



## Tu BiShvat: Stream Clean & Plantings Projects



photos by Stacey Hudson - [see more online](#)

## Upcoming Events

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| Mon 1    | Sci Fi/Fantasy Book Club         |
| Sat 6    | Walk in the Park                 |
| Sun 7    | American Jews & Native Americans |
|          | Life after the Pandemic          |
| Sun 14   | ROSH CHODESH NISAN               |
| Tue 16   | Exodus: David Arnov, Ph. D.      |
| Sat 20   | Walk in the Park                 |
| Sun 21   | Jews in Science Series           |
| Thu 25   | TAANIT BECHORIM                  |
| Sat 27   | EREV PESACH/1ST SEDER            |
| Sun 28   | 2ND SEDER                        |
| April 11 | Israel: Elai Rettig              |
| April 12 | Kabbalah for the Perplexed       |

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## Getting Ready for Pesach?

Pesach packets coming soon.  
Click this link to sell your Hametz  
<https://www.kolrinahstl.org/form/sale-of-hametz.html>

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# Kol Rinah Leadership

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Beth Rubin	<i>USY</i>
Ralph Graff	<i>Verein Discussion Group</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.

## KR On The Move!

Construction of the Third Floor Office Fit-Out project is complete! The Kol Rinah Office will be relocated from the U. City building to their new home at Maryland Avenue sometime in March. Construction on Phase 1 of the Early Childhood Center project began in February by BSI Constructors, with demolition taking place to make way for the new construction. Our new ECC will begin taking shape very quickly over the coming months. Generous donations continue to allow us to populate the building with new artwork, upgraded acoustics and new furniture throughout.

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

Photos courtesy of Stacey Hudson



Library from the inside



# A Message from Our Rabbis

Rabbi Noah Arnow - Senior Rabbi

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## “What Are We Learning?”

As I look back on the last twelve months, a period dominated by the pandemic and filled with losses large and small, I find it helpful, focusing and inspiring to reflect on the question, “What are we learning?”

Here are some of my inklings about what we are learning.

Collectively, we are learning the nuts and bolts of using technologies for gathering. We are still tinkering with and mastering Zoom, and more and more of us are becoming comfortable chatting, hosting, and participating in events via Zoom.

We are learning that there are people who are interested in being a part of our community even though they are not geographically proximate to St. Louis. And we are also seeing people participate virtually who may be geographically close but are not easily mobile.

We are learning how to focus on prayer even amidst the distractions of our computers, our phones and our homes.

We are learning that despite all the superb national and international virtual learning and prayer opportunities available, people still want to feel part of Kol Rinah, and live their Jewish life through us, with people they know.

We are learning that we can create new social rituals in virtual space.

Burton Boxerman’s daily trivia question before evening minyan (at around 5:59pm most evenings) is a great example of this.

We are learning that teachers having virtual one-on-one time with students at KoREH is a powerful educational experience.

We are learning that Shabbat and holiday services can be moving while moving along.

We are learning how to program and celebrate creatively, how to reinvent holiday observances and synagogue traditions for evolving constraints, and that we can be nimble and inventive.

We are learning that all of the casual interactions that happened when we were together in person are impossible to replicate virtually, and that these lost social interactions have a real cost in terms of our connections

with each other and the congregation.

We are learning that meetings can be conducted efficiently and effectively on Zoom, with good attendance, and that the pre- and post-meeting schmoozing needs to be built into meetings or it won’t happen.

We are learning generally that virtual social interactions need to be very consciously and thoughtfully planned, or else they simply won’t happen.

Most of all, we are learning how much technology can help us, how self-conscious and reflective and thoughtful we have to be about technology, and how hungry we also are for face-to-face in-person relationship and connection.

What else are you learning? What else are we learning?

May we continue to learn, together!

<b>ZOOM &amp; LEARN</b>	<b>American Jews and Native Americans: Myths, Encounters, and Perceptions</b>	<b>Sunday, Mar. 7 11:30 am</b>
This text-study and lecture session focuses on imaginary and face-to-face encounters between Jews & Native Americans in the 18th & 19th centuries. We will discuss the long-held but erroneous claim that American Indians somehow descended from, or made contact with, the so-called Lost Tribes of Israel or other ancient Israelites.		

<b>Attend a Shabbat Morning Service In Person</b>	
	<b>Seats are limited, so sign up now!</b> Stay after services to tour our new building We observe COVID safety protocols • Registration is required
	

*Click here to visit our homepage for the sign-up forms.  
Our latest safety protocols can be found here.*

# Mazel Tov!

## March Birthdays

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

## March Anniversaries

Donald & Hedva Levy  
Todd & Lauren Cohen  
Simon & Deborah Igielnik  
David & Lisa Gellman  
Daniel Rosenthal & Laurie Furman  
Roger & Marcia Brockman  
Shmuel & Deborah Israeli  
Fred & Linda Makler  
Brett & Jada Fox  
Michael & Noemi Neidorff  
Richard & Linda Gavatin  
Kenneth Weintraub & Sharon Katz-Weintraub  
Roger & Teri Cohen  
David & Alisa Cooperstein

## April Birthdays

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

*\* Listed chronologically in the month*

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

# Thank You

Thank you to everyone from the Women's Social Group who sent us wishes on our January birthdays. It was very kind of you all.

*Jerry & Marion Cohen*

Thanks to my many friends who remembered me on my birthday: Neal & Sandra Goldford, Margaret Israel, Marian Katz, Linda Biggs, Gloria Feldman, Edie Goldman, Al & Sheila Rosenfeld, Saul & Marilyn Dien, Carol Battle, Shirlene Baris, Margie Gillerman, Meir Zimand and Family, Linda Goldstein, Cindy Payant, Linda & Fred Makler, Joyce Eisenberg, Micki Kingsley, Ron Portman, Barbara Bianco and Harlie Frankel.

*Benjamin Weintraub*

## Posting Videos

We have begun recording some of our Zoom events and presentations. You can find them on our website under the Engagement dropdown.

**You can find the Zoom link page under My Profile after logging in to your Membership account. If you have any trouble with logging in, contact Meir Zimand in the office.**

## Condolences to the Families Of

Joel Allen  
Harvey Cohen  
Iris Mozenter Katz  
Effie Evelyn Pollack  
Mindy Podolsky Pung  
Herbert Raskas  
Joann Raskas  
Phyllis Rosenthal  
Alan Spetner  
Albert Weltman  
**May their memories be a blessing.**

# President's Message

Gary Kodner - Kol Rinah President

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## It's all about relationships

How do we transform the model of twentieth-century Jewish institutions into twenty-first-century relational communities offering meaning and purpose, belonging and blessing?

"What really matters is that we care about the people we seek to engage. When we genuinely care about people, we will not only welcome them; we will listen to their stories, we will share ours, and we will join together to build a Jewish community that enriches our lives."

"People will come to synagogues, Jewish Community Centers, Jewish Federations, and other Jewish organizations for programs, but they will stay for relationships. Programs are wonderful opportunities for community members to gather, to celebrate, to learn. There is nothing "wrong" with programs; every organization has them. But, if the program designers have given no thought to how the experience will offer participants a deeper connection to each other, with the community and with Judaism itself,

then it will likely be another lovely evening, afternoon, or morning ... with little or no lasting impact..."

"It's not about programs. It's not about marketing."

"It's not about branding, labels, logos, clever titles, website or smartphone apps."

"It's not even about institutions. It's about relationships."

— From "Relational Judaism,"  
by Dr. Ron Wolfson



*Thanks to the very generous donation from Michael Staenberg of 9 sculptures by Mark Wren, a talented Colorado artist utilizing repurposed metal to create striking outdoor artwork, our Maryland Avenue campus is even more beautiful. The specific pieces were chosen to demonstrate themes of inclusion, balance, community, integration and harmony. Please check them out.*



Monthly on Sundays 2021-2022

# Verein Presents a Series: Jews in Science

Join us on Zoom at 4pm one Sunday a month as distinguished members of our community give presentations about Jewish Scientists and their contributions to the world. To RSVP and get an info packet, visit [kolrinahstl.org/jews-in-science-series](http://kolrinahstl.org/jews-in-science-series).



## March 21 - Nine Jewish Nobel Laureates from Washington University

Did you know that 37.5% of All Wash U Nobel winners were Jewish?

by **Dr. Ralph Graff**, Professor of Surgery, St. Louis University School of Medicine

## April 18 - Emmy Noether, The Noether Theorem (Math)

Jewish and probably the greatest woman mathematician of all time.

by **Dr. Alan Rosenberg**, Former Asst. Professor of Mathematics at Wesleyan University; retired Managing Principal at Energy & Economics Consulting Firm



## May 23 - Rosalind Franklin, her contributions to science and her Judaism

by **Dr. Howard Granok**, Science Dept. Chair, Crossroads College Preparatory School; Adjunct Instructor, Wash U in StL

## June 20 - Eric Kandel, Neuroscientist – Winner of the 2000 Nobel Prize

How his early experiences in Vienna under Nazism influenced his life and his life's work on the biology of memory.

by **Dr. Deborah Rubin**, MD, AGAF, William B. Kountz Professor of Medicine, Professor of Developmental Biology Associate Director for Faculty Affairs Director, Women's' GI Committee



## July 18 - Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Supreme Court Justice

by **Lawrence Friedman**, Attorney and Partner at Thompson Coburn LLP. In Law school, one of his professors was Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

## August 15 - Louis Brandeis, Supreme Court Justice

"Louis Brandeis: Lawyer, Judge, Scientist?"

by **Sandy Boxerman**, Attorney; Shareholder, Capes Sokol



## September 19 - Albert Einstein, his life as a Physicist and a Jew

by **Dr. Bob Olshan**, Retired Boeing Engineer, PhD Tel Aviv University, BS/MS from U of Illinois

## October 10 - Albert Einstein, his work

by **Dr. Marty Israel**, Professor Physics at Wash U



## November 21 - Hedy Lamarr, Inventor of Wi-Fi, GPS and Bluetooth

by **Linda Spitzer Gavatin**, Retired Business Management & Computer Accounting Professional

## December 19 - Aaron T Beck, Psychologist/Psychiatrist

Turning 100 this year. Considered the founder of cognitive behavior therapy.

by **Dr. Randi Mozenter**, Clinical psychologist, board certified in Clinical Psychopharmacology, Clinical medical staff at Barnes Jewish Hospital, Wash U Medical School.



# Sisterhood

Joyce Gang, Susan Brown - Sisterhood Co-Presidents

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While the weather is still teasing us by flip-flopping between winter and spring, it's exciting to experience the anticipation that comes at this time of year. We've just enjoyed the silliness and merriment that accompanied Purim, albeit in an alternative way, but it was fun nonetheless. And as the world awakens for spring, so we are preparing for Pesach with both its new and familiar traditions, conflicting emotions of sorrow and happiness, and reminders of our place in the continuum of history. And perhaps with the arrival of the vaccines, we can once again say, "Next year in Jerusalem."

Although we haven't been able to meet in person, thank you to those who joined in our online offerings. And special recognition to our presenters for generously sharing their time and expertise with us. Grace Cooperstein

was an inspiration, especially to us non-bakers, with her recipe for baked donuts, which may sound almost 'healthy' and are so delicious. And our appreciation to Lauren Cohen who provided us with an easily understood, well-researched model for understanding resilience and how to deal with stress. Yasher koach and thank you to both of them. We also enjoyed our Valentine's program that showcased Dale Sharon speaking on Love and Passion and Art, virtually visiting some of the captivating love stories from works in the St. Louis Art Museum. Please join us in April,

after Passover, when Tammy Arnow will show us how to bake challah and babka.

Sisterhood has been less visible due to the virus, but our work continues behind the scenes, supporting the ECC, Mishloach Manot and the Capital Campaign. Thank you to our many donors who have continued to support us and enable us to contribute to the congregation and its many parts.

A healthy and happy Spring and Pesach,

*Joyce & Susan*

**Zoom & Learn**  
**Kabbalah for the Perplexed**  
**Are you tired of hearing about Kabbalah but not knowing what it is?**  
Would you like to get past the red threads and find deeper meaning in the world around you? Do you wish your prayers could directly, immediately, change the world? Click for more information. (Monday April 12, 19, and 26 at 7pm)

**Monday**  
**Apr. 12**  
**7:00 pm**

## Verein Discussion Group

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### Jews In Science – A Year Long Series

Why is **NOW** a perfect time to present a Series like this? The last few years we have been told that truth and science aren't that important. Spontaneous opinions and "feelings" have had as much weight as facts and truth.

With the pandemic, we learned in a catastrophically tragic way, that such an approach is deadly.

"Jewish emphasis on reading, learning, questioning, discussing,

and interpreting Torah" may have contributed to the disproportional number of Jewish Scientists. Learn more about the connections between Judaism and Science in this series.

The first program has already taken place. It was recorded and is available on the Kol Rinah website. You can find the schedule for the other programs, including speakers, topics, and dates in the ad on the previous page.

Currently all are scheduled at 4pm. Any of the programs with a different starting time will be announced when we get closer.

For additional questions and to receive Zoom links, please either contact the office 314.747.1747 or contact Richard Gavatin at 314.283.2081 or ***richardjrgavatin@gmail.com***.

Richard and Ralph

## Miracles In Our Own Time

Looking at the Jewish calendar often provides fascinating insights. Take a look at where we are right now, smack in the middle between Purim and Pesach (Passover). On the one hand, these holidays are incredibly distinct. Purim typically is a lively, joyful, and largely public gathering, full of music, ecstatic movement, comedy, and energy. Pesach, conversely, is largely focused on our homes and families, both the ones we were each born into and the families we have created for ourselves. On Purim, we hide our faces, as does God, whose name is not mentioned throughout the entire Purim story told in the *Megillah* (Book of Esther). On Pesach, the *Haggadah* (book that guides us through the Pesach seder) retells our freedom from bondage, freedom from oppression, freedom to pursue the truest and best versions of ourselves, with God actively leading our redemption.

And yet, the stories of Purim and Pesach parallel one another in dramatic fashion: an evil leader, a disaster looming, miracles which save us, and celebrations when we emerge from those dark times into the light of a new day. What's more, throughout both of these stories is the common bond of people coming together to weather the storm and hold one another until they can stand once again.

These images and stories have inspired Jewish communities in every time and place for thousands of years, but right now, this year, I feel their

message more powerfully than ever. We have seen, over and over again in these last few months, people pulling together to get through a year of unthinkable choices and exhausting new realities. And somehow, we have not only kept going together, but we made ourselves stronger.

In no place have I seen this more clearly than in our Kol Rinah Education Hub (KoREH). While we started the year unsure of so many things, our community, especially our teachers, who have effectively redesigned not only their own lessons, but also the entire experience of learning for our families, have found new ways to connect. Together, we managed to go above and beyond what was needed to not only keep one another safe, but to continue to learn and grow from one another. We were able to still meet, while masked and socially distant, in order to learn each week.

We have set up systems for students and visiting guest teachers to be able to interact virtually in order to expand our learning far outside the classroom. To maximize the depth of our connections, our students have been meeting 1-1 with their teachers, which has created new pathways for learning for each and every student.

In an age of massive uncertainties and previously unknown hardships, a strong, stable learning community is truly a miracle. We have been so blessed to keep learning and growing together, and seeing the new ideas, questions, and concepts our students tackle each week has been inspiring, to say the least. As we round the corner into the last part of our school year, I simply want to say thank you to all of our families, all of our teachers, all of the learners who have made our school so wonderful. You each are truly miraculous.

### Order prayer books to use at home

**\$50 - Lev Shalom Siddur (weekday or Shabbat), \$75 - Etz Chaim Chumash**

Proceeds will go to the KR ritual committee for the maintenance of our ritual objects. If someone wants to borrow a book for a month or less we will loan it to them. If someone needs assistance with the cost of the book please contact Rabbi Arnow.



### Preparing for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah

Our synagogue is partnering with Moving Traditions ([www.movingtraditions.org](http://www.movingtraditions.org)) to pioneer a new and exciting approach to preparing our families and students of every gender identity, background, and family tradition for the bnai mitzvah in a way that connects Jewish wisdom to the interpersonal and social elements of this coming-of-age ritual.

[Click Here to learn more.](#)



# Brotherhood

Bob Olshan - Brotherhood President

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Brotherhood in the Pandemic –  
Bob Olshan, President Kol Rinah  
Brotherhood

“We must live together as brothers or  
perish together as fools.” — Martin  
Luther King Jr.

“We must be together **and stay apart**  
as brothers or perish together as fools”  
- Bob Olshan

“In union there is strength.” – Aesop

So come join us virtually in brotherhood  
– Bob Olshan

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

✧ March 7th, via Zoom, 8pm – **Life after the Pandemic** (AKA Hearing Men’s Voices). Join us for a virtual discussion on moving on from the Pandemic and also toast the light at end of the Covid Tunnel.

✧ **Leo Wolf z”l Yellow Candle Program**. Join us lighting our Yellow Candles after sundown on Wednesday evening, April 7th, 2021 and by doing so, take the time to remember the Six Million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. You received your

yellow candle in the Kol Rinah Purim Mishloach Manot. Your contributions to the Leo Wolf Memorial Candle program will be greatly appreciated.

✧ **Man and Youth of the Year**. We will be honoring our Man and Youth of the Year 2020/2021 at a Zoom event for the FJMC Midwest in the spring and an in person lunch reception at our new Kol Rinah building in the fall! Mazel tov to Maurice Guller and Jane Kalina.



רפואה שלמה Our thoughts and prayers for a full and speedy recovery for all who have or are recovering from Covid or are undergoing medical surgeries and procedures.

In Brotherhood,

*Bob Olshan*

### Life after the Pandemic – Seeing Men Voicing (aka Hearing Men’s Voices).

Join us for an engaging zoom discussion “Life after the Pandemic” or other topics of interest. We will also toast “The Light at the end of the Covid-19 Tunnel”  
Check the Kol Rinah Zoom page for login. For more Information: olshanr@gmail.com

**Sunday  
Mar. 7  
8:00 pm**

### The Exodus from Egypt: Judaism’s Master Story of Hope

This session will explore the concept of the Exodus as a master story and as such, how it positions hope at the very heart of Judaism. We’ll discuss midrashic texts on the Exodus which illustrate hope in action, Moses’ leadership role in sustaining the Israelites’ hope for redemption, and several suggestions for conversations at your Passover Seder. Presenter: David Arnow, Ph.D.

**Tuesday  
Mar. 16  
7:00pm**

# Israel

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The Kol Rinah Israel Committee is  
pleased to announce that Kol Rinah  
and St. Louis Friends of Israel are

hosting a pre Yom Ha’atzmaut (Israel  
Independence Day) virtual webinar  
event Israel-US Relations and the New

Middle East - with Dr. Elai Rettig. This  
will be co-sponsored with the Atlanta  
Israel Coalition, Ameinu and the JCC  
to be a Zionism 3.0 event which will  
include community discussions.  
Please register and send questions in  
advance.

### Elai Rettig, Israel Institute fellow to Speak on Zoom: • New Middle East • Israeli Elections • Israel – US relations

Kol Rinah to co-sponsor Washington University Fellow Dr. Elai Rettig to discuss the New Middle East, Israeli Elections, and US Israel Relations with the Biden Administration.  
Co-sponsored by Kol Rinah and St. Louis Friends of Israel . The Sh’ma: Listen!  
Speakers Series, Atlanta Israel Coalition, and Ameinu.

**Sunday  
Apr. 11  
7:00 pm**

# Kol Rinah Community Art Project

Shortly after 2020 High Holidays, 24 Kol Rinah families and individuals joined local artist and 2021 president-elect, Gary Kodner, in completion of a mid-December installation of artwork that will greet congregants and beautify spaces of their new home for generations to come. Youth and Family Program Coordinator, Melissa Bellows, orchestrated project completion efforts of congregants ranging from 2 to 90 years of age.



LEFT: Kol Rinah Community Art Project artistic leader and project designer, Gary Kodner, assembles individual tiles for display.

PHOTO: STACEY HUDSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF KOL RINAH

BELOW: From left to right, Amitai, Rabbi Scott, Rabbi Jessica and Nadav Shafirin show off their creation; tile 11, count it out in the final installation photo!

## SPOTLIGHT

PHOTOS FROM RECENT JEWISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

**SUBMIT A PHOTO:** Have a photo of a recent Jewish community event you would like to submit? Email the image and a suggested caption to [news@stjewishlight.com](mailto:news@stjewishlight.com).

VIEW MORE ONLINE: [stjewishlight.com/multimedia](http://stjewishlight.com/multimedia)

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LEFT: Amitai (right) gives his friend Toby a hand with tile 10.

BELOW: THE Mollett family works on a tile as part of Kol Rinah's community art project.



ABOVE: Father and son Tony (right) and Joey Granillo hold the tile they created on their kitchen counter.  
PHOTO BY CAROLE GRANILLO

RIGHT: Families stay socially distanced in the Kol Rinah parking lot while working on the art project during the fall.



LEFT: The final product of the art project becomes the first of many which will hang in the Bill Solomon Gallery of the main floor community gathering area at Kol Rinah, named in honor of longtime, beloved congregant Bill Solomon, zt"l. Contributors' tiles were numbered one through 24 and installed left to right, from top to bottom.

BELOW: Rabbi Noah Arnow shows his versatility as an artist while in deep concentration applying the finishing touches to tile 8.





# Early Childhood Education

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KRECC is loving this Winter weather. Although the colder days have mostly kept us inside, we have been able to bundle up in our coats, hats, and mittens and go outside some afternoons. One of the days that it snowed, our teachers were able to gather some snow in buckets and bring it inside for the children to look at and touch.

For Tu B'Shevat, classes spent time reading books like *Sammy Spider's First Tu B'Shevat* and *Dear Tree*. In classroom imagination station areas were staged with materials like flower pots, watering cans, and fake flowers and trees so that children could pretend to plant and care for them. Finally, classes used pretzels and grapes at snack time to make edible trees.

# Kol Rinah Families and Youth

Melissa Bellows - Youth and Family Coordinator

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Though it's hard to imagine Spring is coming, Young Families enjoyed a little gardening with our Tu Bishvat Planting program. Families planted parsley seeds and radishes, and many gardeners are beginning to see their seeds sprout!

Purim was great fun! We had a Zoom costume party with a goody bag of surprises and items to use during our party. We showed off our costumes,

sang some songs, and had a craft project together.

As we look forward to warmer weather, we welcome new opportunities to gather outside and do some socially distant programming! Stay Tuned!

Check out the full page the Jewish Light gave our community art project! (See previous page, photos by Stacey Hudson)

# USY & Kadima

Alec Russo - USY Coordinator

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Over the past few weeks, USY has had a combo of virtual Zoom meetings and in person social distance meetings. It's nice that we are trending in the right direction of being able to meet up in person all the time. We have continued our weekly discussions about current events here and in Israel. The group is excited to have our ShinShin, Evyatar Shachar, coming to events and telling us about his life growing up near Gaza and his future role with the Israeli Army. Over the next few weeks, the group will be helping with Purim baskets for the community. You can keep up with our group on Instagram!

Follow Our Instagram: [@krstl\\_krocs](#)

## Jewish Food Pantry March List

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

1. Canned Chili, Beef Stew and Protein-Rich Foods
2. Canned Vegetables (corn, beans, peas, carrots)
3. Kosher Non-Perishable Foods
4. Hot Healthy Cereals
5. Canned Fruit
6. Macaroni & Cheese
7. Peanut Butter & Jelly
8. Personal care items such as: Toilet Paper, Kleenex and Paper Towels

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

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

## Jewish Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club

Meets on the first Monday of each month by Zoom from 7:30-9pm.

Click to find out what we are reading and discussing next!

Contact Leora Spitzer if you have any questions: [leora.spitzer@gmail.com](mailto:leora.spitzer@gmail.com)

**1st Monday  
of the Month  
7:30pm**

## Kol Rinah/B'nai Amoona Book Club

The Book Club meets on Zoom - 4th Thursday of the month.

Please click below for the schedule and selection of books we are reading.

For questions/information/zoom link:

Contact Carol Glick [greatabcr@aol.com](mailto:greatabcr@aol.com)

**4th  
Thursday  
of the month  
10-11:30 am**



## 1 Monday

7:30pm Kol Rinah Science Fiction/  
Fantasy Book Club

## 2 Tuesday

## 3 Wednesday

7pm Education Meeting

## 4 Thursday

7pm Personnel Committee Meeting

## 5 Friday

11:30am ECC Shabbat  
12pm Torah Talk  
5:40pm Candle Lighting

## 6 Saturday

*Parshat Ki Tisa*  
**Shabbat Parah**  
9:30am Shacharit  
**1:30pm Walk in the Park- Shaw Park in Clayton**  
6:44pm Havdalah

## 7 Sunday

8am Shacharit  
11:30am American Jews & Native  
Americans: Myths, Encounters and  
Perceptions  
8pm Life After the Pandemic- Brotherhood

## 8 Monday

## 9 Tuesday

## 10 Wednesday

6:30pm Ritual Committee Meeting

## 11 Thursday

7pm Coordinating Committee Meeting

## 12 Friday

11:30am ECC Shabbat  
12pm Torah Talk  
5:47pm Candle Lighting

## 13 Saturday

*Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei*  
**Shabbat Hachodesh**  
**Shabbat Mevarchim**  
6:51pm Havdalah

## 14 Sunday

ROSH CHODESH NISAN

## 15 Monday

## 16 Tuesday

6:30pm Finance Meeting  
7pm The Exodus from Egypt: Judaism's  
Master Story of Hope

## 17 Wednesday

7pm Community Learning Committee  
Meeting  
7pm Engagement Meeting

## 18 Thursday

7pm Kol Rinah Board Meeting

## 19 Friday

11:30am ECC Shabbat  
12pm Torah Talk  
6:54pm Candle Lighting

## 20 Saturday

*Parshat Vayikra*  
9:30am Shacharit  
**1:30pm Walk in the Park- Shaw Park in Clayton**  
7:58pm Havdalah

## 21 Sunday

4pm Jews In Science Series

## 22 Monday

## 23 Tuesday

## 24 Wednesday

## 25 Thursday

TAANIT BECHARIM (Fast of the First Born)

## 26 Friday

11:30am ECC Shabbat  
12pm Torah Talk  
7:01pm Candle Lighting

## 27 Saturday

*Parshat Tzav*  
**Shabbat HaGadol**  
**EREV PESACH - First Seder**  
8:02pm Candle Lighting

## 28 Sunday

PESACH- Day 1, Yom Tov  
8:03pm Candle Lighting

## 29 Monday

PESACH- Day 2, Yom Tov  
1st Day Omer  
ECC & Kol Rinah offices closed  
8:07pm Havdalah

## 30 Tuesday

PESACH- Day 3, Chol Hamoed  
2nd Day Omer  
ECC Open - Lunch provided

## 31 Wednesday

PESACH- Day 4, Chol Hamoed  
3rd Day Omer  
ECC Open - Lunch provided



[Click here to see your answers.](#)

## ☆ 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**

3/5 & 3/12 - 4:30pm  
3/19 - 5:30pm, 3/26 - 6pm

**Shabbat Mornings**

Services begin streaming at 9:30am  
Yom Tov Pesach services will also  
begin streaming at 9:30am.

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

Log in to your member access for  
the Zoom links and passwords.