

Upcoming Events

Sun 8	Purim Carnival
Mon 9	TAANIT ESTHER, EREV PURIM, Micah Lotsoff Bar Mitzvah
Tue 10	PURIM
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Coming in April

Sat 18	Verein Discussion- Is Judaism a Mystery Cult?
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Kol Rinah Leadership

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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.

Friday Night Kabbalat Services

The Music, Singing & Ruach starts each Friday at 6pm

 **First Fridays: Families, Wiggles and Ruach**

 **Kol HaNefesh: Contemplative A Cappella**

 **Shabbat Rinah: Kol Rinah's Greatest Hits**

 **Shir Chadash: Sing New Songs**

A Message from Our Rabbis

Rabbi Scott Shafrin - Associate Rabbi

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Raising Our Voices

As March begins, we see one of my favorite holidays on the horizon: Purim. I love Purim. I like the silliness of a good schtick and the fun of getting into costume. I like joining together with our community and celebrating with humor, joy, food, dancing, and happiness, just because we can. I like seeing the smiles on children's faces as they shake a gragger or taste a hamantaschen. And I absolutely love our USYers who spend an unthinkable amount of time and energy putting together the most exciting and fantastic Purim carnival each and every year.

But what hits me the most deeply during Purim is the story itself. It is one of the few books in the Tanach that has absolutely no mention of God's name. And yet, it is still one of the most powerful stories in the Jewish canon. In his discussion of the laws of Purim, Maimonides teaches:

In the Messianic era, all of the biblical books of the Prophets and Writings will be nullified, with the exception of the Book of Esther. It will continue to exist, as will the Torah and the Oral Law, which will never be nullified (Mishneh Torah, Laws of Megillah, 2:18).

How can it be that the only book outside of the Torah to remain in the Messianic Age would have no mention of God? The miracle that happened on Purim has nothing to do with God and everything to do with people speaking

truth to power. When enough people, acting in the interest of the public good, and speaking together for justice confront those in power, we can force them to act in ways that support justice and defeat hatred, bias, and cruelty.

This month, we can do this in a number of ways. Right now, and through March 21, you can vote in the World Zionist Congress Elections. These elections help progressive Jewish voices hold sway in the Land of Israel and connect all Jews and supporters of Israel, representing a vision of a strong and united Jewish People. I strongly encourage everyone to vote online as soon as you can at <https://azm.org/elections>.

Here in Missouri, we will have our state presidential primary coming up on March 10, Purim Day. Could there be any more fortuitous aligning of the Jewish calendar and the secular? On the day we will re-read the story of one person, Esther, standing up to hatred, oppression, injustice, and seemingly certain annihilation for the Jewish People, we get the chance to make our voices heard and vote for who we think will lead our nation into the most just, free, healthy nation over the next four years.

However you feel about any particular issue or candidate, it is important that all who are eligible go and vote, help others to vote, raise up the voices of those who have been historically

unheard, and make sure that all of us are accounted for by the leadership of our nation. Just as Esther stood up and made her voice heard, so too are we responsible for speaking our own truth to those in power, for standing up for the people and causes that are important to us, and for directing the path of our nation toward justice, peace, and freedom for all. So get out, get organized, share your voice, and vote!

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

Mazel Tov!

March Birthdays

Jonathan Igielnik, Lauren Praiss, Toby Imler, Carole Granillo, Jennifer Lotsoff, Josiah Simmons, Andrew Sandler, Gary Kaar, Mike Besmer, Karen Kern, Stanley Margul, Levy Zimand, Marjorie Feldman, Phyllis Hyken, Tim O'Connell, Deborah Gould, Michael Reichman, Jean Margul, Teresa Lane, Harlan Radinsky, Marsha Birenbaum, Hannah Boxerman, Jody Feldman, Helene Mathis, Naomi Geller, Barbara Bianco, Jane Kalina, Ethan Mirowitz, Spencer Leeds, Bonnie Levens, Joey Ettinger, Deborah Zimmerman, Carol Glick, Sarah Sherer-Kohlburn, Abby Goldstein, Hedva Levy, Daniel Israeli, Nadav Shafrin, Sylvia Silver, Steven Brody, Tracy Nathan, Lauren Buchalter, Daniel Rosenthal, Livia Kessler, Ansley Vickar, Harlie Frankel, Barry Duel, Samuel Buchalter, Kaylie Cerulo, Lila Rebecca Bellows, Arlene O'Connell, Micki Kingsley, Barbara Becker, Marsha Bernstein, Paige Feldman, Mia Cohen, Ruth Battle, Harvey Fenster, Guy Friedman, Shmuel Israeli, Anthony Granillo, Mital Lyons-Warren, Harry Rubin, Jinny Petrofsky, Sheila Durlister, Sydney Hoffman, David Warren, Aleene Zawada, Paula Lemerman, Barbara Sherer, Daniel Buchalter, Michael Schultz, Doris Lerner, Yael Brok, Aileen Melnick

March Anniversaries

Roger & Marcia Brockman
Roger & Teri Cohen
Todd & Lauren Cohen
David & Alisa Cooperstein
Brett & Jada Fox
Richard & Linda Gavatin
David & Lisa Gellman
Franklin & Rachel Haspiel
Simon & Deborah Igielnik
Shmuel & Deborah Israeli

Donald & Hedva Levy
Fred & Linda Makler
Michael & Noemi Neidorff
Daniel Rosenthal & Laurie Furman
Kenneth Weintraub & Sharon
Katz-Weintraub

April Birthdays

Bonnie Vickar, Jessica Shafrin, Carol Pessin, Ann Frank, Laura Rainey, Benjamin Goldsmith, Zachariah Simmons, Gerard Burke, Yahalelel Bynum, Todd Cohen, Ezra Bynum, Stephanie Zoller, Stanley Allen, Addy Wexelman, Tobie Liebert, Noa Hahn, Frank Anderson, Soliea Feit, Audrey Katcher, Stephen Keyser, Shirley Barken, Juliane Praiss, Ronald Abeles, Denise Field, Howard Belsky, Whitney Gartenberg, Hattie Scharff, Fran Kaar, Aaron Abeles, William Huss, Mark Rubin, Gerald Cohen, Vickie Parker, Cheryl Stein, Naftali Buck-Yael, Harvey Melnick, James Singman, Reuben Kaar, Hal Goldsmith, Vivienne Palmer-Young, William Hamilton, Maddie Lapp, Allan Leving, Joel Goldstein, Laurie Tarlen, Melissa Keyser, Leah Levenson, Jerrold Schwartz, John Singer, Amos Shamir, Mitchell Shenker, Andrew Rosman, Pamela Reznick, Elaine Melnick, Sharon Katz-Weintraub, Max Jacob Bellows, Ruth Sandler, Serra-Lesa Ivener, Scott Shafrin, Peter Brody, Sascha Harken, Eliana Hudson, Jonah Friedman, Jeremiah Weinstock, Tamar Lerner, Rebecca Cohen

April Anniversaries

Thomas Barrett & Ilana Luft-Barrett
Martin & Phyllis Kalmes
David & Stefanie Levenson
Donn & Beth Rubin
Edward & Trina Schukar
Dana Garner & Jessica Jones

** All are listed chronologically*

Thank You

We wish to thank everyone for the most thoughtful birthday and anniversary wishes. They made our special days ever more so.

Joyce Gang & Allen Levin

Thank you to everyone who made contributions in honor of my birthday.

Sandy Melnick

Jewish Food Pantry March List

1. Macaroni & Cheese
2. Canned Fish (Tuna, Salmon, etc.)
3. Spaghetti & Tomato Sauce and other Canned Pastas
4. Peanut Butter and Jelly
5. Canned Fruits and Vegetables
6. Kosher Non-Perishable Food
7. Personal care items such as: Toilet Paper, Shampoo & Conditioner, Hand Soap and Dish Detergent

★ No glass containers accepted.

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

Condolences to the Families Of

Margaret Abeles
Leslie Harvey Berger
Scott Berman
Jay Broddon
Janet Hiton
Jules Kenny
Kirsti (Chris) Krauze
Carol Rosen Lerner
Gilbert Levine
Rosalyn Margulis
Betty Payant
Shirley Portman
Diane Singman
Larry Slater
William Solomon
May their memories be a blessing.

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

President's Message

Randi Mozenter - Kol Rinah President

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As I write this entry, I am thinking about how fragile life is and how important it is to embrace the good and value people while we still share the earth with them.

This week our Kol Rinah family lost a true mensch and one of my favorite people, Bill Solomon. He was a mentor to me and the best example of how to live with kindness, generosity, humility, love and a perpetual smile. I know his memory will be a blessing to us all.

I also lost a matriarch of my family, Marilyn Mozenter, as well as my mother's good friend, Wilma Hollander. These were strong, passionate women who were ahead of their times, forging paths and voices for my generation of women.

Our hearts go out to their families as we mourn as well as to other losses we have recently experienced and unfortunately will have experienced by the time this column is published.

How frequently do we forget the big picture and become embroiled in petty grievances, divisive behavior and fail to honor differences of opinions and show respect to one another?

We all know that life can be short and that even very long lives never seem long enough. In honor of those we love, let us pledge to be a little nicer, a little more generous, a little more accepting and, well, a little more Bill.

Zei Gesundt,

Randi

Construction Update

Phase 1: 90% Complete!

- ✧ Remodeling existing school building and social hall
- ✧ Building new sanctuary

Thank You For Your Wonderful Support!

Phase 2: Starting Soon

- ✧ Offices
- ✧ Youth lounge
- ✧ Kosher kitchens
- ✧ ECC
- ✧ Sanctuary balcony
- ✧ Boccia paintings installation
- ✧ Winfield stain glass installation

Opportunities to Direct Your Donations Toward Specific Items.

[Click Here To Donate](#)



Learn more about Israel, current events, culture, and life with Shaked Birenboim, our Shinshinit from Israel!

This program is for anyone who would like to learn more about Israel and gain a bit of Hebrew in every program.

Schedule: 7 pm: Mar 12, 26, Apr 2, 30, May 14
RSVP at 314-727-1747 or nancy@kolrinahstl.org



new baby shabbat march 28

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

**By using your member account you can easily pay your dues,
sign up for programs and much more!**

Contact Meir in the office and he'll send you a link with instructions to get you started. Meir@kolrinahstl.org



Kolot A'tidenu קולות עתידנו **Voices for our future**

A strategic study for the future of Shabbat Services and Torah Reading

Kolot A'tidenu – Voices For Our Future – is a project to envision the future of our Shabbat services, especially our Torah reading practices. We want to understand what our members value most about these important aspects of our ritual life and how they might evolve in coming decades.

We also want to assess our members' capacity for public *leyning* (reading the Torah) and how Kol Rinah can best support and encourage more in our community to engage in this mitzvah.

This project is part of Kol Rinah's participation in OnBoard, a leadership development program for Jewish institutions.

PLEASE go to our website: KolRinahStl.org and click on the link to participate in the survey.

Paper surveys are also available on request. For more information contact Jeremy Buhler at buhlerjd@gmail.com

Sisterhood

Joyce Gang, Susan Brown - Sisterhood Co-Presidents

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With the promise of Spring we look forward to a feeling of rejuvenation and anticipation that seems so desperately needed in these difficult times of division and conflict. Happily, it feels like we're entering a new phase, preparing for the merriment and silliness of Purim and the sorrow and gladness of Pesach along with the awaited changes in the weather.

In January, Sisterhood was honored to provide the kiddush for the Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Snyder, and in February enjoyed offering a beautiful Tu Bishvat table at the Shabbat kiddush. Our annual Trivia Nite switched to a new location at the JCC this year, and as usual, we always think that we will be "this close" to being the winning table.

Even if we don't win, everyone always enjoys the food and being together!

On March 21, the Sisterhood invites everyone to our annual Sisterhood Shabbat. This year it is coupled with the Torah Fund event honoring Barbara Bianco and the Chesed Committee who provide all manner of support to the congregation. The Chesed Committee members stay at homes to get them ready during funerals and provide shiva trays for the families. Members make hospital visits as well as visit sick individuals at home if requested. They drive members to errands, shul and doctor appointments. They give baby gifts for newborns who are the children of members. They are truly the kindness

representing Kol Rinah to its members and to the community. Please come show your appreciation for all their work and at the same time support the Torah Fund which provides for the education and training of Rabbis and Cantors in our Conservative movement.

We're looking forward to an event later this spring for all paid-up Sisterhood members. Please come get involved with us, share your ideas for things you would like to see and watch for news of events.

Happy Spring.

Joyce & Susan

Kol Rinah Sisterhood and Torah Fund Shabbat

Please join us at Shabbat services for this combined event on

Saturday, March 21, at 9 am

and plan to stay for a beautiful kiddush lunch provided by our Sisterhood.

**We will honor our Chesed Committee,
chaired, with years of dedication, by Barbara Bianco.**

**Chesed – loving kindness – is not just an attitude; it is action;
and the committee exemplifies this by providing shiva meals, rides to appointments,
home and hospital visits and bereavement support.**



**We encourage donations to the Torah Fund.
\$180 donors will receive a 5780 Torah Fund pin.**



The theme for this year's Women's League
and the Torah Fund campaign is "Chesed."

Contact Linda Makler, Torah Fund Chair (636) 391-9965 or golchamp@aol.com

Is Judaism a Mystery Cult?



Saturday, April 18, 12:30 pm

In the Greco-Roman period (approximately 300 BCE-200 CE) the ancient world was home to a number of “mystery cults” in addition to the official/state religions.

Mystery cults were generally characterized by:

- the worship of a specific protective deity;
- the promise of a special relationship with that deity;
- an initiation ritual that included purification of the candidate, an ordeal for the candidate to undergo, and the revelation of some secret knowledge relating to the deity.

We'll explore how Judaism might fit these characteristics (and how it might not) and speculate on just what the relationship between Judaism and the mystery cults might have been.

For more information contact Verein Discussion Group: Rabbi Mary Ellen Movshin at memmovshin@yahoo.com

Legacy Archives Project

Do you have stories, photos or documents from our legacy congregations: Shaare Zedek, Brith Sholom, Kneseth Israel, and BSKI?

Contact Gary Kodner: gkodner@gmail.com or 314.954.4302

DISCOVERING DIFFERENCES



Diversity, Racial Equality
and Inclusion
All Through a Jewish Lens

March 1 & 29 • 3-5pm

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. It 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 Community Impact's early childhood request for proposals through the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

<https://www.jfedstl.org/events/discovering-differences/>

Brotherhood

Max Brown - Brotherhood President

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CH-CH-CH-CH CHANGES ...

A salute to David Bowie with changes at Men's Club. The biggest change is the name: **Kol Rinah Brotherhood** is the new moniker. Men's Clubs across the country have been making that change for several reasons. Upmost, is that the word club has a somewhat old-fashioned undertone, leading to drops in membership and difficulty in recruitment. But we are not changing in name only. We have restructured the Brotherhood and added events we hope will appeal to younger men.

Changes in officers

The new treasurer is **Bob Olshan**, a past president of Brotherhood and past treasurer for the Midwest Region

of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. He replaces **Donald Pearline** who served as treasurer at BSKI, as well. Countless thanks to Donald for his many years of number-crunching and bean-counting – helping to keep the Brotherhood in the black.

The new secretary is **Mitch Halpern**, who is the husband of Amy Friedman. Congratulations to Bob and Mitch.

World Wide Wrap

February 2nd, more than 20 religious school kids and a few parents participated in the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' annual World Wide Wrap (Tefillin).

OTHER COMING EVENTS

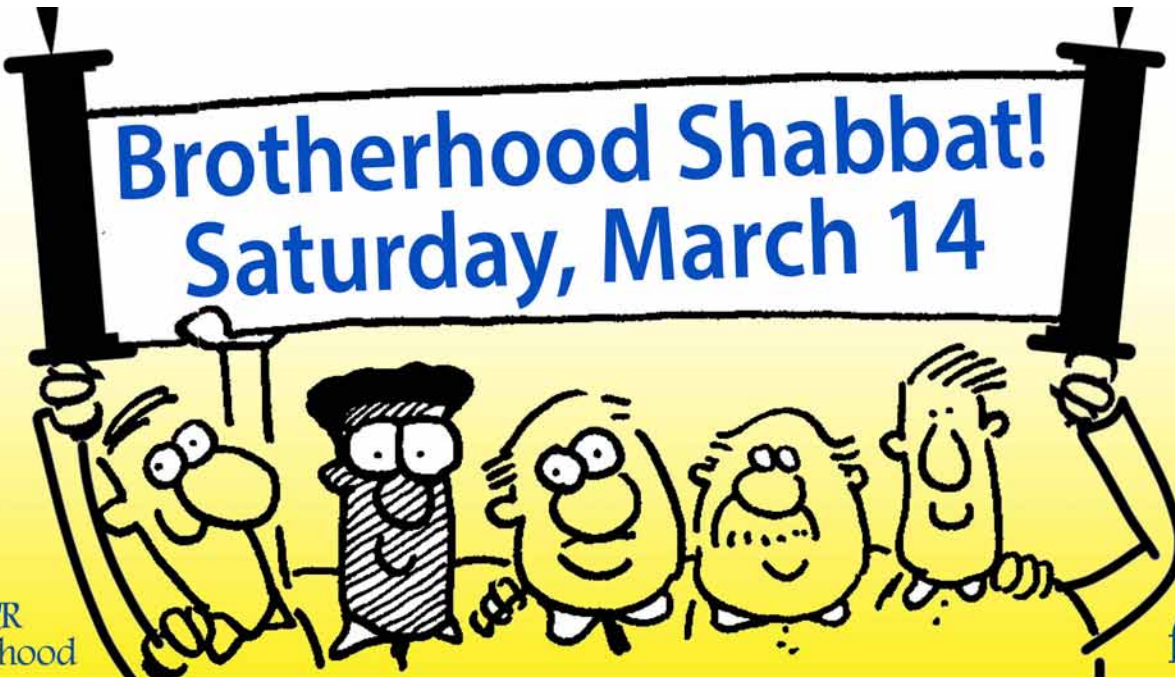
March 14 – Brotherhood Shabbat

March 21 – Ax Throwing Tournament

April 20 – Light your Yellow Yom HaShoah candles (provided by Kol Rinah Brotherhood) in the evening.

Shalom Aleichem,

Max Brown



A cartoon illustration of five men holding a large banner that reads "Brotherhood Shabbat! Saturday, March 14". The men are drawn in a simple, friendly style. The banner is white with blue text. The background is yellow. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for "Kol Rinah Brotherhood" and in the bottom right corner, there is a logo for "fjmc".

Brotherhood Shabbat!
Saturday, March 14

A delicious Sisterhood Kiddush will follow the service.
If you would like to participate in the service or help make this event more special,
please contact Max Brown, darthzaydah@gmail.com

USY & Kadima

Sarah Shulman - Youth Advisor

usycoordinator@kolrinahstl.org

Our Kol Rinah Youth have been busy! Whether they're baking challah, learning about Israel from our ShinShinit, Shaked, or playing team building games, these teens show so much love and always want to be with each other.

USY gives youth and teens just that. A place they can be their unique selves and create life-long Jewish friendships. Our teens appreciate "connecting to the Kol Rinah Community and Greater St. Louis Jewish Community by being a part of their own community through USY."

USY/Kadima events are a mixture of fun, educational and meaningful experiences. The KRSTL Krocs can't wait to see you soon!

Sarah Shulman
Youth Advisor

For the Kol Rinah USYers, USY is a place where we can spend time with Jewish teens in a judgment-free zone. We have adapted to being a self-sufficient group. So far we have had weekly lounge nights planned and executed by the teens. We also have been joined by the Kol Rinah ShinShinit, Shaked Birenboim, who has done programming about Israel with us. During the High Holy Days, teens led discussions about the days of awe and the world around us. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the program. In addition - a few USYers have attended

regional conventions, four USYers attended Branch Leadership Training (Chicago, Illinois), four attended kinnus (Annandale, Minnesota), and two attended Inter Chapter Shabbaton (Overland Park, Kansas), and three are planning to attend Spring Kallah (Ogden, Iowa). Currently, the President and Communications Vice President are planning the Purim Carnival for March 8, 2020, at 4-6pm. Please put the carnival on your calendar and join us at 829 N. Hanley for a wonderful time.

Yael Portman
KRSTL USY President



Early Childhood Education

Liz Collins, Elyse Picker - ECC Co-Directors

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KRECC has started off 2020 by making the most of the cold winter days. When the weather isn't conducive for playing outside, teachers have gone out and collected fallen snow and brought it inside for the children to play with. On the rare occasion when the winter weather turns out to be 60 degrees, you take advantage of it and you take the children outside!

In February, we celebrated Tu Bishvat with activities in our ECC hallway. Children and families had an opportunity to "plant" and "dig" in our sensory bin, use a variety of green objects to decorate tree branches, paint trees with brown and green

paint, and sample eight different foods during a freeze dance game. We continued learning about Tu Bishvat in class and also planted parsley with Shaked in honor of the holiday.

We are starting to plan for summer camp and the 2020-2021 school year. Enrollment for prospective families begins March 2. Most classes already have wait lists for the 2020-2021 school year. If you would like information on our school or would be interested in setting up a tour, please contact Liz Collins or Elyse Picker at 314.727.2565 or [visit our website](#) to complete a request form. If you are looking for a fun and flexible summer

option, we will also have limited summer camp openings (June 1 – August 7) and are starting a wait list for interested families.

Chesed Visits!

Contact Barbara Bianco
314.727.2399 or
barbarab2@aol.com



Kol Rinah Disney Magical Purim Carnival Sunday, March 8, 4-6pm.

Games • Food • Prizes • Raffle



Contact us about donations, sign-up online at KolrinahStl.org
Questions or information: usycoordinator@kolrinahstl.org

Kol Rinah Families and Youth

Melissa Bellows - Youth and Family Coordinator

Melissa@kolrinahstl.org

January and February were wonderfully busy for Kol Rinah families. Saturday mornings are abuzz with music from Rhythm and Ruach and Tot Shabbat. Families are loving the variety of singing, dancing, and Shabbat friendly crafts.

Kol Rinah also had the honor of hosting Discovering Differences this month. Together with PJ Library,

We Stories, and the ADL, parents of young children are invited to explore our differences and help our children engage with diversity in a healthy way. Our first session was a wonderful program hosted by the ADL, exploring bias in our early years. Our next session is Sunday, March 1st at 3pm, and will be run by PJ Library. This event is generously sponsored by the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

On February 9th, a great group of adults came together to taste four wines, each tastier than the last! Our engaging and smart sommelier, Aaron Sherman, taught us a lot about Kosher wine. This was a great parents night out for some of our families, as we offered a fun pizza dinner and babysitting so our parents could enjoy!



Tu Bishvat Wine Tasting



KR On The Move!

Interior finishes are being installed including carpet, tile, bathroom fixtures, and the stained glass in the new chapel. Watch this space for an announcement of our opening!

More pictures and info can be found on our website KolRinahStL.org.

Photos courtesy of Stacey Hudson



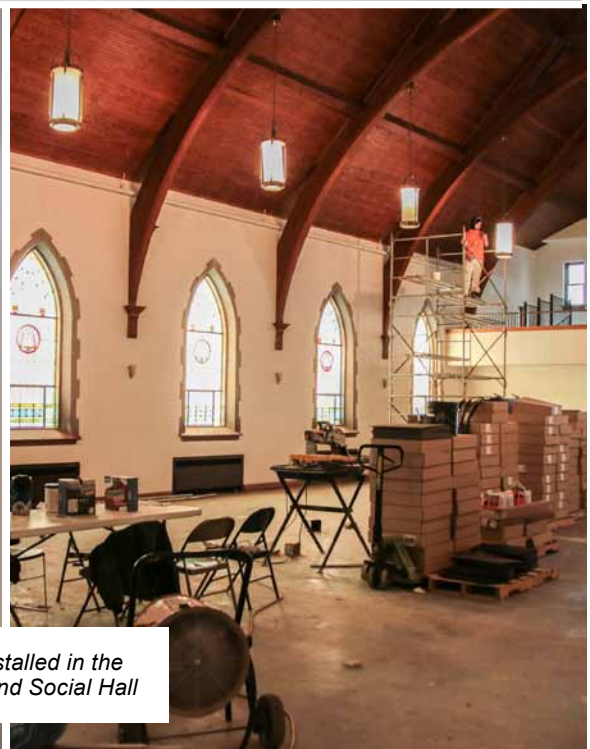
Working in 10 degree weather



Carpeting laid in the flex space



Lighting installed in the Sanctuary and Social Hall



1
Sun
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
9am Comm Mtng - ECC Office
9:15am KoREH - Build a Grogger
(1st-3rd)
3pm Discovering Differences

2
Mon
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
7pm Brotherhood Board Mtng -
Community Room

3
Tue
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
8am Learning From The Prophets -
Community Room
7:30pm USY Lounge Night -
Community Room

4
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)
7pm Education Mtng - Chapel

5
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

6
Fri
7am Shacharit
9:30am ECC Yoga - Community Room
5:42pm Candle Lighting
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv - Aud
(Lower)
First Friday night for families

7
Sat
Parshat Zachor, Parshat Tetzaveh
9am Shacharit - Aud (Lower)
10:10am Torah Talk - Aud (Upper)
4:45pm Mincha/Maariv
6:46pm Havdalah

8
Sun
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
9am Comm Mtng - ECC Office
9:30am Sisterhood Mtng - off site
9:30am KoREH
4pm Purim Carnival - Aud (Upper)

9
Mon
TAANIT ESTHER, EREV PURIM
(see Purim schedule on last page)
7am Shacharit
**4:30pm KR ECC Purim Family
Program**
6:45pm Mincha - Chapel
7:30pm Ma'ariv - Aud (Lower)
Micah Lotsoff Evening Bar Mitzvah

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Tue
PURIM
6:30am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/
Maariv
8am Learning From The Prophets -
Community Room
7:30pm USY Lounge Night -
Community Room

11
Wed
SHUSHAN PURIM
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
8am Capital Campaign Consulting
Mtng - Aud (Upper)
9am ECC Social Emotional Class -
Community Room
10am KR Women's Social Group
Mtng - off site
4:15pm KoREH (3rd-7th)
6:30pm Ritual Committee Mtng -
Community Room
7:30pm Capital Campaign
Committee - Community Room

12
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 -
Aud (Upper)
7pm Cafe Ivrit (Hebrew Cafe) -
Community Room

13
Fri
7am Shacharit
9:30am ECC Yoga - Community Room
6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/
Ma'ariv
6:49pm Candle Lighting

14
Sat
Parshat Parah & Ki Tisa
**Brotherhood Shabbat
Rhythm n Ruach**
9am Shabbat Service - Aud (Lower)
10:10am Torah Talk - Aud (Upper)
5:50pm Mincha/Maariv
7:53pm Havdalah

15
Sun
No KoREH - Spring Break
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
9am Comm Mtng - Community Room

16
Mon
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv

17
Tue
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
8am Learning From The Prophets -
Community Room
6:30pm Finance Mtng - Aud (Upper)
7:30pm USY Lounge Night -
Community Room

18
Wed
No KoREH - Spring Break
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
8am Capital Campaign Consulting
Mtng - Aud (Upper)
9am ECC Social Emotional Class -
Community Room
7:30pm Membership Mtng -
Community Room

19
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 Kol Rinah Board Mtng - Aud
(Upper)

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Fri
7am Shacharit
9:30am ECC Yoga - Community Room
6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/
Ma'ariv
6:56pm Candle Lighting

21
Sat
Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei
Shabbat Mevarchim
Sisterhood & Torah Fund Shabbat
9am Shabbat Service - Aud (Lower)
10:10am Torah Talk - Aud (Upper)
6pm Mincha/Maariv
8pm Havdalah

22
Sun
No KoREH - Spring Break
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
9am Comm Mtng - Community Room
4pm KoREH Open House - off site

23
Mon
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv

24
Tue
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
8am Learning From The Prophets -
Community Room
7:30pm USY Lounge Night -
Community Room

25
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)
7:30pm Community Learning
Committee Mtng - Community
Room

26
Thu
ROSH CHODESH NISAN
6:45am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/
Maariv
7pm Cafe Ivrit (Hebrew Cafe) -
Community Room

27
Fri
7am Shacharit
9:30am ECC Yoga - Community Room
6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/
Ma'ariv
7:03pm Candle Lighting

28
Sat
Parshat Vayikra
New Baby Shabbat
Tot Shabbat/ Jr. Torah Talk -
Community Room
9am Shabbat Service - Aud (Lower)
10:10am Torah Talk - Aud (Upper)
6:05pm Mincha/Maariv
8:07pm Havdalah

29
Sun
8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
9am Comm Mtng - ECC Office
9:30am KoREH
3pm Discovering Differences

30
Mon
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv

31
Tue
7am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Maariv
8am Learning From The Prophets -
Community Room
7:30P USY Lounge Night -
Community Room

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Thursday, March 26, 2020

"What to Do About the Solomons"

by Bethany Ball

Thursday, April 23, 2020

"The Mourning Sexton: A Novel of Suspense"

by Michael Baron (Michael Kahn)

Thursday, May 21, 2020

"Green: A Novel"

by Sam Graham-Felsen





PURIM SCHEDULE



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February 26

(Wednesday Evening)

6:30 pm

Mishloach Manot Packing Party

March 8

(Sunday Afternoon) **Kol Rinah Purim Carnival**

4:00-6:00 pm

Games, food and prizes for everyone!

March 9

(Monday Evening) **Erev Purim**

5:30-6:10 pm

Family dinner and Purim costume preparation
(RSVP required - Adults \$10, Children \$5)

6:15 pm

Children's parade and costume introductions

6:30 pm

Children's Megillah Experience

6:45 pm

Mincha

7:30-7:45 pm

Break Fast Dinner Served (RSVP Required)

7:30 pm

(Ma'ariv) Evening Service/Megillah Reading
Bar Mitzvah of Micah Lotsoff

8:45 pm

Party Time! Everyone is invited to celebrate Micah's
Bar Mitzvah and have some Purim fun! (cash bar)

March 10

(Tuesday) **Purim Day**

6:30 am

Shacharit and Megillah reading

6:00 pm

Mincha/Maariv Evening Service



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