our Family Passover Program, children and their families built pyramids like the pyramids in Egypt, split and crossed the Red Sea, made playdough matzah at the matzah bakery, and enjoyed a yummy charoset treat.

On Friday, April 20, KRECC was excited to partner with PJ Library and Kol Rinah Young Families to celebrate Yom Ha’Atzmaut. During the program families experienced hands-on, interactive learning as we “visited” different cities in Israel. This program was produced thanks to a generous donation from Kol Rinah Sisterhood.

In June, we kick off our Summer Camp! Camp enrollment is open for any child ages 2-5. This summer’s theme will be experiencing the world through Eric Carle. We will explore rainbows, cooking, outer space, the human body, friendship, make believe and more through classic stories such as Brown Bear, Brown Bear, From Head to Toe and The Mixed-Up Chameleon. We will spend time in the garden, outdoor classroom, create art, use our imagination in our dramatic play centers, splash around during water play, have special dress-up days once a week and have a few surprise guests for the whole school. The Penguin and Starfish class will also enjoy a field trip to the St. Louis Science Center. We’re looking forward to a great summer!

In March you helped raise $165.60 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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Recovering Theology for the Modern Jew: Program set for June 10th

The Adult Ed committee presented a program on March 25th with several speakers, including Rabbi Pamela Barmash, on the Revelation at Sinai, as discussed in Dr. Neil Gillman’s book *Sacred Fragments*.

Nobody was surprised that Rabbi Barmash’s part, an overview of commentaries on Revelation over the centuries after the Torah was completed, was extremely professional and interesting. Almost two dozen people attended the event and many asked for more.

So, we are now hoping to set up another session, and we urge you to read the following in Sacred Fragments:

Chapter II: Religious Authority: Who commands?

Chapter III: Knowing God: How and What?

Chapter IV: Talking about God: Symbolic language.

It may be considered a lot of pages, but we can assure you that it will keep your interest; it’s truly a modern, Jewish page-turner.

If you have any questions, or would like to be one of the “summarizers” of this section, please contact Ralph and/or Richard via email and/or phone.

Ralph & Richard

Recovering Theology for the Modern Jew

Sunday, June 10
2:00 pm at the home of
Linda and Richard Gavatin
(call for directions)

We are now offering another session, and we ask participants to read the following chapters in Dr. Neil Gillman’s book *Sacred Fragments*:

Chapter II: Religious Authority: Who commands?

Chapter III: Knowing God: How and What?

Chapter IV: Talking about God: Symbolic language.

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From Religious School to Something New

When I started here at Kol Rinah in August of 2016, the thing that people told me they wanted most from the new Religious School Director was to make Religious School less like the Religious Schools that they grew up with. Maybe some of you had similar experiences: being bored, feeling forced to go, not really understanding why the time you spent there was meaningful or what the goals of the learning actually were.

I have spoken to our students, parents, teachers, and board members, as well as past KRRS parents, potential future KRRS families, and innovative educators around the country. As a result, I am proud to announce the launch of a new path toward Jewish education for our community: the Kol Rinah Education Hub (KoREH - קורא). The change reflects our deeply-held values as a school community. We want to have the learning that takes place each week start in class and then radiate outward to affect every aspect of a student's life, from home to school to their friendships and families. Our philosophy of learning centers on creating a learning environment that reaches students where they are by giving them hands-on experiences rather than frontal lessons. We want to focus on the development of each student's Jewish identity and give them the tools to become passionate Jewish adults in the community.

In order to do so, we have focused on some new elements for our learning program:

1. An integrated, spiral curriculum-
   Our staff has worked long and hard to craft a learning curriculum that creates a seamless experience from Pre-Kindergarten-10th grade. The idea is that subjects should never feel repetitive, but should rather open up new perspectives and experiences. In this way, our students dive into Jewish life not only as a set of cultural observances, but as a lens through which you can look differently at your whole life.

2. Experiential Education-
   People learn best when they are invested in the moments they experience firsthand. While we still use Jewish texts, teacher direction, and other materials, the primary way students will learn is by diving in and doing, rather than listening to someone else explain what they should be learning. Instead of reading about the Exodus story, they might make a Rube Goldberg machine that walks through the 10 plagues. Students get to interact with their own Jewish world each week.

3. Technology-
   We want to use every tool available to engage students. We are partnering with a practical (and free!) classroom management program called Edmodo which will allow teachers to store all of their files, information, tests, etc., share them with students, communicate with parents, and track student progress all in one place. We can also use this site to host online forms for everything from registration to field trip permission forms, and instantly communicate back to parents, who can follow their children's progress week-to-week. We have submitted grants for funding for an iPad cart, which will allow students and teachers to use apps and games to learn everything from Hebrew to Torah and holidays to news around the world. We also have equipment for students to create their own content, including maker apps, STEM engineering kits, audio/video recording equipment and editing software, and much more.

4. Hebrew Through Movement-
   Learning a new language can be one of the hardest things for many people. This year, we have piloted a program of learning with our younger students called Hebrew Through Movement, which uses games and activities, led completely in Hebrew, to have students experience hearing, seeing, and using the language much like one would in an immersion program. The results have been so phenomenal that we are including it as a part of all of our classes next year.

5. Chugim (Electives)- One complaint about most religious schools is that students feel like they have no ownership of what they learn, that both the decision to attend and what is taught are completely out of their hands. That is why, starting next year, we are offering electives for all grades. Students will be able to select from a large menu of options taught by our
KoREH staff as well as some of our talented Kol Rinah members. These electives came from students’ own ideas of what they would be interested in learning and we have found talented adults to lead these incredible new sessions each week.

6. Service Learning- One of the best ways to learn about being Jewish is to put your values to work in real life. Moving forward, our 6th and 7th grade families, both those enrolled in KoREH and those who are NOT, will be invited to take several service learning trips throughout the year. As they enter their b’nai mitzvah years, and then our KCREATE class (8th-10th grades), they will be able to select the types of projects and organizations they want to learn about and spend their time at, and be able to make a huge impact with repeated service learning throughout the year. We want Jewish service and social action to be an integral part of the lives of our families.

We are so excited for the years ahead and would love for you to be a part of all the learning we are doing at KoREH!

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Our USY President, Pardes Lyons-Warren, will also be graduating from Ladue High School this year and will attend Colorado College in the fall. Pardes stepped into the leadership role in USY and truly gave new life to our youth groups. With her passion and fierce devotion to both Judaism and leadership, she gives me hope for our future. The world says, “no, it can’t be done,” and Pardes says, “watch me.” Thank you Pardes, for building such a solid foundation for KRSTL’s future.

Happy spring everyone! I look forward to sharing information with you on next year’s student leadership in the next edition of The Voice.”

“Kid, you’ll move mountains! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way.” - Dr. Seuss

Youth

Sara Steiner - Youth Director

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SHAVUOT (Office & ECC Closed)  
9am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma’ariv  
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8am The Observant Life - Community Room  
7pm Capital Campaign Cmte Mng  
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9am Study Pesach with Rabbi Shulamit Cenker - Community Rm  

25  Fri  
7am Shacharit  
8am ECC Park Day (Koala, Penguin, Starfish)  
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7:57pm Candle Lighting  

26  Sat  
Parashat Naso  
9am Shabbat Service - Aud (lower)  
9:30am Jewish Spiritual Parenting Discussion  
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10:30am MifgaShabbat - Chapel  
10:45am Tot Shabbat - Community Rm  
7pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma’ariv  
9:02pm Havdalah  

27  Sun  
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma’ariv  
9am Comm Mng - ECC Office  
9:30 am Sisterhood Meeting - Crown Center  

28  Mon  
Memorial Day - ECC Closed  
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