Friday Night Kabbalat Services

The Music, Singing & Ruach Starts each Friday at 6 pm.

First Fridays: Families, Wiggles and Ruach
Kol HaNefesh: Contemplative A Cappella
Shabbat Rinah: Kol Rinah’s Greatest Hits
Shir Chodash: Sing New Songs

FRIDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

1/3 First Fridays
1/10 Shabbat Rinah
1/17 Shir Chodash
1/24 Kol HaNefesh
1/31 Shabbat Rinah
2/7 First Fridays
2/14 SIR with Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann
2/21 Kol HaNefesh
2/28 Shir Chodash

Upcoming Events

Wed 1 New Year's Day
Sat 4 David Geller's Birthday
        Kiddush
        Verein Discussion
Sat 11 Tot Shabbat / Jr. Torah Talk
Sat 18 Ryan Snyder Bar Mitzvah
Sun 19 Annual Sports Dinner
Mon 20 MLK Day
Mon 27 ROSH CHODESH SHEVAT

Coming in February
F-St 14-15 SIR Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann

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Mah Jongg Cards for 2020

A Fund Raiser to benefit Kol Rinah’s Capital Campaign.

PURCHASE YOUR CARD BEFORE FEBRUARY.

Cost per card: $8.00, large print $9.00
All checks (payable to Marian Katz) must be submitted before February.
Please include your full name and address.
The National Mah Jongg League will mail the card to your home.
Mail to Kol Rinah, 829 N. Hanley Road, St. Louis, Mo 63130

More information contact: Marian Katz - Kol Rinah Women’s Social Group

Want to see inside our building under construction for yourself?

Call the office 314.727.1747, to make an appointment for a tour.
Kol Rinah Leadership

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Serving Through 2020
Steve Birenbaum, Denise Bobick, Florence Cohen, Amy Friedman, Paula Lemerman, Marvin Marcus, Jinny Petrofsky, Al Snyder

Serving Through 2021
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Max Brown, Richard Gavatin Men’s Club Co-Presidents
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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.

Thursday, January 23, 2020
"Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: A Therapist, HER Therapist, and Our Lives Revealed" by Lori Gottlieb

Thursday, February 27, 2020
"What to Do About the Solomons" by Bethany Ball
My first year at Kol Rinah, Rabbi Brad Artson came as a scholar-in-residence, and I remember so clearly something he said. He asked, "Are you willing to make shul for the people who are not yet there?" What he meant by this was, "when we think about the way we construct the prayer experiences we offer, to what extent do we try to meet the needs of and engage people who are not currently being engaged by what we do?"

Some people reading this article might feel like Kol Rinah's current prayer services meet their spiritual needs just right. But I know that there are many members of our congregation whose spiritual needs are not being met by our prayer services. Maybe you are one of them.

It's hard, though, to try to change things without models for how they could be. And that's why I'm so excited Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann will be coming to Kol Rinah as our Scholar-in-Residence for the Shabbat of Presidents' Weekend, Friday-Saturday, February 14-15.

Rabbi Lizzi is the founder of Mishkan Chicago, an emergent Jewish community in Chicago. A Conservative rabbi, musician, and visionary (and friend of Rabbi Shafrin and me), Rabbi Lizzi had an idea of a different kind of community, and a different mode of prayer than existed in Chicago. So she started something new that is deeply rooted in traditional liturgy, yet not bound by it, that uses music and Torah and community to create something new.

At Kol Rinah in February, Rabbi Lizzi will give us a taste of what Mishkan is like, with a whole set of ideas of what a different model of prayer could look like at Kol Rinah. Friday night, she'll lead services in the style of Friday nights at Mishkan. And it may not be so different from what we already do on Friday nights! We'll also have dinner, and then study together with Rabbi Lizzi.

Saturday morning will be pretty different from our regular Shabbat morning services. She'll lead services with a guitar; we will not do the full liturgy; we will not read the entire Torah portion (but we will read the Ten Commandments, which is part of that week's reading!), we will not read the Haftarah, and we may not even get to Musaf. But we'll think, and listen, and sing, and pray, and learn, and breathe into a different way of being together on a Saturday morning. Following Kiddush, Rabbi Lizzi will lead us in a conversation processing our experiences of the Shabbat morning service.

I know that this will not feel familiar to many of us, and that's why we'll also have a quick but complete service in the chapel starting at around 7:45am, for anyone who wants to be at a traditional service, whether before or instead of this experimental Shabbat experience.

Please come join us for this special Shabbat, whether you like things the way the are, so you can give us feedback on how something different feels, or whether you're not someone who comes to services much, so that we can see if something different would speak to you more.

Change is hard, but as Psalm 96 reminds us, "Sing to God a new song!"

Rabbi Noah Arnow

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**Celebrate a Simcha or Remember a Loved One with a Shabbat Kiddush!**

From sponsoring an entire Kiddush, to contributing towards just one dish, we have many opportunities for you to help create a delicious Shabbat Kiddush experience. **Any amount donation is welcome.** [Click here](#) to go directly to the online form or call the office, 314.727.1747.

**Would you like to help in the kitchen on a Thursday morning?** Contact Betty Siegel [brsiegel@swbell.net or 314.991.0709](mailto:brsiegel@swbell.net)
Mazel Tov!

January Birthdays
Sarah Rader, Aaron Vickar, Repps Hudson, Eric Sheldon, Bruce Lippmann, Shelley Shray, Rachel Shilcrat, David Samuels, Richard Kopitsky, Benjamin Weintraub, Liza Shmuylovich, Mary Berger, Paula Rubin Sparks, Karen Huss, Mariana Reichman, Daniele Rosman, Andrew Sabin, Perry Epstein, Karen Wetmore, Lori Brok, Laura Chaise, Sherri Besmer, Cynthia Boxerman, Norman Rader, Meris Hamilton, Eli Karabell, Jeremiah Simmons, Benjamin Levin, Kay Sandweiss, Martin Israel, Ariane May, Barry Durlester, Jacob Bashkin, Michael Rauchman, Benjamin Paley, Myron Parker, L. Louis Albert, Gary Kodner, Phyllis Blaock-Patton, Jacob Mirotitz, Yonit Olshan, Lauren Brenner, Yael Sabin, Scott Sliarskey, Elijah Frankel, Molly Portman, Merav Portman, Sally Hendin, William Goldstein, Ariel Goldstein, Sasha Kveskin, Stefanie Levenson, Benjamin LeDeaux, Donna Rosenberg, Rachel Levine, Sanford Melnick, Nancy Goldstein, Joyce Raskin, Andrea Gerowin, Simon Igielnik, Gerald Cohen, Steven Marcus, Max Brenner, Craig Zaidman, Anna Asher, Lisa Sheldon, Marion Cohen, Martin Kalmes, Robin Weinberger, Herb Goldman, Deborah Levy, Steven Schultz, Joel Schwartz, Michael Shanas, Yiftah Goldstein, Joshua Kalachek, Ben Horwitz, El Sadon

February Birthdays

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

February Anniversaries
William & Wendy Huss
Phillip & Deborah Gould
Robert & Rosalie Stein
Bradley & Deborah Gould
Golda & Gerald Burke
Danny Gurvis & Esti Goldman
Gary Kodner & Peggy Nehmen

*All are listed chronologically

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

A Special Mazel Tov
Theodore Benjamin Thompson was born on December 5th to Dr. Kate Cohen and Dr. Dave Thompson. Grandparents are Roger and Teri Cohen and great grandparents are Gerald (Fran z”) Cohen and the late Theodore and Lilian Kahn.

Mitchell and Janice Shenker are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison, to Phillip England. Phillip is the son of Donald and Rosa England. Allison is the sister and sister-in-law of Rachel and Russell Gottlieb and aunt to Elana and Sophia.

Thank You
Thank you to everyone for the Anniversary wishes.

Rachel & Maurice Guller
Women’s Social Group
Thank you for the tributes for my birthday. It warms your heart when you have a special day. May God bless all of you who made my birthday a happy day. My love to all,
Pat Rosen

Condolences to the Families Of
Beatrice Borenstein
Rachyl Cooke
Estelle Handler
Julia Iken
Sharon Fern Kenny
Denise Holly Morganstern
Betty Oberman
May their memories be a blessing.
President's Message

Randi Mozenter - Kol Rinah President

Dear Kol Rinah Community,

As I write to you it’s 11pm and I’m listening to soulful niggunim at the international USCJ (United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism) conference. During the past few days of inspirational workshops, lectures, presentations and music, my thoughts have been of all of you at Kol Rinah and of how fortunate we are to have one another.

I feel blessed and lucky to serve you as your President. I am honored and humbled by the trust you place in me, our Board of Directors, our Clergy and our staff.

I wish only blessings, peace, love and community for us all as we embark on 2020.

Thanks to each of you for all that you are and how much you mean to me and to Kol Rinah.

Zei Gesundt,
Randi

Legacy Archives Project

Kol Rinah is gathering, documenting, and archiving stories, photos, documents from our three legacy congregations: Shaare Zedek, Brith Sholom, Kneseth Israel, and BSKI. If you have items, we would like to add them to our archives.

Please contact Gary Kodner:
gkodner@gmail.com
or 314.954.4302

Mazel Tov on the Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Snyder
January 18, 2020

Joey Granillo was one of ten national finalists at the 2019 Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge. Finalists are chosen out of 1000s of entrants in Grades 5-8 for creativity, scientific knowledge, persuasiveness, and overall presentation. Joey devised a solution involving artificial marshlands in oceans’ dead zones to sequester yearly CO2 emissions while also remedying the dead zones.

Jewish Food Pantry
January List

1. Pasta with Meat
2. Hearty Soups
3. Kosher Foods
4. Dry Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce
5. Any Type of Canned Fruits
6. Peanut Butter & Jelly
7. Personal Care Items (Hand Soap, Body Wash & Deodorant)

Thank you. For more info, contact Louise Levine 636.227.1259.
Verein Discussion Group presents...

A Lunch & Learn Program:

“What we talk about when we talk about Hebrew”

Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 12:30pm

Kol Rinah member and Professor of Hebrew and Comparative Literature at Washington University, Dr. Nancy Berg will discuss Hebrew in contemporary America.

For more information: richardjrgavatin@gmail.com • kolrinahstl.org

Kol Rinah
Building Inclusive Community

kolrinahstl.org 314.727.1747
This fall season has been packed full of so many fun adventures in learning and family programs. For Fire Safety Prevention Week, the children of the ECC had a chance to meet some of the firefighters from the University City Fire Department. During their visit, students made their way around the perimeter of the firetruck taking notice of the variety of axes, ladders, and other equipment.

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

On Sunday, November 10, we had our school book fair at the Novel Neighbor, an independent bookstore in Webster Groves. Miss Karen Kern brought her guitar and sang songs with us and children had an opportunity to decorate a book mark and create their own storybook while their parents shopped.

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

**Meet Sarah Shulman**

**Our New Youth Advisor**

Sarah Shulman is so happy to be KRSTL's Youth Advisor and has loved getting to know the teens over the last few months! Sarah is a St. Louis native, but left to attend The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (ILL)-! After graduating in 2014, she moved back to St. Louis for graduate school at Maryville University where she received her Master of Music Therapy degree in 2017. Besides working with the awesome teens at KRSTL, Sarah works as a Music Therapist at St. Louis Children's Hospital and takes private clients and groups throughout the St. Louis area. She also sings with the St. Louis Women's Hope Chorale! Besides all things music, Sarah loves being Jewish, spending time outside (when the weather is nice, of course) and being with her family, friends and bunny rabbit. Her vices are babies, dogs and sushi and you can often find her gawking at one or the other. Sarah looks forward to meeting you if she has not yet had the opportunity to do so!
Annual Sports Dinner

featuring St. Louis SPORTS BROADCASTER

Ron Jacober

Sunday, January 19, at 6:30 pm

Presented by the Kol Rinah Men’s Club

Cost in Advance: $18 Adults, $12 Men’s Club Members, $6 Children 18 and under
Cost at the Door: $20 Adults, $6 Children 18 and Under
RSVP by January 14, kolrinahstl.org or 314-727-1747
SPAGHETTI DINNER Will be served. Vegetarian or gluten free requests must be made when you RSVP

Ron Jacober

Legendary sports broadcaster, Ron Jacober took television broadcasting to a new level while working as the Sports Director of KMOX. Rather than just reading scores and doing an occasional interview, Jacober also introduced the idea of vignettes and one hour television sports specials, something unknown in those days. Ron has over 40 years in the field of sports broadcasting with over 20 of those behind the microphone as he and partner Jay Randolph were the announcers for the St. Louis Cardinals televised games on Channel 5. Ron was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.
HAPPY SECULAR NEW YEAR!

The start of a new year brings a fresh start and perhaps new places.

December was a quiet month for the Men's Club. No special events, but some organizational activity that will lead to new officers elected in January.

We can announce that this year’s guest for the Sports Dinner is pioneering sports announcer Ron Jacober. Jacober took television broadcasting to a new level while working as the Sports Director of KMOX. Rather than just reading scores and doing an occasional interview, Jacober introduced the idea of vignettes and one-hour television sports specials, something unknown in those early days.

Looking ahead, we continue to work on arrangements for Jews & Booze: Torah on Tap, a new opportunity to learn in a relaxed, causal space. This is open to everyone, women and men, over 21, of course.

OTHER COMING EVENTS:
January 19 – Men’s Club Annual Sports Night
February 2 – World Wide Wrap, learn to lay Tefillin
February 29 – Men’s Club & Sisterhood Trivia Night new at the JCC
March 22 – Men’s Club Man and Youth of the Year luncheon

Shalom Aleichem,
Max Brown
Richard Gavatin

Men’s Club Annual Meeting
January 6 6:30pm
Box dinner (pareve/meat) $12
Election of club officers and more!
RSVP by Jan 2 to KolRinahStL.org
Questions? Contact darthzaydah@gmail.com

Brentmoor Retirement Community Kabbalat Shabbat Minyan
This is a Men's Club outreach program held at 4pm on the first Friday of each month for the Jewish residents of the Brentmoor Retirement Community who can't get out to celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat services. They conduct a shortened prayer service using the Siddur created by Chazen Dulkin and Rabbi Fasman. Our service includes the Mourner's Kaddish, lighting of Shabbat candles, Motzi and Kiddush.
January 2020 Calendar

1 Wed
New Year's Day
Koreh Winter Break
KR ECC & Office Closed
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv

2 Thu
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
8:30am Limmud & Lattes with Rabbi Shafrin - off site
9am ECC Movement Class - Community Room
9am Study Talmud Kiddushin with Rabbi Cenker - Alcove
7pm Personnel Committee Mtng - Community Room

3 Fri
7am Shacharit
9:30am ECC Yoga - Community Rm
4:34pm Candle Lighting
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv/First Friday Night - Aud (Lower)

4 Sat
Parshat Vayigash
David Geller's Birthday Kiddush
9am Shabbat Service - Aud (Lower)
10:10am Torah Talk - Aud (Upper)
12:30pm Verein Discussion (What We Talk About When We Talk About Hebrew)
3:35pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:38pm Havdalah

5 Sun
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9am Communications Mtng - ECC Office
9:30am Koreh

6 Mon
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
6:30pm Men's Club Annual Mtng - Community Room

7 Tue
FAST OF TEVET
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
8am Ethics Of Our Fathers - Community Room
6:30pm Introduction To Judaism - Aud (Upper)
7:30pm USY Lounge Night - Community Room

8 Wed
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
7:45am ECC Steering Committee Mtng - Aud (Upper)
8am Capital Campaign Consulting Mtng - Aud (Upper)
9am ECC Social Emotional Class - Community Room
4pm KR Women's Social Group Mtng - off-site
4:15pm Koreh (3rd-7th)
6:30pm Ritual Committee Mtng - Community Room
7:30 pm Capital Campaign Committee - Community Room

9 Thu
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
8:30am Limmud & Lattes with Rabbi Shafrin - off site
9am ECC Movement Class - Community Room
9am Study Talmud Kiddushin with Rabbi Cenker - Alcove
7pm Coordinating Committee Mtng - Community Room

10 Fri
7am Shacharit
9:30am ECC Yoga - Community Rm
4:41pm Candle Lighting
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv

11 Sat
Parshat Vayechi
Tot Shabbat / Jr. Torah Talk
9am Shabbat Service - Aud (Lower)
10:10am Torah Talk - Aud (Upper)
3:40pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:45pm Havdalah

12 Sun
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9am Communications Mtng - ECC Office
9:30am Sisterhood Mtng - off site
9:30am Koreh

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

14 Tue
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
8am Ethics Of Our Fathers - Community Room
6:30pm Introduction To Judaism - Aud (Upper)
7:30pm USY Lounge Night - Community Room

15 Wed
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
8am Capital Campaign Consulting Mtng - Aud (Upper)
9am ECC Social Emotional Class - Community Room
4:15pm Koreh (3rd-7th)

16 Thu
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
8:30am Limmud & Lattes with Rabbi Shafrin - off site
9am ECC Movement Class - Community Room
9am Study Talmud Kiddushin with Rabbi Cenker - Alcove
7pm KR Board Mtng - Aud (Upper)

17 Fri
7am Shacharit
9:30am ECC Yoga - Community Rm
4:48pm Candle Lighting
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv

18 Sat
Parshat Shemot
Ryan Snyder Bar Mitzvah
9am Shabbat Service - Sanctuary
3:50pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:52pm Havdalah

19 Sun
No Koreh - MLK Weekend
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
9am Communications Mtng - Community Room
6:30pm Men's Club Annual Sports Dinner

20 Mon
MLK Day - KR ECC Open
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Calendar continued on page 11
HELP MAKE A MINYAN!

Diversity, Racial Equality, and Inclusion, All Through a Jewish Lens
February 2, March 1 & 29 • 3-5 pm

Kol Rinah Young Families, PJ Library, the ADL, and We Stories are teaming up to facilitate a dialogue about diversity, racial equality, and inclusion – all through a Jewish lens. This three-part series will include sessions for both parents and children, and is geared toward children up to five years old and their families.

Suggested donation of $18, but donations of any size are welcome!

This program is sponsored by a generous Kranzberg Grant from the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

https://www.jfedstl.org/events/discovering-differences/
**KR On The Move!**

Call the office for building tours beginning in January!

More pictures and info can be found on our website [KolRinahSTL.org](http://KolRinahSTL.org).

Photos courtesy of Stacey Hudson

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**Save the Date for Scholar-in-Residence**

**Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann**

**February 14-15, 2020**

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*The weekend will include a special Friday Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner as well as Shabbat morning services in the style of Mishkan Chicago.*

More details after the first of the year.