

KR On The Move!

Our new home at 7701 Maryland Avenue is fully operational and in use, within our current safety protocols. Members can sign-up for limited attendance opportunities for Shabbat morning services. KoREH religious school has begun holding classes in the building for the semester. Additional Phase 1 scope improvements are scheduled for installation soon. Construction of the Kol Rinah Administration Offices, Library, and USY lounge on the third floor are scheduled to begin before the end of the month.

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

Photos courtesy of KoREH staff and Randi Mozenter



*First Day of KoREH!
more photos on p.11*



Latest addition to Chapel

Upcoming Events

Tue 3	Vote!
Sun 8	Community Art Project
Sat 14	Veterans Day Shabbat
Sun 15	Community Art Project
Tue 17	ROSH CHODESH KISLEV
Thu 26	Thanksgiving

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**You can now sign
up to come to a
Shabbat Service
at Kol Rinah!**

Forms are on our homepage

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.

Planning a Zoom event?
Don't forget to fill out the Zoom request form!

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A Message from Our Rabbis

Rabbi Noah Arnow - Senior Rabbi

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For Now

As Elton John sang, “I think it’s gonna be a long, long time.”

I write this in the middle of October, and it seems like COVID is going to be with us for a while, and shul as we knew it will be a long time in returning to “normal.”

So what do we do in the meantime?

We’ll keep doing minyan on Zoom. For so many of us, gathering, even virtually, seeing and hearing others and being heard and seen by others has been so important. For the many people saying kaddish, for a yahrzeit or during a period of mourning, the regularity of minyan has, I know, been a comfort.

Friday nights we’re going to keep on Zoom too, to allow participation. But as the sun sets earlier and earlier, we’re going to move Friday afternoon/ Kabbalat Shabbat services earlier and earlier. And it’s going to get pretty early—around 3pm for several weeks.

In some sense, during COVID, we are doubling down on our halakhic commitments to making Shabbat feel different, by only streaming and not Zooming on Shabbat. And particularly, when so many of us are on our devices so many hours each day, taking Shabbat seriously with our screens feels right to me.

We’ll keep streaming on Shabbat mornings, with an abbreviated service, in recognition of the very different experience of watching shul streaming from home. At shul, you can get up, get some coffee, chat for a while, but what you’re distracted by is, in some sense, shul, and the people there. At home, what you’re distracted by while watching shul is probably not some other aspect of shul. Additionally, for the people in the building, for safety, we want to keep things shorter rather than longer.

We’ll be offering a range of learning opportunities, geared toward us and

taught internally, and some taught by people around the country in conjunction with the Conservative Movement and other organizations. If you’re not finding prayer as meaningful now, for very understandable reasons, this is the best time ever to explore some Jewish learning instead. If you’re looking for particular kinds of learning, let Rabbi Shafrin or me know and we can help you find just the right thing.

Any crisis entails challenge and loss, but also opportunity. So with holiday celebrations, we’re thinking about the opportunities we have to innovate. How could we reimagine celebrating Hanukkah, Tu Bishvat, Purim or Passover in new, meaningful ways that will involve many different segments of our community? If you’re interested in being involved in planning these celebrations, let me know!

As always, keep your feedback and suggestions coming, and if you’d like to chat and check in, let us know!

JFS is here for you!

JFS follows strict confidentiality guidelines. Your conversation stays between you and the person you speak with at JFS. For your health and safety during the COVID pandemic, we utilize the telephone and Zoom for all conversations.



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Mazel Tov!

November Birthdays

Jonah Abeles, Benjamin Flug, Nira Asher Geller, Sharon Rosenberg, Erica Buchalter, David Berger, Jackie Fenster, Nancy Drake, Sandra Goldford, Shay Kweskin, Karen Rader, Betty Siegel, Patricia Rosen, Riav Feit, David Fox, Leslee Small, Patsy Spector, Barbara Shamir, Joel Allen, Margaret Israel, Tamara Miller, Benjamin Spector, Charles Johnson, Alisa Reichman, Jonathan Zoller, Charlotte Moss, Maya Besmer, William Hoffman, Richard Feldman, Toby Zaidman, Ashley Harken, Henry Lega, Byron Katcher, Linda Biggs, Derek Wetmore, Aaron Mandel, Elaine Tenzer, Siegfried Adler, Abraham Horowitz, Marilyn Dien, Rachel Gottlieb, Steven Kayman, Michael Neidorff, Garry Vickar, Michael Wetmore, Aaron Schwartz, Megan Meyers, Morgan Meyers, Susan Allen, Samuel Bashkin, Maayan Olshan, Sidney Sapot, Leslie Johnson, David Braude, Amy LeDeaux, Gail Appleson, Peggy Nehmen, Linda Makler, Trina Schukar, Aviva Buck-Yael, Phyllis Kalmes, Yoseph Santer, David Reznick, Cassie Feldman, Trudie Huss, Isabelle Schultz, David Cooperstein, Margaret Gillerman, Celia Picker, Steven Aroesty, Cynthia Vickar, Diane Kopitsky, Ethan Bernstein, Brenda Grossman, Carol Adler, Zachary Wexelman, Bradley Reichman, Sima Needleman

November Anniversaries

Stephen & Darien Arnstein
Michael & Gina Bernstein
Barry & Sheila Durlster
Mark & Alice Fasman
Harvey & Jackie Fenster
Joel & Leah Frankel
Michael Greenfield & Claire Halpern
Hanford & Katherine Gross
Maurice & Rachel Guller
Sally & Adam Hendin
Harold & Karen Karabell
Stephen & Nancy Keyser

Sasha & Blair Kweskin
Henry & Esther Claire Lega
Marvin & Doris Lerner
Rebecca & Christopher Mollett
Aaron & Molly Schwartz
Jerrold & Rosalyn Schwartz
Donald & Joanne Singer
Marc & Elaine Tenzer
Jonathan & Stephanie Zoller
Steven & Skylar Swim
Brian & Barb Herstig

December Birthdays

Noah Engel, Joanna Carra, Yosef Granillo, Jordyn Wolf, Burton Boxerman, Myles Rosenblum, Benjamin Singer, Catalina Rubin, Pardes Lyons-Warren, Rita Rothschild, Marvin Lerner, Suzanne Broddon, Henry Johnson, Joyce Eisenberg, Aaron Bobick, Chase Rubin, Danny Gurvis, Otto Lane, Amanda Rainey, Stephen Arnstein, Sandra Taryle, Josh Chaise, David Geller, Micah Buck-Yael, Ellen Harken, Scott Kaar, Skylar Swim

December Anniversaries

Noah & Tamara Arnow
Stan Braude & Nancy Berg
Susan & David Cort
Michael & Nancy Drake
Ralph & Mimi Graff
Howard & Jodi Granok
Anthony & Carole Granillo
Merwyn & Maxine Kalina
Charles & Cheryl Mallin
Marvin & Ginger Marcus
Robert & Joyce Olshan
Mendel & Sandra Rosenberg
Mark & Amy Rubin
Michael & Harriet Shanas
Alan & Bonnie Templeton
Benjamin & Rosetta Weintraub
John & Amy LeDeaux

** Listed chronologically in the month*

Thank You

Thank you to all our friends for the tributes you made in honor of our anniversary.

Sincerely,

Sig & Carol Adler

Dear Kol Rinah Family,

I was overwhelmed by all the good wishes for my 95th birthday. Although I can't thank you in person, I want to express my gratitude to you all. May you be well and happy, and I hope we meet face to face in the not too distant future.

Fondly,

Marian Katz

Sign into your **Membership Account** to access Zoom links for minyan services, programming, classes and Board meetings, and to view Board Minutes.

Condolences to the Families Of

Delia Rubin Friedman
Sidney Guller
Harvey Melnick
Rabbi Mary Ellen (Mem) Movshin
Samuel Wilk

May their memories be a blessing.

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

President's Message

Randi Mozenter - Kol Rinah President

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Dear Kol Rinah Family,

Happy Fall. It is difficult to believe that we are now more than seven months into our COVID-19 lifestyles and that the High Holidays are behind us. Thanks so much to all of you who made our virtual live-streamed and Zoom programming the huge success that we experienced. A special appreciation to Bill Kaufman who worked tirelessly to accomplish our many demanding technological needs. We really could not have succeeded without him.

High holiday pledges are still coming in, and I am grateful to everyone for your generosity. This year has been a

supreme challenge for so many of us. It is inspiring to see how many of you have responded with your financial support.

We are now able to have in-person Shabbat morning services in our beautiful new building. Attendance is limited to comply with social distancing, so please sign up on our website or call the Office. We would love for you to experience our new sanctuary in person in addition to via our live-stream.

KoREH has started and it is lovely to have children learning in our new building on Sunday mornings. All safety precautions are being carefully implemented and monitored.

I pray that each and every one of you has a healthy year. I look forward to being together in person in our new building. Construction and fundraising continues on our next phases. The offices, library and youth lounge are underway and hopefully, the new Early Childhood Center will not be far behind.

Your input and participation are always wanted, now more than ever. Check out our Kol Rinah website, Facebook page or email me.

Z'ei Gesundt,

Randi Mozenter

ZOOM & LEARN

Nathan Frank: A St. Louis Legacy
Missouri's first Jewish Congressman in 1889, Nathan Frank was a St. Louis mover and shaker - inside and outside his Jewish community.
A lawyer, author, publisher, and activist.
Speaker: Dr. Burton Boxerman

**Sunday
Nov. 1
11:30 am**

ZOOM & LEARN

The Torah of Resilience
Our tradition has a long history of providing resources for resilience in an ever-challenging and ever-changing world. Rabbis Arnow and Shafrin will examine resilience in a range of sources, from legal (halakhah) and narrative (aggadah) approaches to musar (ethical/spiritual teachings) and biblical texts in (4 sessions).

**7:30pm
on Zoom**

Each session of The Torah of Resilience is independent, so join for all or any!

Wednesday, November 4 - Tuesday, November 10 - Tuesday November 17

Sisterhood

Joyce Gang, Susan Brown - Sisterhood Co-Presidents

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At this time, we usually look over the past year and comment on the lovely memories of the High Holidays and how we look forward to starting afresh in 5781. We would comment on the beautiful and successful Break the Fast dinner, and Sisterhood's Supper in the Sukkah. We can just taste the chili and the super-stuffed baked potatoes. But, those programs didn't happen this year because of COVID. Instead, our High Holidays, although beautifully orchestrated, were very different from previous years. There were no hugs, no warm wishes in our beautiful new lobby, and no catching up on everyone and their families. We are very proud of our Rabbis, lay leaders and the High Holiday Task force for having worked out such meaningful High Holiday

services, within very strained and difficult parameters. We thank them all for a job so well done; and as the Rabbis always reminded us, thanks also to Bill Kaufman who managed the streaming and the Zooms. Who would have thought they could have pulled it off, but they did.

We no longer are having Sisterhood Kiddushes to celebrate simchas, and we look forward to that happening in the future. But right now we are depending on Sisterhood memberships and tributes to raise funds for the Congregation.. We hope that you will consider joining/rejoining Sisterhood this year.

Our looking at the future is at the end of this secular year. Our beautiful new

building is being used, even during COVID, only with very small numbers of congregants being able to come to Shabbat services. We are thankful for this start of services at our new Maryland Avenue sanctuary. We are thankful for the friendships and learning that have happened in the past, and look forward to the future. Sisterhood looks forward to continuing to help the Congregation and its ECC, USY, and KoREH. We are thankful to the Congregation for supporting Sisterhood and its mission to help the Shul and all of its parts. We are very thankful.

Looking forward to more,

Susan & Joyce

Nov. 8
3-5 pm

Join Our Community Art Project

Nov.15
3-5 pm

We will create a special mural that shows we are still a close and special community.

Families can sign-up for a specific time to come to the synagogue.

This event will be held in our new synagogue on Maryland Avenue on the Sundays of November 8th & 15th.

We wanted to create something that shows we are still a close community.

Each socially distanced art station will have the materials to paint a square. When all the squares have been painted, we will assemble them into a beautiful art piece that will be hung on the wall of our new building.

Families may sign up for a 30 minute block, and we will limit each block to 3 families.

Masks are required for people over the age of 2. Social distancing will be enforced.

Sign up for a time on this form <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4FA5AD2BA5FC1-community>

Brotherhood

Bob Olshan - Brotherhood President

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IT'S REALLY FALL

Our trip around the sun has brought us to autumn with shorter days, leaves ablaze in color and cooler nights as we head toward winter. With the fall season comes the annual Brotherhood Steak & Scotch in the Sukkah – with a Taste of Talmud, but this year it was virtual. We couldn't "smell that smoke."

We have gladly welcomed the return of Shabbat morning services, albeit by live streaming, and we continue to look forward to returning to worshipping live and face-to-face.

Since our in-person events remain on hold, the Brotherhood has been providing remote activities to help keep our Jewish souls active. For example, weekly we forward links provided by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs that include topics such as David and His Sons: No Wonder He had Problems with His Children, Leading the Virtual Seder, Yiddish Alive, The Jewish Roots of Anglo-American Law and dozens more.

It's typically a busy time of year for the Brotherhood. We missed serving pancakes and more for the first day of

KoREH. We would begin preparing for Build-a-Pair workshop in which the Brotherhood provides kits to the fourth graders to build a faux pair of Tefillin, which they use for the World Wide Wrap event in February. And it would be time to prep for the Brotherhood's annual Hanukkah get together. Frankly, I'm getting a little bit tired of saying, "Next year." But... here's hoping and looking for next year.

Shalom Aleichem,

Max Brown

Past President

Jewish Food Pantry November List

You can help the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry during the Coronavirus Pandemic by donating money or food.

1. Macaroni & Cheese
2. Kosher Non-Perishable Foods
3. Canned Chili, Beef Stew and Protein-Rich Foods
4. Dry Spaghetti, Tomato Sauce and Other Canned Pastas
5. Canned Vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, carrots)
6. Peanut Butter & Jelly
7. Canned Fruits
8. Personal care items such as:
Deodorant, Hand Soap and Hand Sanitizer

Currently, the need is great so please help in any way you can.

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

Save the Date!

Annual Congregational Meeting & Election

December 6, 2020 • 11am by Zoom

Save the Dates for ScholarStream

In an effort to help our rabbis and congregations during these trying times, the RA, USCJ, JTS and Ziegler are teaming up to offer adult education opportunities. A four-part series with some of the world's leading scholars and engage deeply with texts and traditions.

Tuesdays • 7pm (cst)

Nov. 10, Nov. 17

Dec. 1, Dec. 8

Wednesdays • 9pm (cst)

Nov. 11, Nov. 18

Dec. 2, Dec. 9

[Click here to learn more](#)

USY & Kadima

Alec Russo - USY Coordinator

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Shalom, my name is Alec Russo and I am the new Youth Director for Kol Rinah's USY chapter. I moved to St. Louis in December 2018 from Los Angeles to continue working with OUTFRONT Media. Growing up, I lived all over the United States, but I spent most of my childhood in Las Vegas and New Jersey. I was a member of USY in my teens in Las Vegas and continued to be involved with the Jewish community throughout college while volunteering with the Jewish National Fund.

Over the past few weeks, USY has been able to safely meet from a distance outside in the new Kol Rinah parking lot. Each Tuesday, one of our members schedules a program for the rest of the group to take part in. Programs have ranged from game nights to educational discussion. As the weather is starting to change, we will likely begin meeting online through Zoom until it is safe to meet inside. The group is looking forward to having a new youth lounge in the near future. Todah Rabah!

Below is a recap our KRSTL USY Executive Board for the 2020-2021 school year:

Merav Portman	<i>President</i>
Jane Kalina, Joey Sparks	<i>Executive Vice Presidents</i>
Toby Zaidman	<i>Social Action/Tikun Olam</i>
Joey Sparks	<i>Israeli Affairs</i>
Karen Huss	<i>Religious/Education</i>
Hanan Nathan-Slarskey	<i>Membership/Kadima</i>
Ella-Jane Miller	<i>Communications</i>

Membership

Joyce Olshan - Membership Chair

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The membership committee has been learning to navigate meetings on Zoom like everyone else. And we are trying to think of fun, creative, worthwhile programs to offer our members as a Zoom. It's been tricky!

Our Decorate Your Door program was not well understood and so we didn't get the results we had hoped for. But thank you to those who did care to reach out to fellow congregants with their creative and beautifully decorated doors. It was an important sign of togetherness even as we continue to need to stay behind our home doors.

We were part of the High Holiday outreach team, especially to our senior members. We helped to deliver the High Holiday bags and Machzorim and to organize a phone list for our rabbis to call these special people. Thank you to all who helped.

Our next program is to leave Zoom behind and go back to nature – with a Walk in the Park at Stacy Park on October 22. We hope to continue this even as the cooler weather arrives if people are willing.

In the midst of this COVID year, we still have been able to welcome new members. Welcome to Richard and Hazel Sohn, Kari Kramer and Richard Frankel and Laurie and daughter Leela Ferrendelli.

Holidays coming up this winter will give us another chance to come together – virtually for now. Group Zoom Chanukah candle lighting and possibly Tu B'shevat seders are being considered.

Everyone has been so good at sharing jokes. How about a "Share a Joke" Sunday evening Zoom session? Gotta keep it clean!

Tell us if you have any ideas or have heard of other places doing things you'd like us to try.

Stay well
Joyce Olshan & the Membership Committee



Pat Rosen with her High Holiday delivery

Kol Rinah Families and Youth

Melissa Bellows - Youth and Family Coordinator

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Though we can't physically be together, our Young Families have worked hard to continue to build a community during this complicated time. Being together on Zoom for Havdallah and some fun High Holiday services were certainly highlights in an uncertain time. Karen Kern brought

her guitar and beautiful voice to both Young Family services and Elementary services for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. When we gather together online, we see the ruach and energy from our kids and parents. We are now working on creative ways to get

together in socially distant ways in order to keep our community thriving. As always, I welcome volunteers and ideas as to how we can do this. Please email **Melissa@kolrinahstl.org**, and be on the lookout for some special events coming up soon!



Havdallah on Zoom for Families Sundays at 10am

A short and sweet service to end Shabbat and begin the week.
For the Zoom link, email: Melissa@kolrinahstl.org

Early Childhood Education

Liz Collins - ECC Director

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What a wonderful September and October we have had here at KRECC. In September, classes spent a lot of time learning about bees and honey, apples, round challah, and sounds of the shofar in preparation for Rosh

Hashanah. It was wonderful peeking into the classrooms and seeing children dipping bubble wrap in yellow paint and stamping it on paper to create a honeycomb bee hive effect. In some of the older classes children were seen eating a variety of flavor of apples and tasting them to discover their favorite kind. During music class via Zoom with Ms. Karen Kern, children were singing songs about the sounds of the shofar and dipping apples in honey. Then in October, classes spent time learning about Sukkot. Children had an opportunity to play with a stuffed lulav and etrog and pretended to invite guests to their Sukkah. After all the holiday learning

and projects, classes enjoyed the cooler temperatures outside and going on nature walks to see the leaves on the trees changing colors and falling to the ground.



"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."

- Viktor Frankl

Last March, with just six weeks left of school for our Kol Rinah Education Hub (KoREH), we all went into quarantine. Over the course of four days, the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to close our building, leaving us a simple choice: cancel school and chalk the last few weeks up as a loss, or regroup and try to offer education remotely to students and families. Our incredible educators rallied together, mustered up their ingenuity, and created innovative lessons that allowed classes to meet remotely to finish off the year.

By no means was the experience perfect for students or staff. It was not the way anyone wanted to learn, but I am so proud of all that our teachers accomplished, all that our students were pushed to learn and experience, and the way people came together to spend their time and energy to show that quality Jewish learning and experiences are something we all value.

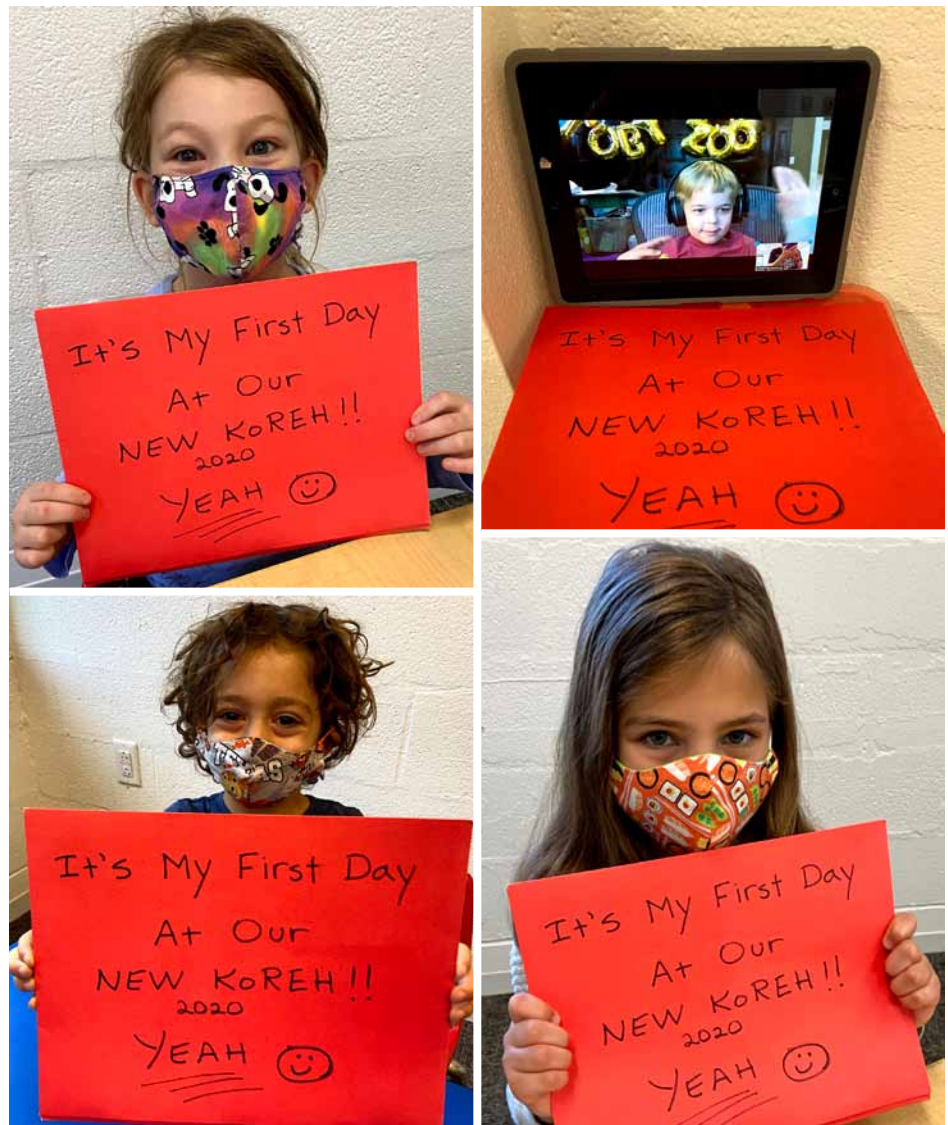
Over the course of the summer, I have met with our teachers, our medical advisory board, our synagogue leadership, and dozens of other Jewish educators both here in St. Louis and around the globe to try to determine what the best practices should be for a Jewish supplemental school during this pandemic. With no

way to change the situation we find ourselves in around the world this year, we adapted our learning models to deliver quality Jewish educational experiences for families.

As a result, I am proud to say that we have been able to reopen KoREH starting just a couple weeks ago on October 18 in our new building on Maryland Avenue. We have modified the entire experience into a hybrid learning model; students are in class with their grade only, with all staff and

students masked and sitting at least six feet apart. The morning sessions are shorter, with no in-person learning during the week, and each grade is supplementing their learning with 1-1 or small group remote learning and tutoring with their teachers. This allows students and parents the flexibility of scheduling learning in with the rest of their lives and gives students the individual attention they need to learn and grow, especially in their reading

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skills. We have also provided a remote option for students that are completely isolating from other people outside their social bubble.

Safety of every member of our learning community has always been our highest priority, and we will continue to monitor, supervise, and revise our health and safety strategies according to the most current advice from medical experts. But at the same time, seeing the smiling faces of learners, children we have watched grow and change and have not seen in person

for more than half a year, has been an incredible blessing. I want to thank all of our parents and families for their trust and faith in us, not only to keep their children safe, but to give them the kind of community-focused, nurturing, adaptable, educational experience that will open the doors to a lifetime of meaningful Jewish engagement for their children. We are excited to be learning with you once again!

And to our teachers and partners: we could not do anything without your tireless work, sacrifices, creativity, warmth, and care. You are the pillars that hold this community and our

families up, and we are so lucky to have each of you as a part of our community.

Want to tour our new building?

Call the office 314.727.1747, to make an appointment.

Please remember to fill out the [COVID 19 wellness](#) form before your visit.

Masks Required!

Bring a can of food for the food pantry.



Socially distanced classrooms



November 2020 Calendar

Cheshvan / Kislev 5781

1 Sunday

11:30am Zoom & Learn

2 Monday

3 Tuesday

US Election Day

Drop off ballots by 7pm

4 Wednesday

7:30pm Torah of Resilience - Zoom & Learn

5 Thursday

6 Friday

12pm Torah Talk

4:37pm Candle Lighting

7 Saturday

Parshat Vayera

5:39pm Havdallah

8 Sunday

11:30am Zoom & Learn

3-5pm Community Art Project (see ad)

9 Monday

10 Tuesday

7:30pm Torah of Resilience - Zoom & Learn

11 Wednesday

Veterans Day

12 Thursday

13 Friday

12pm Torah Talk

4:31pm Candle Lighting

14 Saturday

Parshat Chayei Sara

Shabbat Mevarchim

Veterans Day Shabbat

5:33pm Havdallah

15 Sunday

11:30am Zoom & Learn

3-5pm Community Art Project (see ad)

16 Monday

17 Tuesday

Rosh Chodesh Kislev

7:30pm Torah of Resilience - Zoom & Learn

18 Wednesday

19 Thursday

20 Friday

12pm Torah Talk

4:26pm Candle Lighting

21 Saturday

Parshat Toldot

5:29pm Havdallah

22 Sunday

11:30am Zoom & Learn

23 Monday

24 Tuesday

25 Wednesday

4:30pm ECC Closes at 4:30 pm

26 Thursday

Thanksgiving Day (Office & ECC closed)

8am Shacharit

27 Friday

ECC Closed for Thanksgiving

12pm Torah Talk

4:23pm Candle Lighting

28 Saturday

Parshat Vayetzei

5:26pm Havdallah

29 Sunday

11:30am Zoom & Learn

30 Monday

☆JOIN A ZOOM MINYAN!☆

We say kaddish with a Zoom Minyan.

**Services Unless
Otherwise Listed**

Weekday 7am and 6pm

Sunday 8am and 6pm

Kabbalat Shabbat

November 6th & 13th - 3:30pm

November 20th & 27th - 3pm

Shabbat Mornings

Services begin streaming at 9:30am

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