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Upcoming Events

Sat 4	Kol HaMishpacha Shabbat Family Service
Mon 6	TAANIT ESTHER EREV PURIM
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Wed 8	SHUSHAN PURIM
Sat 11	Brotherhood Shabbat
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A Very Festive Purim Celebration!

- Costumes & Activities • Songs & Puppet Show
- Dinner & Megillah Reading with a Shpiel
- We'll have something for everyone!



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Ralph Graff, Richard Gavatin	<i>Verein Discussion Group</i>

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. **Kol Rinah welcomes everyone.** We are a dynamic and forward-looking congregation where all generations come together to experience Judaism in innovative ways. We are a diverse congregation, proud to be made up of Jews and the Jew-curious, singles, couples, families of all shapes and sizes, multi-faith/multicultural households, people who identify as LGBTQ+, people of color, of all abilities and more.



A Very Festive Purim

Monday, March 6 • 5:15 PM - 9:15 PM

We'll have something for everyone! Come celebrate with us!

5:15pm Activities for various aged kids & families (more details online)

6pm Mincha in the Sanctuary (no Zoom)

6:15pm RSVP for dinner required by Wednesday, March 1st.

6:45pm Maariv in the Sanctuary

7pm Costume Parade for all, followed by Megillah reading with our very silly Kol Rinah Purim shpiel interspersed throughout.

[See more or RSVP for dinner](#)

Second PASSOVER SEDER at Kol Rinah

Everyone is invited to attend the Second Passover Seder at Kol Rinah on Thursday evening April 6, 2023.

The Seder will begin at 6:00 pm.

Adults: \$50 Children (5-12): \$25

Must RSVP by March 21, 2023 (click to sign up)



**Thursday,
April 6
6:00 pm**

A Message from Our Rabbi

Rabbi Noah Arnow - Senior Rabbi

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A Second Seder at Shul

This year, for the first time in several years, and for only the second time since I've been at Kol Rinah, we will be hosting a Passover Seder, on the second night of Passover.

I have always loved second seders because they offer another opportunity to discuss, to sing, and to "get into" the holiday. The stakes are lower, and we're more prepared. And especially when the second seder is not on or right after Shabbat (this year it's a Thursday night), as far as I'm concerned, one can be much more relaxed about the timing of everything.

Passover is a holiday primarily celebrated at home. But many of us

have had the experience of going to someone else's family's home for Passover and realizing that what we are used to is different than what others do on Passover. It can be both jarring and exciting.

What should a seder at shul be like? Part of the pleasure should be not needing to cook and clean up. Beyond that, our goal will be to engage participants. There might be elements that speak more to some people than others, more to certain ages than others. But we want everyone to feel like this seder is for them. Which it will be.

As I write this in the beginning of February, we haven't started planning

the details of the seder. I can tell you, though, that there will be singing, reading, conversation, activities, and time just to be together. We'll have age-appropriate activities for everyone, and we won't read every word of the Haggadah—not even close.

Everyone is welcome, and if cost is an issue, talk to me and I'll make sure you can attend. Our capacity is limited though, so sign up soon!

If you are interested in coming and helping with the seder, whether with the logistics or the programming (what we'll actually do!), be in touch with me.

See you at the Seder!

President's Message

Barbara Shamir, President

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GOOD PURIM!

I was reading the very first Holy Beggar's Gazette that was printed on Purim 5732 (1972). It transcribes tapes made of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach teaching about Purim. One of his stories is about a poor man, Pinchas, who would only mumble a "good Purim" greeting because he was so downtrodden. The Kozhitzer Maggid insisted that he say "Good Purim" forcefully and practiced with

him until he had it down right. From that moment on, Pinchas was able to greet everyone he met with a forceful "Good Purim" and his whole life was changed for the better. According to Shlomo, "Purim mamash gave him strength."

So, I wish you all a very strong "GOOD PURIM" and wish you all happiness at this special time of the year. I hope

to see you at the Megillah reading on Monday night, March 6.

Purim aside, there are many other, wonderful things going on at Kol Rinah. We are excited to be hosting our first Second Seder in many years. We are also paying tribute to Michael Staenberg on April 16 to thank him for the many ways in which he has helped us in building our new home. Please join us if you can.

Mazel Tov!

March Birthdays

Toby Imler, Jennifer Lotsoff, Josiah Simmons, Jonathan Igielnic, Lauren Praiss, Gary Kaar, Andrew Sandler, Mike Besmer, Karen Kern, Stanley Margul, Marjorie Feldman, Phyllis Hyken, Goldie Herstig, Tim O'Connell, Deborah Gould, Jalna Papour, Jean Margul, Teresa Lane, Marsha Birenbaum, Harlan Radinsky, Helene Mathis, Jody Feldman, Hannah Boxerman, Naomi Asher, Jane Kalina, Barbara Bianco, Ethan Mirowitz, Spencer Leeds, Deborah Zimmerman, Carol Glick, Sarah Sherer-Kohlburn, Susan Reinglass, Abby Goldstein, Hedva Levy, Theodore Sanger, Ben Sanger, Larry Friedman, Nadav Shafrin, Sylvia Silver, Tracy Nathan, Daniel Israeli, Steven Brody, Georgia Zev, Lauren Buchalter, Daniel Rosenthal, Samuel Sanger, Livia Kessler, Harlie Frankel, Ansley Vickar, Barry Duel, Samuel Buchalter, Kaylie Cerulo, Roza Gossage, Arlene O'Connell, Micki Kingsley, Barbara Becker, Paige Feldman, Craig Spiegel, Mia Cohen, Marc Lipoff, Ruth Battle, Guy Friedman, Shmuel Israeli, Mital Lyons-Warren, Amelia Zoller, Harry Rubin, Sheila Durlister, Sydney Hoffman, Barbara Sherer, Daniel Buchalter, Paula Lemerman, Aleene Zawada, Michael Schultz, Graham Garelick, Aileen Melnick, Yael Brok, Doris Lerner

March Anniversaries

Donald & Hedva Levy
Todd & Lauren Cohen
Simon & Deborah Igielnic
Lisa & David Gellman
Daniel Rosenthal & Laurie Furman
Roger & Marcia Brockman
Shmuel & Deborah Israeli
Fred & Linda Makler
Brett & Jada Fox
Robert & Susan Goldstein
Richard & Linda Gavatin
Noah Priluck & Dena Rennard
Kenneth Weintraub & Sharon Katz-Weintraub
Roger & Teri Cohen
David & Alisa Cooperstein

April Birthdays

Carol Pessin, Laura Rainey, Bonnie Vickar, Jessica Shafrin, Benjamin Goldsmith, Zachariah Simmons, Gerard Burke, Noah Priluck, Stephanie Zoller, Todd Cohen, Yahalelel Bynum, Ezra Bynum, Stanley Allen, Addy Wexelman, Tobie Liebert, Noa Hahn, Frank Anderson, Soliea Feit, Danielle Josie Moss, Stephen Keyser, Juliane Praiss, Ronald Abeles, Shirley Barken, Audrey Katcher, Denise Field, Hattie Scharff, Howard Belsky, Whitney Gartenberg, Avital Kadosh, Fran Kaar, Aaron Abeles, 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 Dien, Melissa Keyser, Leah Levenson, Frederick Brown, Jerrold Schwartz, John Singer, Amos Shamir, Mitchell Shenker, Andrew Rosman, Pamela Reznick, Sharon Katz-Weintraub, Max Kavanaugh, Elaine Melnick, Serra-Lesa Ivener, Hannah Kolieboi, Asher Lipoff, Peter Brody, Scott Shafrin, Sascha Harken, Eliana Hudson, Jonah Friedman, Rebecca Cohen, Tamar Lerner, Jeremiah Weinstock

April Anniversaries

Donn & Beth Rubin
Thomas Barrett & Ilana Luft-Barrett
David & Stefanie Levenson
Edward & Trina Schukar
Dana & Jones Jessica Garner
Rebecca & Zachary Gannam

**Listed chronologically in the month*

A Special Mazel Tov to

Mazel Tov to Avital and Jordan Kadosh and big brother, Amit, on the birth of their daughter and sister, Selah Adele, on February 16, 2023. Everyone is doing well.

Thank You

To all the wonderful people who made contributions in honor of my birthday; thank you very much. Please stay safe and be well. Thank you,

Sandy Melnick

My heartfelt thanks to Nira and David Geller, Phyllis Hyken, Gloria Feldman, Don and Betty Siegel, Marshall Myers, Jerry Nuel, Barbara Bianco, Micki Kingsley, Meir Zimand and family, Linda and Fred Makler, and Linda Goldstein, for your warm birthday wishes. Thank you,

Nancy Goldstein

Condolences to the Families Of

David Gossage

Murray Kalina

Patricia Rose

Sandra Rosenberg

Sanford Spitzer

May their memories be a blessing.

Ongoing Programs

Scheduled Tuesdays, 7pm on Zoom -

[Movie Club](#)

4th Thursday, 10am on Zoom -

[KR/BA Book Club](#)

Fridays, 12pm on Zoom - [Torah Talk with](#)

[Rabbi Arnow or Rabbi Shafrin](#)

Saturdays, 10:15am at KR - [Torah Talk](#)

[with Rabbi Arnow or Rabbi Shafrin](#)

Scheduled Shabbat mornings 10:45am-

[Tot Shabbat](#)

Scheduled Shabbat mornings, 10:45am -

[Kol HaMishpacha Family Service](#)

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Engagement

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While I feel like I'm still getting adjusted to it being 2023, March is already here! And with March, it really starts to feel like spring is just around the corner. The days stay light a bit long-er, there's daylight saving time, kids in school have spring break, and those first early spring flowers start to appear. And this year, March also means Purim and our Very Festive Purim Celebration! On Monday evening, March 6th, we celebrate Purim Kol Rinah style – with activities, songs and a puppet show for our families with children, a synagogue-wide dinner, our Purim costume parade and Megillah reading with Purim spiels throughout. Purim with Kol Rinah also means that every household will receive a delightful Mishloach Manot box! A huge thank

you to Stacey Abeles and Stacey Hudson for all of their hard work on this year's Mishloach Manot. And of course, a huge thank you to those Kol Rinah members who helped to sponsor this wonderful mitzvah and fundraiser! And thank you to all of our packers and delivery drivers too!

March also has several special Shabbat services happening. Kol HaMishpacha Family Shabbat, Tot Shabbat, Brotherhood Shabbat and a music filled Kol Chadash service will all take place throughout the month. Sisterhood has launched their 2023 Torah Fund Campaign which will run through May and the Verein group presents a special Zoom session on renowned stained glass artist Rodney Windfield on March 19th.

April is right around the corner and brings Passover! And this year, Kol Rinah will be hosting a Second Seder for Pesach. Please watch your email and the website for more information to come. On April 16th we will have a special gala event to honor Michael Staenberg for the many ways that he has contributed to our building and campus. And finally, plans are already in the works for both Mitzvah Day and a Lag B'Omer event in the month of May. Spring will be here before we know it. I'm not only looking forward to spring, but also to the many wonderful Kol Rinah events and services that spring will bring – I really hope that you'll come join us!

From our ShinShin

Guy Dobrin - Shin Shin

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As my short visit home comes nearer and nearer, today I will tell you about Israel, my friends, and their lives, and the incredible distribution of 18-year-olds into a variety of programs and divisions.

When I left, besides one person, nobody had yet begun their Year of Service, Preparation year, or service in the IDF. In two weeks, I am returning for a short visit, primarily to renew my visa which will extend my stay here in St. Louis for another six months. But this visit will also give me the opportunity to take a glimpse at my friends' lives.

A friend of mine will be finishing his basic training in the Tanks division. This course ends with a 24-hour journey to receive their berets (otherwise known as - "kumta"). I must be honest, there are people who walk a week nonstop to get their berets, but this is still an important part of any soldier's training.

As you may or may not know, in Israel there are many Shinshinim. In a huge variety of places and jobs. Most, if not all, live in communal apartments. Living together, buying their own groceries, and learning to live on a tight budget. Some of my friends live in Jerusalem. While some, on an entirely

off-grid farm, that creates its own electricity, composts all its waste. The only thing that comes in and out of this farm is water. I plan on visiting three of these communes. Firstly, because I would like to have a taste of my friends' lifestyle. Secondly, because I would like to share these experiences with the community here in STL.

I cannot wait to elaborate and tell you more of the stories my friends will share with me. It is extraordinary to think of the huge differences in our lives today, as we finished high school together just a few months ago.

The Greatest Purim Mitzvah Is Empathy

As you're reading this, Purim is nearly here. For many of us, the holiday of Purim holds a special place in our Jewish lives and in our memories. It is a holiday that takes a frightening premise (the near genocide of the Jews of Shushan) and reinvents it as a festival of merriment, revelry, and communal celebration. It's one of the things I like best about this holiday, and an important piece of being human, namely, our ability to look at an experience that might have turned out awfully and celebrate the fact that we are ok.

But a deeper look at the mitzvot and customs of Purim reveals another purpose to this holiday. Purim is one of the only holidays on which we are required to listen to a piece of text with full and complete attention. Not only that, but most authorities consider the mitzvah of hearing the *Megillah* (Book of Esther) read is not fulfilled unless one hears/reads it in full, morning and evening. By requiring us to listen attentively to this story, the Sages of Jewish tradition are urging us not to shy away from the most difficult pieces of this story, both the potential and actual tragedies it depicts. This is a story not only of triumph over evil intentions, but about living honestly, about proudly embracing our identities and standing up to those who would do us harm because of who we are both as individuals and as a community.

We are also asked to give *mishloach manot* (gifts of food to people in the community) and *matanot l'evyonim*

(gifts of money to those in need). Just as we come together to enjoy our holiday and celebrate surviving an awful piece of our collective past, we must not only recognize that others around us need our help, but that we must do something about it, that we are obligated to stop what we are doing to give that help. And while this is a prescribed mitzvah on Purim, I would go as far as to say that the Jewish tradition is trying to get us to realize that people need our help everyday, and that it is still our responsibility to give help wherever we can.

And finally, we are required to eat a special meal, and are customarily encouraged to dress in costume. It may be easy to see dressing up as a fun and silly way to celebrate, it can actually be a profound act of transformation. While we can never actually know what it is like to be someone else, the idea of donning the clothing of another person or character gives us a tool to cultivate one of the greatest superpowers known to humankind: empathy.

Haman sought to kill the Jews of Shushan because he took offense to one person and sought to punish people he saw as less worthy than himself. He hates Mordechai for the simple crime of being a person who wanted respect and freedom, just as Haman did. If he had been able to see himself in Mordechai, put himself in his shoes for just a moment or two, he would realize that Mordechai's unwillingness to bow down to Haman was not a show of

disrespect to him, but rather a display of Mordechai's respect for himself, his heritage, and his relationship with the Holy Blessed One.

Sadly, we still encounter those who seek to demonize entire groups for the sin of being different than they are. We see leaders and lawmakers trying to legislate people out of our history books, our curricula, our sports teams, our clubs, our shared discourse, and our communities as a whole. If only they were able to experience Purim like our tradition suggests, spending time reading and understanding the tragedies that occur when we hate one another and use our power to destroy, maybe they would think twice before condemning the differences they see in others. If only they took the time to reach out to see the humanity in a stranger, to help them, feed them, see them face-to-face, and try to, for just a moment, step into their shoes, they might be able to stop seeing community and belonging as a zero sum game, and instead reach out to expand the idea of who is human to include all people with compassion.

This Purim, try on someone else's shoes. You will never be them, never know what it is really like to live their lives and feel their experiences, but perhaps when the holiday is over, you might be better equipped to do the work of reshaping our world into one where we won't need to constantly re-learn the essential lessons of how to treat one another as sacred human beings.

Verein Discussion Group

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VEREIN Presents: Kol Rinah's Rodney Winfield - Stained Glass

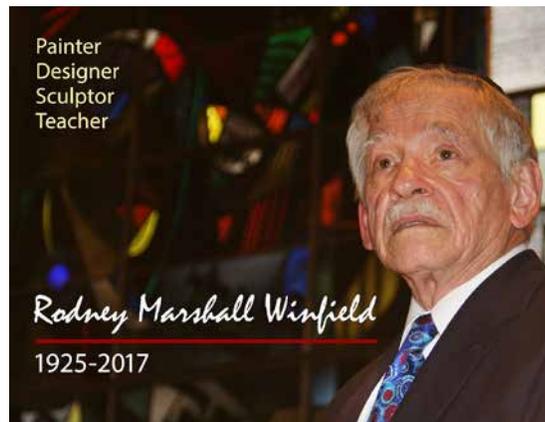
As our Jews in Science is winding down (not ending, just taking a break) we are going back to our Pre-pandemic tradition of offering programs on a variety of topics.

We begin this new/old journey with a program near and dear to Kol Rinah Members: The Stained Glass that adorns our building and that is a true testimony to the legacy of Kol Rinah's long history. The legacy art at Kol Rinah coincides with our mission: Art **IS** welcomed and embraced by our community. Our stained-glass installations represent many Judaic themes from the Bible and Jewish

culture. Jewish art also supports our mission of life-long learning.

On the third Sunday of the month at 4pm, March 19, on Zoom and in-person, a date and time familiar to all who have followed us during the two plus years of Jews in Science, we will be treated to a presentation about Rodney Winfield, and the amazing windows he created for Shaare Zedek in the 1950s.

These unique and historic art has been restored and installed in our Kol Rinah Guller Chapel and Community Hall. Our own resident artist, Gary



Kodner, will share his experience and interactions with Rodney Winfield.

As usual, registration is required, you will receive an invite via email.

Ralph and Richard

Verein Presents: Rodney Winfield, A Legacy of Stained Glass Art

The accomplished career of a great artist was propelled by the revolutionary and creative strength of the windows he created for our legacy synagogue (Shaare Zedek). The windows have been preserved, restored, and installed in our Kol Rinah Guller Chapel, and soon to be, the Staenberg Family Community Hall. Gary Kodner will take us through the history, themes, and significance of this treasured art.

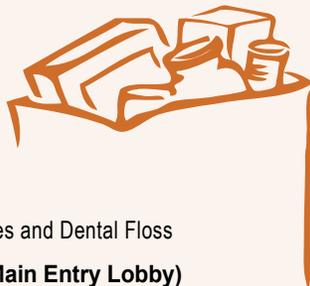
**Sunday,
Mar. 19**
4 pm **LIVE & Zoom**
Click for details

Jewish Food Pantry March List

You can help the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry by donating money or food. Please, no glass. For more info, contact Louise Levine 314.368.5902. **Thank you.**

1. Canned Chili, Beef Stew and Protein-Rich Foods
2. Kosher Non-Perishable Foods
3. Healthy Soups
4. Any Type of Canned Fruit
5. Peanut Butter & Jelly
6. Healthy Hot and Cold Cereals
7. Macaroni & Cheese
8. Personal care items such as Toothpaste, Toothbrushes and Dental Floss

A collection barrel is in our Asher-Geller Hall (Main Entry Lobby)



Chesed Visits!

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Mazal Tov and Todah Rabah to past Tzedek Chair, Benjamin Singer.

As Benjamin puts it, " I really didn't do much— my role was a facilitator to support other people in the amazing leadership they provide. I'd like to give a Shout Out to Becky Mollett, the brave new Tzedek Chair."



What goes into chairing our Tzedek committee? Here is a brief list of things Benjamin did during his time as Tzedek Chair:

- Accepted the mission from Max Brown and Randi Mozenter to lead Tzedek on behalf of the Brotherhood and Kol Rinah, respectively.
- Kicked it off in 2019 with a session on "Ethics in Government" with 6 members of STL County Council and closing remarks from Assistant US Attorney Hal Goldsmith (another Kol Rinah member).
- Restarted and re-structured the Tzedek Team (and re-named it from "Social Action Committee") to promote shared and ongoing leadership.
- **Supported dedicated Tzedek Team members who led amazing initiatives, such as:**
 - Katherine Tynan's dedication organizing Blood Drives, Stream Cleanings (my favorite was autumn's "Reverse Tashlikh"), and more.
 - Denise Field's leadership re-establishing Mitzvah Day, with Penny Alper, Bette Abeles, and many others.
 - Scott Kaar organizing an education session with the Sierra Club.
 - Rabbi Shafrin building relationships with other congregations, Jewish and non.
 - Steve Birenbaum (z"l) drafting the protocols for operating the Tzedek Team.
 - Rhonda Bilger and Marcia Goldsmith running the food drive.
 - Nicky Rainey organizing a racial justice session.
 - Sherri Besmer and Melissa Bellows organizing a postcard drive for the Brentmoor.
 - Laura Horwitz training us on organizing and leading a High Holidays text study.
 - Skylar Swim leading the 1-1 project.
 - Cindy Kalachek and Jaron Asher's consistent communication to the shul leaders and membership.
- While also organizing the KR Purim Shpiel and softball teams, which more members are invited to join!



ECC Artists

**Tzedek Team
thanks everyone
who donated to
the Winter Drive!**

Monica Lynne Neidorff ECC

Liz Collins - Monica Lynne Neidorff Early Childhood Center Director

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In December, families joined us at the center for a family program that included Hanukkah related crafts in classrooms and a sing along with Ms. Karen Kern. Rabbi Noah Arnow also joined our program and sang the blessing for lighting the menorah.

In February, classes celebrated Tu BiShvat. Throughout the week, lots of singing of "Happy Birthday to the trees" could be heard in the hallways.



Classes also learned about the parts of a tree and were able to make their own trees in a variety of ways.

We also got to enjoy a few spring-like days in February. It is always so

wonderful, especially in the heart of winter to be able to go outside and soak up the sun and fresh air.

Looking ahead, we can't wait to celebrate Purim!

Tzedek Team

Rebecca Mollet - Tzedek Team Chair

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Mitzvah Day 2023 is Sunday, May 7!

The Tzedek Team invites congregants of all ages to participate in a day of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. Activities will begin at 11:30 am, just as KoREH classes end, and will extend through 1:30 pm.

Over 100 people attended Kol Rinah's inaugural Mitzvah Day last May. As a community, we packaged over 40 meals for families in need distributed through Operation Food Search, donated and boxed pounds and pounds of food for the Jewish Food Pantry, created blankets for the young children in the care of the Crisis Nursery, made dog toys for the canine residents of the Humane Society of Missouri, donated books to Ready Readers and learned about the works of many other non-profit organizations that serve the St. Louis area.



Mitzvah Day 2023 will succeed only if you help.

Do you have a favorite non-profit you would like us to support? Share your input by serving on the Mitzvah Day Planning Committee. **Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15 at 7pm, via Zoom. Contact Denise Field for the link.**

Show your enthusiasm for the event by signing up for the Mitzvah Day Host Committee.

Be a volunteer on May 7. If you can lead others in a joint project, move a table, put up a sign, or just greet

folks at the door, we need you as a volunteer! Over 30 of your friends and fellow congregants volunteered at Mitzvah Day last year. Please join them!

And, of course, plan to attend and invite your friends and family to join you!

Please contact Mitzvah Day Chair Denise Field at dzfield@wustl.edu for more information or to volunteer to help.

Denise Field
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Tzedek Team Communications Co-Chair

Brotherhood

Bob Olshan - Brotherhood President

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On Sunday, March 12, at 1pm, Kol Rinah Brotherhood will host 2023 Man, Woman & Youth of the Year. This year we honor Marshall Myers as our Man of the Year. With a twist, for the first time, we will be honoring a Woman of the Year: Micki Kingsley.

Congregation B'nai Amoona's Man of the Year is Ed Herzog. Register online or call the Kol Rinah office 314.727.1747.

Another event in the works is an evening of axe throwing. This is the ultimate adventure for those of you looking to step at least a toe outside of your comfort zone. Axe throwing is a new popular sport to the United States and is growing with each passing month. Think of darts or bowling with real life sharp axes. You hurl these axes in lanes towards wooden targets and try to hit the bull's

eye. By the way, closed toe shoes are required.

The biannual Federation of Jewish Men's Club's international convention is in historic Philadelphia from June 29 through July 2. Make your own history and register at fjmc.org/register-2023. The Midwest Region FJMC offers a subsidy toward the convention fee. I'll be there and you should be too.

Bob Olshan & Max Brown
314.882.9386 or olshanr@gmail.com.

Join us for Brotherhood Shabbat

We welcome everyone to join us for our annual Brotherhood services followed by a delicious kiddush lunch. The Kol Rinah Brotherhood will lead the service, participate in Torah reading, and give speeches pertaining to the Brotherhood. Please RSVP: Kolrinahstl.org or call the office 314.727.1747
For more Information: olshanr@gmail.com

**Saturday,
Mar. 11
9:00 am
AT KOL RINAH**

Special Luncheon: BA & KR Brotherhoods pay tribute to their 2023 Honorees

We are thrilled to be honoring Marshall Myers and Micki Kingsley as our Man and Woman (Brother and Sister) of the Year! For the first time Kol Rinah Brotherhood will be honoring a Sister of the Year instead of a Youth of the Year. A deli lunch will be served with a veggie option –\$20 per person. RSVP online by March 8. or call 314.727.1747. For more information: olshanr@gmail.com

**Sunday,
Mar. 12
1:00 pm
at Kol Rinah**

Need to contact Kol Rinah Leadership?

Find contact info when you log in to your Kol Rinah account, under the Profile/Members tab.

Need publicity for a Kol Rinah class, program or fundraiser...?

Find all our forms in the sidebar of our website.

Kol Rinah is Committed to Safety!

Please continue to check our [COVID Safety page](#) before you enter the building for an event.

Sisterhood

Linda Carton - past Sisterhood President

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Sisterhood is wrapping up its membership campaign. If our original membership letter to you has fallen through the cracks, please try to take care of it shortly, as we need to send in the final information to Women's League before the end of February. We need every one of us to be a part of Sisterhood as your dues enable us to continue giving back to the shul in many areas.

We're starting to work on our annual Torah Fund campaign. This is the 80th anniversary of Torah Fund. The theme for this year's Torah Fund Campaign is **Chazak v'Ematz** (Strong & Courageous). This year we are honoring Irene Belsky z"l who was dedicated to continuing our tradition of supporting Torah Fund at Kol Rinah.

The money we raise each year for Torah Fund is sent to the Torah Fund

at the Jewish Theological Seminary. The Torah Fund campaign began in 1942 as a scholarship fund. In 1963 it merged with the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall campaign that provided housing for undergraduate students. In time the campaign expanded to identify additional needs for specific projects and scholarships that support all five schools.

In the next month or two, we will be sending out a letter explaining the Torah Fund campaign in detail, asking that you make a contribution. The monies collected across the country have had a tremendous impact on JTS around the world, and every donation makes a difference to Conservative Judaism.

We are starting to plan for the annual Sisterhood Shabbat, which we are hoping to schedule for late May or early June. If you would like to help

in the planning or participate in the service, please let me know.

We are always looking for ideas for programming that focus on your interests. If there are issues or subjects that you would like to see us look into, please let me know.

I hope you can enjoy all or some of what Kol Rinah is offering for the upcoming Purim Holiday. Chag Purim Sameach!

Want to Help Sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush?

Call the office, 314.727.1747.

Sisterhood 2023 Torah Fund Campaign

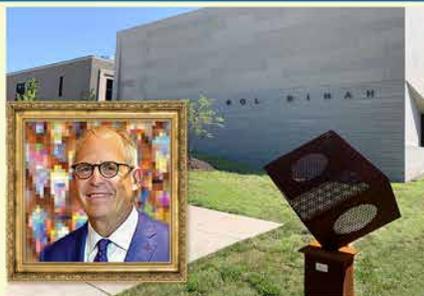
Kol Rinah Sisterhood is launching their 2023 Torah Fund Campaign! The theme of the campaign is Chazak v'Amatz, Be Strong and Courageous. This year's campaign, which celebrates the 80th anniversary of Torah Fund, will honor the memory of Irene Belsky^{z"l}, who did so much for the Torah Fund at Shaare Zedek and Kol Rinah. A donation of any amount is greatly appreciated. Donors at the \$180 level will receive a Torah Fund pin. Proceeds to benefit the Conservative seminaries around the world. Any questions, please call Linda Makler, Torah Fund Chair, 636-391-9965 or golchamp@aol.com.



This will be an ongoing campaign through May 28, 2023

Save the DATE! for a special event to Honor Michael Staenberg

Please join us in honoring Michael Staenberg at an art themed evening on Sunday, April 16. We will be recognizing all the amazing ways he has enhanced our Kol Rinah building and campus.



April 16
at Kol Rinah
6:00 pm

1 Wednesday

4:15pm Halls & Catering Meeting

2 Thursday

7pm Personnel Meeting

3 Friday

11:30am ECC Shabbat
12pm Torah Talk
5:38pm Candle Lighting
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv

4 Saturday

Parshat Tetzaveh
Shabbat Zachor
10:15am Torah Talk
10:30am Kol HaMishpacha Family Shabbat Service
5:30pm Mincha/Maariv
6:42pm Havdalah

5 Sunday

9am Communication Meeting
9am KoREH in session
7pm Facility Committee Meeting

6 Monday

TAANIT ESTHER
EREV PURIM (see website or p.2)

7 Tuesday

PURIM
7pm Finance Committee Meeting

8 Wednesday

SHUSHAN PURIM
7pm Ritual Committee Meeting

9 Thursday

7pm Coordinating Committee Meeting

10 Friday

11:30am ECC Shabbat
12pm Torah Talk
5:45pm Candle Lighting
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv

11 Saturday

Parshat Ki Tisa
Shabbat Parah
Brotherhood Shabbat
10:15am Torah Talk
5:35pm Mincha/Maariv
6:49pm Havdalah

12 Sunday

8am Shacharit
9am Communication Meeting
9am KoREH in session
1pm Man & Woman (Brother & Sister) of the Year

13 Monday

14 Tuesday

15 Wednesday

16 Thursday

7pm Kol Rinah Board Meeting

17 Friday

11:30am ECC Shabbat
12pm Torah Talk
6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv
6:52pm Candle Lighting

18 Saturday

Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei
Shabbat Hachodesh
Shabbat Mevarchim
10:15am Torah Talk
10:45am Tot Shabbat
6:45pm Mincha/Maariv
7:56pm Havdalah

19 Sunday

KoREH Spring Break
9am Communication Meeting

20 Monday

21 Tuesday

22 Wednesday

7pm Community Learning Committee Meeting

23 Thursday

ROSH CHODESH NISAN
10am KR/BA Book Club

24 Friday

11:30am ECC Shabbat
12pm Torah Talk
6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv
6:59pm Candle Lighting

25 Saturday

Parshat Vayikra
9:30am Kol Chadash
6:50pm Mincha/Maariv
8:03pm Havdalah

26 Sunday

KoREH Spring Break
9am Communication Meeting

27 Monday

7:30pm Capital Campaign Meeting

28 Tuesday

7pm Sisterhood Board meeting

29 Wednesday

30 Thursday

31 Friday

11:30am ECC Shabbat
12pm Torah Talk
6pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv
7:06pm Candle Lighting

Services

(Unless Otherwise Listed)

Weekday **7am and 6pm** • Zoom*

Sunday **8am and 6pm** • Zoom

We say kaddish with a Zoom Minyan.

*Thursday mornings are in-person only

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

6pm • in-person

Shabbat Mornings

9am • In-person & streaming

Shabbat Evenings

As listed • in-person

kolrinahstl.org/kr-streaming

Help us make a minyan!

Learn Haftarah, Trope or Prayer

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Facebook or Instagram

