



## Upcoming Events

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|--------------------|--|
| 5 Sat              | Caleb Arnov Bar Mitzvah  |
| 7 Mon              | Labor Day  |
| 18 Fri -<br>20 Sun | Erev and Rosh Hashanah<br>(Tashlich and Shofar<br>service on Sunday) |
| 21 Mon             | Fast of Gedalia  |
| 27 Sun             | Kol Nidre  |
| 28 Mon             | Yom Kippur   |

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# Kol Rinah Leadership

## Kol Rinah Board

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| Randi Mozenter    | <i>President</i>                            |
| Sherri Sadon      | <i>Chair of the Board</i>                   |
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| David Cooperstein | <i>VP Facilities</i>                        |
| Barbara Shamir    | <i>VP Personnel</i>                         |
| Esti Goldman      | <i>VP Ritual</i>                            |
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| Janice Shenker    | <i>Treasurer</i>                            |

## Serving Through 2020

Steve Birenbaum, Denise Bobick, Florence Cohn, Amy Friedman, Paula Lemerman, Marvin Marcus, Jinny Petrofsky, Al Snyder

## Serving Through 2021

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## Past Presidents Board

### Representatives

Marsha Birenbaum, Marshall Myers

## Staff

|                                    |   |
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| Mitch Shenker, Barbara Shamir,     |   |
| Stacey Hudson                      | <i>Co-Executive Directors</i>               |
| Nancy Greene                       | <i>Executive Assistant</i>                  |
| Meir Zimand                        | <i>Director of Operations &amp; Finance</i> |
| Melissa Bellows                    | <i>Youth &amp; Family Coordinator</i>       |
| Alec Russo                         | <i>USY Coordinator</i>                      |
| Octavio Vargas- Norwood Janitorial |   |
|                                    | <i>Facilities / Maintenance</i>             |

## Ritual

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

## Education

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Scott Shafrin   | <i>Religious School Director / Associate Rabbi</i> |
| Melissa Bellows | <i>KoREH Assistant</i>                             |
| Liz Collins     | <i>Early Childhood Center Director</i>             |

## Auxiliary Groups

|                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Max Brown               | <i>Brotherhood President</i>    |
| Susan Brown, Joyce Gang | <i>Sisterhood Co-Presidents</i> |
| Marilyn Dien            | <i>Women's Social Group</i>     |
| Ralph Graff             | <i>Verein Discussion Group</i>  |

## Committee Chairs

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Stacey Hudson                 | <i>Building Opening Task Force</i>              |
| Gina Bernstein                | <i>Capital Campaign/Development</i>             |
| Barbara Bianco                | <i>Chesed</i>                                   |
| Wendy Love Anderson           | <i>Community Learning, Interfaith Inclusion</i> |
| Gary Kodner                   | <i>Communications</i>                           |
| Barbara Shamir                | <i>Constitution &amp; Bylaws</i>                |
| Denise Bobick                 | <i>ECC</i>                                      |
| Jeremy Buhler                 | <i>Education</i>                                |
| Dan Rosenthal                 | <i>Facilities</i>                               |
| Janice Shenker                | <i>Finance</i>                                  |
| Marsha Birenbaum              | <i>Halls &amp; Catering</i>                     |
| Debbie Igeilnik, Joel Portman | <i>High Holidays Engagement</i>                 |
| Esti Goldman, Bob Olshan      | <i>Israel</i>                                   |
| Al Snyder                     | <i>KoREH</i>                                    |
| Joyce Olshan                  | <i>Membership</i>                               |
| Denise Field                  | <i>Personnel</i>                                |
| Howard Granok                 | <i>Ritual</i>                                   |
| Benj Singer                   | <i>Social Action / Tzedek Team</i>              |
| Michael Levine                | <i>Strategic Planning</i>                       |
| Beth Rubin                    | <i>USY</i>                                      |

## Kol Rinah welcomes everyone. This means YOU!

Kol Rinah is a dynamic and forward-looking congregation where all generations come together to experience Judaism in innovative ways. **Our mission** is to create a welcoming community that embraces Torah and meaningful worship, lifelong learning, music, Israel and Tikkun Olam, guided by the tenets of Conservative Judaism.

**We embrace** a diversity of Jews and Jewish families, including Jews by choice and Jews by birth, Jews of all hues, Jewish singles, couples, and families, interfaith households, LGBTQ Jews, Jews of all abilities and disabilities, the Jew-curious, and more! If there is anything we can do to make you more welcome or to accommodate your needs, please let us know.

Click for more info about Elul/High Holiday Learning Opportunities

**Zoom & Learn** with  
Current and Former Kol Rinah Clergy  
(Includes More Learning Resources)



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**Elul/High Holiday Preparation**

# A Message from Our Rabbis

Rabbi Noah Arnow - Senior Rabbi

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## Is All Torah Local?

Should Kol Rinah be offering classes geared toward adults on Zoom during the pandemic?

On the face of it, it's an absurd question -- of course we should! We're a synagogue; we do Jewish education, we can't do anything in person now, so let's at least have classes on Zoom. And Rabbi Shafrin and I have been teaching Torah Talk on Fridays; Wendy Love Anderson has been coordinating community learning on Sundays at 11:30am. Why would I even ask this question?

With all learning now virtual though, so many more options for Jewish learning are available. Live classes taught by Hadar's Rabbis Shai Held and Elie Kaunfer (who have both taught at Kol Rinah in the past) are available for free. The Shalom Hartman Institute had four weeks of learning for free over the summer, and they've used the tagline "grad school for beginners" to indicate the high level of learning that is still accessible to everyone.

The various seminaries, including the Ziegler Institute of Jewish Studies and the Jewish Theological Seminary, as well as the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, and many other institutions continue to have terrific free live online learning available to all.

Previously, much of this content was only available in person, but it's now

being made available virtually and for free.

I know members of our community who have studied with Hadar, who are taking Hebrew with the JCC of San Francisco, and who celebrated Shavuot by studying with Conservative rabbis from around the country.

When the pandemic ends and we're able to be together in person again, many of the learning opportunities that emerged during the pandemic will remain virtual to welcome learners from around the globe in a dramatically more inclusive model of Jewish learning that doesn't exclude people who are unable to come (and pay to come) to a particular place for a length of time.

Virtual learning is more accessible to many kinds of people, including parents (and especially mothers) who have in-person childcare responsibilities, people who can't afford to travel for learning opportunities, people who for physical or mental health reasons can't travel, or even leave their homes, and people who live in underserved or remote areas.

It's been suggested that synagogues could in some sense "outsource" Jewish education to experts in pedagogy and scholarship, which can be done virtually, while retaining and sharpening their focus on relationships, pastoral care, chesed and justice work--things that are inherently and essentially local.

Organizations should really focus on what they uniquely can do.

And yet, I still want to keep teaching Torah. Why? Because I love teaching, and I love the relationships that develop over and through the study of Torah. Because there's something different about studying Torah with a teacher and other students with whom you are in relationship. Classes that are small (but not too small) allow each learner to participate (although I wouldn't mind if our classes were a little bigger). So I do intend to keep teaching.

However, we can and should do a better job sharing amazing virtual learning with the congregation. My goal is to help Jews find the right Jewish experiences for them, and there are just so many more options. And Jews who are learning make engaged synagogue members.

What do you think the balance should be? And if you're interested in finding some outstanding virtual Jewish learning, let me know and we'll find something just right for you.

**Check for your  
High Holiday  
Mailing!**

Links to our [High Holiday page](#) and more on [page 6](#)



# Mazel Tov!

## September Birthdays

Howard Granok, Michael Paley, Alan Weinberger, Rosalyn Schwartz, Blair Kveskin, Meir Zimand, Alexis Porter, Zachary Buhler, Beth Levy, Alexandra Sandler, Anya Cerulo, Nelson Vickar, Isabelle Vickar, Molly Schwartz, Donald Siegel, Ralph Graff, Adam Scherer, Abigail Miller, Ilana Rosman, Neal Goldford, Simon Leeds, David Levy, Wendy Huss, Wendy Anderson, Michael Cannon, Steven Brown, Brigit Burke, Henry Rosenblum, Jessica Jones, Enid Tennenbaum, Sarah Salky, Ben Barzilai, Anthony Chaboude, Tovah Enger, Ginger Marcus, Richard Kodner, Michael Gartenberg, Mendel Rosenberg, Michael Faccini, John LeDeaux, Robert Boxerman, Susan Brown, Sophie Aroesty, Steven Birenbaum, Robert Glick, Alyssa Burke, Joan Barzilai, Gina Bernstein, Brett Fox, Enrique Lerner, Maxine Lipeles Goldstein, Jessica Sheldon, Jacob Sheldon, Joey Sparks, Amy O'Connell, Bruce Sabin

## September Anniversaries

Byron & Audrey Katcher  
Aaron & Cynthia Vickar  
Alissa & Barry Duel  
Kenneth & Cheryl Stein  
Mitchell & Joyce Podolsky  
Marc & Lvav Spector  
L. Louis & Susan Albert

## October Birthdays

Susan Albert, Dana Garner, Marilyn Evans, Esther Raizel, Dovran Olshan, Alissa Duel, Claire Halpern, Maurice Guller, Shuli Igielnik, Leigh Sher, David Ginsburg, Andrea Rosenblum, Barbara Meyers, Matthew Singer, Laurie Furman, Hallel Arnov, Marian Katz, Omri Praiss, Ari Duel, Joyce Podolsky, Mildred Hoffman, Klara Rybak, Phyllis Bynum, Linda Gavatin, Joshua Ettinger, Grace Kalina, Janet Jacob, Isaac Picker, Easton Porter, Marvin Marcus, Mary Ellen Movshin, Samuel Rubin, Hannah

Zaidman, Rachel Flug, Darien Arnstein, Sanford Boxerman, Abigail Goldstein, Gershon Spector, Ronald Portman, Harlan Heller, Gabriel Karabell, Lawrence Margulis, Michael Root, Amy Rubin, Randee Jacobs, Amy Friedman, Amarys Evans, Jordan Stettner, James Bashkin, Eve Root, Avra Arnov, Scott Stein, Roger Brockman, Jacob Goldstein, Joanne Singer, Ella Kalachek, Jacob Goldsmith, Susan Gartenberg, Lvav Spector, Max Brown, Asher Fox, Raphael Barrett, Julie Kopitsky, Rebecca Mollett, Caleb Rosenthal

## October Anniversaries

Siegfried & Carol Adler  
Ruth Battle & Walter Chaboude  
Max & Susan Brown  
Micah & Aviva Buck-Yael  
Michael & Susan Gartenberg  
Steven & Alla Grossman  
Louis & Ellen Harken  
Jeffrey & Janet Jacob  
Joseph & Beth Levy  
Cindy Payant & James White  
Eli & Sherri Sadon  
Amos & Barbara Shamir  
Craig & Amy Zaidman  
Margaret Gillerman & Mark Schlinkmann

*\* Listed chronologically in the month*

## Condolences to the Families Of

Sidonia "Dolly" Arnstein  
Regina Barenholtz  
Marsha Bernstein  
Nancy Bormaster  
Esther Deborah Rosenbaum Buchsbaum  
Jack Fasman  
Rhoda Kunitz Grimsky  
Rosalie L. Sterneck  
**May their memories be a blessing.**

# Thank You

Thank you to everyone who sent us good wishes for our July birthdays. Your greetings were a lovely reminder of the wonderful and warm community in St. Louis. We wish you all health and sweetness in the coming new year.

*Rabbi Mark & Alice Fasman*

To all my friends who sent me happy birthday wishes, I am very grateful. Thank you. It's always enjoyable to be thought of. Best wishes to you all. Your friend,

*Al Rosenberg*

## Jewish Food Pantry September List

You can help the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry during the Coronavirus Pandemic by donating money or food. Below are some suggestions for items the pantry needs for the month of August.

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

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

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

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# President's Message

Randi Mozenter - Kol Rinah President

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Did you ever notice how time can go so quickly but also so very slowly? It seems that the COVID-19 pandemic quarantine, not being able to attend services with everyone, or meet in person, has been going on forever. But I also think, how can it be September already and the High Holidays are right around the corner?

Time is really funny. Actually my PhD dissertation was on time estimation and perception. That's a long story which I won't bore you to tears with, but if you ever need help falling asleep, ask me and I'll be glad to fill you in. The bottom line is that usually when time is filled with unpleasant things it goes very, very slowly. However when time is filled with enjoyable things we perceive that it passes much more quickly.

For me, the summer always goes too quickly. And it always seems that the High Holidays sneak up on us. There's so much to do. The Kol Rinah office and staff have been working overtime to get all the materials out and put the Yizkor book together. The High Holiday committee as well as the Reopening Task Force have been very busy trying to figure out how to hold High Holiday services this year in a way that is spiritual, personal and meaningful, but also very safe. That's quite a task.

Our new building is finally really coming together. Our offices will be able to move by the end of this secular year. Our new library and youth lounge will also be completed

at that time. The main floor of Kol Rinah, including the new sanctuary addition, is completed and stunning. Besides the sanctuary addition, this floor contains the Guller Chapel, the Shirley and Gene Barken (z"l) Education Center, the Geller Lobby, the Bill Solomon (z"l) Gallery and our fabulous Community Hall.

Our next big task is funding the expanded Early Childhood Center construction, which will allow us to increase the number of children that we can accommodate, since we are bursting at the seams. As always, if you are interested in serving on any Committee, please contact us.

There are so many people that make Kol Rinah what it is and function the way that it does. Today I'm just going to call out one special person, but of course there are so very many people doing wonderfully dedicated and amazing work. I've chosen this

month to honor Elizabeth Collins, our Early Childhood Center Director. She has gone above and beyond to make sure that our children and staff are safe and receiving great education and care during these difficult times. Liz has stepped up at a very difficult time, from the position of co-director to sole director, when her co-director made the difficult choice to stay home to care for her young children during the pandemic. Thanks Liz for being the role model you are!

May you all have healthy, meaningful and peaceful holidays and be inscribed in the book of life for another year.

Z'ei Gesundt,

*Randi Mozenter*

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

[Click Here](#)

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JFS can help you with your rent and mortgage payments, utility, medicine and medical bills. **Call Pat at 314.513.1678 or 314.993.1000** for confidential assistance.

JFS delivers free, healthy and nutritious foods to your door at no cost to you. **Call Lori at 314.812.9300 or 314.993.1000** for more information.

JFS has a variety of qualified counselors. If we can't provide what you are looking for, we know who can. **Call Rochelle at 314.993.1000** for more information.

**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.

# Ritual- High Holidays

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September is a very busy month of activities as we shift into high gear for the high holidays! Your Kol Rinah High Holiday task force is working hard to make this year the best that it can be – New Year, New Connections!

As you will see in your HH packet, while we won't be able to be together physically, we will be together in spirit. A special High Holiday bag will be distributed to help us all celebrate together. It will include family activities, honey, fresh fruit and Machzor(im).

## High Holiday Bags

Pick up High Holiday bags at KR Hanley location on:

- ★ Tuesday 9/8: 8 -10 am
- ★ Wednesday 9/9: 11am – 1pm
- ★ Thursday 9/10: 4 - 6pm

Pickup at KR Maryland Ave location:

- ★ Sunday 9/13: 10am - 12 pm

***For those unable to pick up your bag, it can be delivered to you September 14-16.***

## Elul Events

For a list of all the exciting Elul events, please check the website or call the office. Also check the Elul guidebook you received in your HH packet.

**Selichot services** will begin Saturday night, Sept 12, with Havdalah and an introduction at 8pm, followed by USCJ classes at 8:30pm.

## Live Streaming Services

All High Holiday services will be held via Live Streaming. This unique experience will bring all the special prayers of the holidays right to your home.

## Rosh Hashanah

Services both days will be 9:15am – 12pm.

- ★ Friday 9/18, Mincha and "Kabbalat" Rosh Hashanah - on Zoom - 5:30pm
- ★ Shabbat 9/19, Day 1 Rosh Hashanah
- ★ Sunday 9/20, Day 2 Rosh Hashanah

Since Day One is on Shabbat, we will fulfill the mitzvah of hearing the shofar on Day Two. Please join us at 3pm or 4pm as we gather in our cars in the Pierre Laclede parking lot across from the shul. This is also a great time to wave and kibitz with your 'neighbors'.

## Yom Kippur

- ★ Sunday 9/27 – Kol Nidre at 6:30 – 8pm
- ★ Monday 9/28 – Yom Kippur Shacharit 9:30am – 1pm
- ★ Mincha - 5:15pm
- ★ Ma'ariv / Neilah 6:30 – 7:30pm

Wishing you a sweet new year, filled with good health and happiness. May you be inscribed in the book of life and may we all be together.

*Shanah Tovah*



## KOL RINAH DOOR DECORATING CHALLENGE

***Our doors may be closed but our hearts are open.  
Turn your door into a High Holiday - Shanah Tovah greeting!  
Simply decorate any door with a message or creative artwork  
and send us the photo to Meir@kolrinahstl.org***

Questions? Call Linda Makler, 636-391-9965 or e-mail at [golchamp@aol.com](mailto:golchamp@aol.com)



# USY & Kadima

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In May we held social distance board elections.

## **Our KRSTL USY Executive Board for the 2020-2021 school year is:**

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

This summer we stayed in touch with each other, planning and setting goals for this school year.

In addition to our KRSTL Zoom meetings, Emtza, the midwest region of USY, hosted weekly regional lounge nights throughout the summer via Zoom. International USY cancelled all in person conventions for the remainder of 2020. In order to stay as safe as possible, Emtza will be having online USY conventions to keep us connected.

Emtza Region has made a commitment to advocate for racial justice and encouraged all Emtza chapters to form a plan of action supporting this mission. During our first board

meeting of the year, we discussed ways we could help. We are dedicated to incorporating educational programs regarding racial injustice frequently throughout the year. Additionally, we have chosen to partner with the ACLU of Missouri as our Social Action/Tikun Olam (SA/TO) project for the year.

We're all looking forward to the day we can all be together again in our beautiful new building. L'ShanahTova!

*Merav Portman*  
KRSTL USY President

## Membership

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*Joyce Olshan*

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### HIGH HOLIDAY DOOR GREETINGS

Since our synagogue doors are still closed to us as a congregation and to be safe, our doors at home are closed to each other, we can't be together to celebrate as we are used to doing. So we thought decorating our doors as Happy New Year – Shanah Tovah greetings is a good symbolic way of 'opening our doors' again to connect.

It is as simple as writing the words "Shanah Tovah – Happy New Year from the \_\_\_\_\_ Family" or "Wishing a sweet new year to all our Kol Rinah family from \_\_\_\_\_" or any message you want. Adding pictures of your family, pets, vacation trips,

special celebrations or even funny faces is great but not necessary.

As Membership committee, we always felt our main job is to plan and provide meaningful activities and outreach opportunities for all our members – across the age spectrum. We work with other special interest groups within our congregation or create our own programs. Obviously we were unable to call people together. So we thought this to be a safe, creative, easy, family friendly activity that everyone can participate in to join us together for the High Holidays.

Please send in your photos of your High Holiday greeting door to Meir at [meir@kolrinahstl.org](mailto:meir@kolrinahstl.org). You can send in as many as you like. Let's open up our virtual doors until we can meet together again.

On another subject, we are looking for members who would appreciate a call from the rabbis before the High Holidays to help feel connected at this time of physical and spiritual distancing. Please contact the membership committee and we will relay the message to the office.

Our membership committee doors are always open – feel free to contact us.

*Joyce Olshan*



## Raising Up The Waters

I once heard a fable about a thirsty raven who flew far and wide looking for water in the middle of a drought. At the edge of despair, the raven flew over a cottage and saw a pitcher of water left on a table outside. She eagerly dove down, landed on the table, and reached into the pitcher with her beak, but it was too narrow for her to reach.

Utterly exhausted, she rolled off the table onto the rough gravel path. She kicked at the gravel in frustration and one of the pebbles landed into the pitcher with a large splash. She added another pebble and another, until she could finally reach the water with her beak. She drank deeply, until she was full and satisfied.

When I first heard this fable as a child, my first reaction was, "Who puts rocks in their water and then drinks it?!" But as it turns out, thirsty people do. When we are thirsty enough for that thing that is so important to our survival, we have the most amazing ability to look into

the world and find extraordinary new ways to reach goals that in the past, had been ordinary, commonplace and easily achievable.

More than ever, this story holds resonance for me. We are now living in a moment where so many things once were simple. Our social interactions, schooling, work, and leisure have become difficult or even impossible as we used to do them. So, like the raven, we adapt. We find new uses for the tools at our disposal and we use them to meet our communal needs.

Our Kol Rinah Education Hub (KoREH) leaders have been working throughout the summer to adapt and change our lessons and educational models to meet the needs of families during this pandemic. As of this writing, we are still planning to meet starting after the High Holidays in a largely modified format once a week, with smaller class pods to limit exposure, everyone masked and strict procedures

governing our interactions. We are also supplementing our classroom learning with virtual 1-1 tutoring, as well as virtual learning, for any families who are unable to be with us in person for any reason.

We know any of these plans may need to change given new information over the next few months. We will continue to adapt together through the challenges ahead. Just as in any other year, your community is here for you, to nourish and guide you, to help and to hear you, to sustain you and to enable you to reach each new part of your journey.

I know many of us feel like the raven in the story: lost, struggling, tired, or frustrated. But I have been encouraged to see so many of us becoming people who put the pebbles into pitchers for others. That is what we are here for, building ties that support one another, and that is what will bring us through these times of struggle and into a better tomorrow.

## Early Childhood Education

Liz Collins - ECC Director

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It has been wonderful being back at school since the middle of June. Classes have spent the summer months learning about farms, camping, the circus, and space. It was fun to walk down the ECC hall and notice within the classrooms tents set up for camping in the dramatic play

area, barns built from blocks in the wooden blocks area, and sun, moon, and stars made from playdough in the sensory area.

On August 17, we will welcomed in the 2020-2021 school year. Classes started off the school year learning about each other, getting acquainted

with their teachers, and exploring all the learning centers that are in their classrooms. Not too long after that it will be time to get ready for the high holidays. Classes will sing, read books and create crafts related to Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot.



# Kol Rinah Families and Youth

Melissa Bellows - Youth and Family Coordinator

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Young Families has been making the best out of being apart! We finished our Discovering Differences program virtually, and we learned a lot of great skills from our friends at WeStories. We are grateful to the Jewish Federation of St. Louis for their funding, and we are continuing this great work this coming year!

Families have also continued to meet each Sunday morning for a quick Havdalah and check-in with one another, via Zoom. We talk about our week, and spend some time to be in the moment and feel the holiness of Shabbat. We are looking forward

to offering some warm virtual High Holy Day Services for our families, as well as providing activities to celebrate the holidays at home. If you would like to be on our Young Families email list, please email me at **Melissa@kolrinahstl.org**.

## Brotherhood

Bob Olshan - New Brotherhood President

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### IT'S ALMOST FALL AND TIME FOR CHANGE

This is my last Brotherhood article for the Voice. For health reasons, I decided to step down as Brotherhood president. The Brotherhood Board of Directors elected Bob Olshan as president to serve until our election of officers in December.

I'd like to thank all the men of the Brotherhood for their support. The Brotherhood does an incredible amount of work to bring our men together to create a bond, as well as to enhance the quality of life at Kol Rinah. What the Brotherhood has done for me? I don't have the space to list everything, but here are a few ways the Brotherhood has impacted my life.

Through the World Wide Wrap, our religious schoolers learn the significance of laying tefillin and have an opportunity to experience the ritual. This has underscored for me

the importance of passing Jewish ritual and tradition *l'dor v'dor*, from generation to generation.

The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program reminds me that the distance from the horrors of the Holocaust becomes greater with each generation. Each year as we lose more survivors to tell their first-hand stories, we must take on the responsibility to keep each new generation informed so that they can work to insure it never happens again to Jews – or to any group. Because of this involvement, I became a docent at the St. Louis Holocaust Museum and Learning Center.

Brotherhood programs provide enrichment for Jewish men. Hearing Men's Voices provides an opportunity for Jewish men to come together in a confidential, informal atmosphere to discuss topics that men typically do not talk about. One night the topic was

*My Father, My Self*. That night, for the first time, I opened up – it was cathartic and helped me deal with issues.

Brotherhood doesn't only do serious stuff. We have the annual Steak and Scotch in the Sukkah, Lag B'Omer bonfire, annual religious school pancake breakfast, Mazon HaOlam dinner and many more – all drawing the members of Kol Rinah and me closer together.

To top things off, Kol Rinah Brotherhood participates in the bi-annual International FJMC Convention and the off-year FJMC Midwest Region Retreat.

In closing, the answer to the question what has the Brotherhood done for me is... it has made me a better man and a better Jew.

Shalom Aleichem,

*Max Brown*

Outgoing Brotherhood President

# Sisterhood

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In this era of COVID-19, with Kol Rinah Zoom minyanim and classes, we look forward to the High Holidays, although they will not be the Holidays we have known and loved. This year will not include buying a new outfit to start the new year, sitting with friends and fellow congregants. It will be different. But, it will be thoughtful and holy. It will still be the High Holidays. It will also be safe. Our officers and rabbis and the High Holidays Task Force have been working to make it memorable.

Our beautiful new Sanctuary, now ready and waiting for us, will be used in a different way for these High Holidays. But it will still be our beautiful new home, and it is just waiting for us to be able to pray there safely.

Some things we have been able to do from our homes. Both we and ORT

thank you for your support of our Honey from the Heart fundraiser. Thank you also for sending Sisterhood Tributes to honor simchas and remember those we have lost.

Sisterhood uses these funds to support the synagogue. We donate to the ECC, the USY, Kol Rinah's Religious School, the Capital Campaign, Mishloach Manot. We are hoping to continue to do so, and ask for your support in being a member of Sisterhood. The women in the congregation should have

received their membership request letter for the 2020-2021 year. Thank you for continuing your membership, or beginning a new membership.

At this season we reflect upon our actions and ask forgiveness from anyone whom we have offended as co-presidents of Sisterhood. We sincerely appreciate your help and encouragement, and look to guide Sisterhood on the giving paths of its past.

L'Shanah Tovah,  
*Susan and Joyce*

## L'Chaim Erev Shabbat



**Zoom L'Chaim Every Friday at 5:30pm before Kabbalat Shabbat**  
(Join us for a toast & schmooze)  
The Kol Rinah Brotherhood is pleased to sponsor (BYOB) a spirited L'Chaim EVERY Erev Shabbat (Friday) at 5:30pm. It will be the Toast of the Town! And stay for the service at 6pm.  
Look for the link in our Wednesday Eblast or on our Kol Rinah Zoom links page under the "My Profile" tab.

## Kol Rinah Welcomes Our New USY Coordinator!

Alec Russo moved to St. Louis in December 2018 from Los Angeles to continue working with Outfront Media. He has lived all over the United States, but spent most of my childhood in Las Vegas and New Jersey. He was a member of USY and continued to be involved with the Jewish community throughout college while volunteering with the Jewish National Fund.



## Kol Rinah Welcomes Our New Executive Director!

Stacey Hudson, a life-long St. Louisan, lives in University City with her husband, Repps. Stacey's family includes her stepdaughter Nicola, Eliana and Daniel.

Stacey spent most of her career in commercial real estate as an interior designer and project manager. She brings her experience as a project manager and synagogue board member to the position of Executive Director.



## 1 Tue

8pm High Holiday Task Force Mtng

## 2 Wed

7pm Education Mtng

7pm The Sounds of the Shofar In the  
Time of COVID w/ Rabbi Mark Fasman

## 3 Thu

7pm Personnel Committee Mtng

## 4 Fri

11:30am ECC Shabbat - (Zoom)

12pm Torah Talk

7:08pm Candle Lighting

## 5 Sat

Parshat Ki Tavo

Calab Arnow Bar Mitzvah

9:30am Shacharit

8:09pm Havdalah

## 6 Sun

11:30am Elul Learning

## 7 Mon

Labor Day

8am Shacharit

7pm Brotherhood Board Mtng

## 8 Tue

8pm High Holiday Task Force Mtng

## 9 Wed

6:30pm Ritual Committee Mtng

7:30pm Capital Campaign Committee

## 10 Thu

7pm Coordinating Committee Mtng

## 11 Fri

11:30am ECC Shabbat - (Zoom)

12pm Torah Talk

6:57pm Candle Lighting

## 12 Sat

Parshat Nitzavim-Vayeilech

9:30am Shacharit

7:58pm Havdalah

## 13 Sun

11:30am Elul Learning

## 14 Mon

## 15 Tue

6:30pm Finance Mtng

8pm High Holiday Task Force Mtng

## 16 Wed

7pm Membership Mtng

8pm Community Learning Committee Mtng

## 17 Thu

7pm Kol Rinah Board Mtng

## 18 Fri

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

11:30am ECC Shabbat - (Zoom)

12pm Torah Talk

6pm Mincha/Rosh Hashanah Ma'ariv

6:45pm Candle Lighting

## 19 Sat

ROSH HASHANAH

9:15am Shacharit

7:44pm Candle Lighting

## 20 Sun

ROSH HASHANAH

Tashlich

9:15am Shacharit

3pm Drive-In Shofar Service #1

4pm Drive-In Shofar Service #2

7:45pm Havdalah

## 21 Mon

FAST OF GEDALIA

## 22 Tue

8pm High Holiday Task Force Mtng

## 23 Wed

## 24 Thu

## 25 Fri

11:30am ECC Shabbat - (Zoom)

12pm Torah Talk

6:34pm Candle Lighting

## 26 Sat

Parshat Ha'azinu

Shabbat Shuva

9:30am Shacharit

7:36pm Havdalah

## 27 Sun

EREV YOM KIPPUR

3pm Mincha

6:30pm Kol Nidre

6:31pm Candle Lighting

## 28 Mon

YOM KIPPUR - ECC Closed

YIZKOR

9:30am Shacharit

5:15pm Mincha

6:30pm Ma'ariv / Neilah

7:27pm Final Shofar/Fast Ends

## 29 Tue

## 30 Wed

Kol Rinah **TZEDAK TEAM**  
**SOCIAL ACTION**

**Phone Banking to  
Vote No on Amendment 3**

★ Sept. 22, 5:30-8:00pm ★

[Click here to learn more](#)

### ☆ JOIN A ZOOM MINYAN! ☆

Minyan times unless otherwise shown:

★ Weekday 7am and 6pm

★ Kabbalat Shabbat 6pm

★ Sunday 8am and 6pm

We say kaddish with a Zoom Minyan.

[Click Here for PDFs of  
Siddur Sim Shalom services.](#)

**Join our 9:30am live  
streaming of Shabbat  
morning services.**

Log in to your membership account  
for Zoom links and passwords.

The link for streaming is also on the  
Zoom link page when you log in.



# KR On The Move!

The interior construction on Phase 1 of Kol Rinah's Maryland Avenue home is now complete! With some surplus funds from the Capital Campaign, we are now adding all of the extra touches (like a coffee bar!) that we didn't have the money for initially. Exterior work on the landscaping, cleaning and tuckpointing, brick staining and complete replacement of all the exterior windows will be complete in September. Now we just have to navigate the COVID pandemic and figure out how best (and safely) to use our new home.

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

Photos courtesy of Stacey Hudson



## Want To Tour Our New Building?

Call the office to schedule a time 314.727.1747.

### Masks Required!

We have an online [Wellness Form](#) and a (mail return pdf) [Liability form](#) for all building visitors.

Mezuzah & interior signage

