



Staenberg Event

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Upcoming Events

Fri 5	PESACH SHENI
Sat 6	Kol HaMishpacha Shabbat Family Service
Sun 7	Mitzvah Day & Blood Drive
Tue 9	LAG B'OMER
Sat 13	Kol Chadash
Sun 14	Mother's Day
Fri 19	YOM YERUSHALAYIM
Sat 20	Tot Shabbat
Sun 21	ROSH CHODESH SIVAN KoREH Siyyum Opera Theatre presentation
Thu 25	EREV SHAVUOT Tikkun Leil Shavuot KR/BA Book Club
Fri 26 & Sat 27	SHAVUOT
Mon 29	Memorial Day

Upcoming in June

Sisterhood Shabbat
Jews in Science 23

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Tikkun Leil Shavuot: A Celebration of Torah

Kol Rinah, Bais Abraham Congregation, and Central Reform Congregation invite you to celebrate Shavuot together with learning, singing and community at Kol Rinah (Walk-ins welcome for learning) 7:45pm - Mincha, 9:20pm - Dinner (Kosher Indian Vegetarian/Dairy from Gokul, \$18/person) Reservations required for dinner by May 22, 3 pm: KolRinahStl.org or call the office 314-727-1747

Thursday,
May 25
7:45 pm
at Kol Rinah

Kol Rinah Leadership

Kol Rinah Board

Barbara Shamir	<i>President</i>
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Serving Through 2023

Mike Besmer, Pat Cohen, Mike Gartenberg,
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Serving Through 2024

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Spector, Katherine Tynan

Serving Through 2025

Stacy Abeles, Laura Chaise, Richard Gavatin,
Zachary Leeds, Ron Portman, Gavriel Savit-
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Ralph Graff

Staff

Stacey Hudson	<i>Executive Director</i>
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Karen Kern	<i>Engagement Coordinator</i>
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	<i>Facilities / Maintenance</i>

Ritual

Noah Arnow, Scott Shafrin	<i>Rabbis</i>
Jonathan Belsky	<i>Ba'al Koreh</i>
Mark Fasman, Benson Skoff zt"l,	
Mordecai Miller	<i>Rabbis Emeriti</i>

Education

Scott Shafrin	<i>Religious School Director / Associate Rabbi</i>
Karen Kern	<i>KoREH Assistant</i>
Liz Collins	<i>Early Childhood Center Director</i>

Auxiliary Groups

Bob Olshan	<i>Brotherhood President</i>
Susan Brown	<i>Sisterhood President</i>
Marilyn Dien	<i>Women's Social Group</i>

Committee Chairs

Stacey Hudson	<i>Building Opening Task Force</i>
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Barbara Shamir	<i>Coordinating</i>
Skylar Swim, Wendy Love Anderson	<i>Inferfaith Inclusion / Community Learning</i>
Karen Wetmore	<i>ECC</i>
Randi Mozenter	<i>Engagement</i>
Jeremy Buhler	<i>Education</i>
Dave Cooperstein	<i>Facilities</i>
Lvav Spector	<i>Finance</i>
Marsha Birenbaum, Florence Cohn	<i>Halls & Catering</i>
Esti Goldman, Bob Olshan	<i>Israel</i>
Rabbi Scott Shafrin	<i>KoREH</i>
Denise Field	<i>Personnel</i>
Becky Mollett	<i>Social Action / Tzedek Team</i>
Wendy Love Anderson	<i>Ritual</i>
TBD	<i>USY</i>
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.

Ongoing Programs

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](#)

Select Shabbat mornings 10:45am in-person
- [Tot Shabbat](#)

Select Shabbat mornings, 10:45am in-person
- [Kol HaMishpacha Family Service](#)

Select Sundays at 4pm - [Jews in Science](#)

Our ECC is Looking for Volunteers

Our Monica Lynne Neidorff ECC has volunteer opportunities for those interested in working a few hours a week to help support our teachers. Click to let us know what times you are available. Questions: collinse@kolrinahstl.org

MONICA LYNNE NEIDORFF
Early Childhood
Center

A Message from Our Rabbi

Rabbi Noah Arnow - Senior Rabbi

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Appreciating Rabbi Scott Shafrin

I remember I was sitting in the car in the parking lot outside the allergist's office when I first spoke on the phone with Scott Shafrin.

More than seven years later, I want to appreciate a little of what Rabbi Shafrin brought to Kol Rinah. (And I say "a little" because I know I cannot capture more than a small amount of what he brought.)

A key part of his job from the beginning has been leading our religious school. The KRRS, or the Kol Rinah Religious School, was good, and scrappy, and small back in 2016. Rabbi Shafrin took the assignment to reboot the school seriously. He met with teachers and parents and students and got to know the culture of strengths of the school his first year. Soon, he renamed it KoREH, the Kol Rinah Education Hub, and changed up the curriculum, adding chugim, or electives. The school has doubled in size over these years, and next year, will probably have about seventy students. It's a constant work

in progress, and Covid was a major challenge, but Rabbi Shafrin has owned and been responsible for the school, and he deserves the credit for its wonderful success.

One of my great joys has been making music, singing, harmonizing, and leading davening with Rabbi Shafrin. I remember him telling me that he was sold on Kol Rinah after five minutes of Kabbalat Shabbat during his first visit here. He has become a wonderful baal tefillah (prayer leader). He sings perfect harmony to anything and everything. He seems to know the guitar chords to songs he's never heard. He understands music intuitively, and keeps us musically in tune, and in good taste. Creating Kol Chadash with him and Karen Kern has been a joy. And you may not realize it, but there are melodies Rabbi Shafrin wrote that we'll be singing here at Kol Rinah for many years to come.

Rabbi Shafrin has also been a critical resource to, leader of and advocate

for our Tzedek Team, our committee that tries to make the world, and our community, better and more just. Rabbi Shafrin cares about justice, about equity, about kindness. He wears his values on his sleeve, and you know what he believes, and you know he believes it with all his heart. He shows up wherever and whenever he's needed, and has created a culture here at Kol Rinah of caring about justice.

I will miss his presence at KoREH. I will miss singing with him as much as we have. And I will miss his justice leadership as a rabbi of Kol Rinah.

But I know that he and I, with you all, will sing together again, every so often. And I know his justice rabbinate will continue and expand in his work with our JCRC of St. Louis. We will all be the beneficiaries of his work there.

During Rabbi Shafrin's last two months with us, take a moment to let him know how he's touched your life.



**Join us for
Kol Chadash**

May 13th at 9:30am

3 Videos for Kol Chadash tunes

[Adon Olam](#)

[El Adon](#)

[Kaddish Shalem](#)

Mazel Tov!*

May Birthdays

Lauren Wolf, Amy Zaidman, Asher Sabin, Samuel Sabin, Esti Goldman, Noah Arnow, Rhona Lyons, Berta Hyken, Sonia Barrett, Rayne Buhler, Amit Kadosh, Judy Allen, Abigail Simmons, Gail Brody, Sara Kavanaugh, Akiva Belk, Alia Chappell-Beattie, Abby Schneider, Idan Lerner, Gloria Feldman, Laila Bach, Beth Leeds, Franklin Haspiel, Katherine Tynan, Loren Bach, Zachary Gannam, Rachel Kodner, Lori Siegel, Alan Snyder, Jonah May-Rauchman, Sara Sorenson, Rosalie Stein, Rhonda Bilger, Bryan Sanger, Tobi Don, Samuel Bernstein, Davanna Renee, Russell Gottlieb, Bonnie Shafrin, Jada Fox, Donald Levy, Naomi Zaidman, William Hogan, Denise Bobick, Elisa Israel, Jael Rogers, Joshua Stein, Leah Berger, Leonid Grossman, Nicky Rainey, Cindy Ginsburg, Joseph Kavanaugh, Penelope Sorenson, Nancy Rosman, Marc Levin, Edward Schukar, Frances Wilner, Gretchen Schisla, Michael Bernstein, Stephanie Levy, Aaron Praiss, Davi Igielnik, Delia Rainey, Nicole Rainey, Hannah Rainey, Deborah Rubin, Patricia Cohen, Phillip Gould, Joseph Yenlin Paley, Zeke Swim, Rena Munster, Delaney Holden, Michael Stein, Emily Ginsburg, Julie Davis, Josh Horwitz, Jonah Levy, Sloane Sapot, Jason Hoberman

May Anniversaries

Frank Anderson & Marcia Sokol-Anderson
Alex Befeler & Serra-Lesa Ivener
Corey Feit & Jenna Lew-Feit
Guy Friedman & Laura Horwitz
Hal & Marcia Goldsmith
Michael & Abby Goldstein
Russell & Rachel Gottlieb
Brad & Mindy Horwitz
Joshua & Cindy Kalachek
Gail Brody & Richard Kodner
Andrew & Nancy Rosman
Steven & Andrea Rosenblum

Harold & Diane Sanger
Alan Garelick & Abby Schneider
Mike & Sherri Besmer
Philip & Leslie Johnson
Catrice & Patrick Kolieboi

June Birthdays

Jerry Raskin, Helene Meyer, Ari Horwitz, Daniel Buch, Nathan Goldstein, Jacob Goldstein, Hanan Nathan-Slarskey, Hannah Friedman, Cheryl Wasserberg, Nicola Hudson, Courtney Rader, Tasha Kaminsky, Sophia Gottlieb, Christopher Mollett, Revi Belk, Julie Ettinger, Matt Reznick, Rebecca Grossman, Laura Rosenblatt, Ruth Asher-Koshner, Leora Spitzer, Isaac Besmer, Jonathan Dien, Bruce Dien, Lisa Schlesinger, Phyllis Katz, William Mathis, Randi Mozenter, Jon Santer, Florence Cohn, Amitai Shafrin, Golda Burke, Jacob Shanas, Allen Levin, Rachel Bezalel-Buch, Nancy Berg, Jeffrey Jacob, Laura Horwitz, Serena Sabin, Matthew Wohl, Sherri Sadon, Elana Gottlieb, Ruth Orr, Lauren Bernstein, Nick Riggio, Mindy Horwitz, Enid Perll, Rosetta Weintraub, Shira LeDeaux, Hazel Sohn, Catrice Kolieboi, Stan Braude, Ari Brenner, Harriet Shanas, Yitzchak Santer, Monroe Ginsburg, Cecilia Asher, Ava Duel, Deborah Finkelstein, Lily Friedman, William Kaufman, Kenneth Weintraub, Tamara Miller, Katherine Gross, Stacey Hudson, Trevor Moss, Phil Levens, Robert Stein, Jacob Kalachek, Alitah Sanger, Marc Spector, Kenneth Stein, Alan Garelick, Susan Lew, Samantha Mollett, Rebecca Gannam, Judel Lew, Fred Makler

June Anniversaries

Rebecca Grossman & Luke Wells
Michael Cannon & Denise Field
Lauren Buchsbaum & Nick Riggio
Mark & Mary Engel
Gary & Fran Kaar
Ben & Joan Barzilai

Josh & Laura Chaise
Stuart Hoffman & Rita Rothschild
Steven Brody & Brenda Grossman
Richard & Jody Feldman
Michael & Karen Wetmore
Stephen & Julie Davis
William & Stacey Hoffman
Eric Flug & Gretchen Schisla
Alan Snyder & Sharon Rosenberg
Repps & Stacey Hudson
Alfred & Sheila Rosenfeld
Leonid Shmuylovich & Ilana Rosman
Zachary & Julie Leeds
Howard & Jacqueline Berliner
Jeremy Buhler & Wendy Love Anderson
Martin & Margaret Israel
William & Helene Mathis
Naomi & BachLoren Hoffman
William & Meris Hamilton
Enrique & Becky Lerner
Jerry & Joyce Raskin
Arlene & Tim O'Connell
Sanford & Elaine Melnick
John & Barb Perlmutter
Sanford & Cynthia Boxerman
Marc & Priscilla Alper
Judel & Susan Lew

**Listed chronologically in the month*

Condolences to the Families Of

Manuel Barenholtz
Mervyn Durlister
Sanford Neuman
Joel Prohovsky
May their memories be a blessing.

President's Message

Barbara Shamir, President

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Happy Spring to All!

I hope you had a wonderful Pesach. We sure did.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Randi Mozenter for her vision, persistence and positive attitude that made the evening honoring Michael Staenberg a huge success. Special thanks to team members Gary Kodner, Stacey Hudson, Stacy Abeles, Bette Abeles, Penny Alper, Gail Kodner, Elisa Israel, Dan Rosenthal, Harlie Frankel, Sherri Sadon, Debbie Zimmerman, Pat Cohen, Ralph Graff, Laura Finkelstein Chaise and Tovah Enger and Meir Zimand for all their efforts in preparation for the event. It really was spectacular!

Amos and I will be away at the beginning of May, but I'm looking forward to the summer and all that it brings – including Shavuot and Summerfest. See you there!

A moment for a special thanks (which is totally insufficient) to Rabbi Shafrin. I wish him well in his new position at the JCRC but will miss him so much as a Rabbi for this congregation. His energy and passion have always been appreciated and I have learned a lot about dealing with people from simply observing him. Rabbi, you're the best.

Congratulations and farewells are in order too to the Love Anderson/Buhler family. Wendy Love Anderson has completed her Rabbinic studies and received Smicha in April. She will become the Rabbi of Temple Israel in Albany, New York beginning June 1. Jeremy and the kids will be joining her as she embarks on her new profession. We wish her much success and the congregation will miss the entire family. You have all contributed so much to the ritual life of this congregation in ways that are too numerous to list. Thank you for all of your contributions to Kol Rinah.

Mazel Tov to our Engagement chair, Randi Mozenter

Her amazing committee, all of our donors, on a successful fund raiser, that exceeded our expectations, in honor of Michael Staenberg.

Randi Mozenter is a long time member of both legacy Shuls as well as, of course, Kol Rinah. She has served as President, Board Chair, VP Membership, VP Personnel and now, VP Engagement. Randi has a long history of nonprofit board service and leadership, including Kids In The Middle, Jewish Student Union, LaSalle Park Neighborhood Association and Washington University Neighbor's Council.

She is a Clinical Psychologist in private practice and is on the Clinical Medical Staff of Barnes Jewish Hospital and Washington University Medical School and is Board certified in Psychopharmacology.

Randi is married to Larry Friedman, has 2 adult children, Zachary and Addy Wexelman and two adult step children, Hannah (Tim) and Josh (Julie) Friedman.

She is honored and thrilled to serve Kol Rinah and has made many dear friends while on the KR Board. She continues to be a member of many committees and is excited for the challenges and opportunities that Engagement provides.



A Special Mazel Tov to

Mazel Tov to Donn Rubin who will be receiving the Joel & Joanne Iskiwitch Israel Award at the JCRC Tzedek event on May 11th.

Mazel Tov to Stacy Abeles both on her new company Abeles & Company, Event+Lifestyle Consulting and the Fund she has started at [Camp Sabra in Eli's honor](#).

Mazel Tov to Andrew, Bruce and Bradley Sabin whose Wealth Management Group was recognized as a 2023 Forbes Best-in-State Wealth Management Team.

Want to Help Sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush?

Call the office, 314.727.1747.

The "Yoms"

What a great nickname for the most important days of the year. As I am writing this I am working on my activities for Yom HaShoah, HaZikaron, and of course, independence day has already been ready for months. Although you will be reading this after the fact, I would like to share some thoughts as they approach.

These days will once again be a challenge, remembering and celebrating these ceremonies from afar. In the beginning of this year, I was troubled by celebrating Rosh Hashanah away from home. Since then, most other holidays seem "easy", and I've gotten the gist of it. But these days will undoubtedly be challenging.

These are days of family, a recurring theme in Israeli events. My extended family goes to our Kibbutz's Yom HaShoah ceremony, then to a larger party at our Kibbutz's Yom HaZikaron ceremony. The next morning, even more of my family meet at the gravesite of my grandmother's brother who was killed during the Yom Kippur war.

I must say, I've gotten used to missing out. I am excited to experience the American "Yoms". The ceremonies, celebrations, and anything in between. But there is one part that worries me. That moment where all of Israel stands in silence. The Siren. How can I commemorate these days without the basis of what differentiates them from all other days of the year? The siren is one of the parts that cannot be recreated in

any other way. Sadly, I have not found a solution, although as I said I am eager to learn and experience these days for the next few weeks.

Now that we know a little bit of what is coming soon, I would like to share something incredible that happened recently in Israel. Yom HaShoah ceremonies usually include reading texts, and listening to beautiful songs that retell the stories of the Holocaust.

In 2011 an Israeli woman created a non-profit called "zikaron ba'salon" - memories in the living room, which offers a way to commemorate Yom HaShoah by hearing a person's holocaust story, first or second generation. The website lets you search for homes near you and RSVP. This organization has boomed in the past few years. I have heard multiple survivors' stories and it was an amazing experience.

This same woman reached out the GLGLZ, a major Israeli radio station, to create a seminar for Israeli musicians. Why? Because they agreed that the music we hear on Yom HaShoah is repetitive and outdated. Although these songs tell accurate stories, they do not resonate with the younger generation - the third or fourth generation after the holocaust. Some of these children will have never met a survivor.

What was their solution? A seminar gathering a huge group of Israel's most popular musicians. They all listened

to survivor stories and went through writing sessions. With no expectation, these incredible songwriters made music. You guessed it, Yom HaShoah music. What is the difference? These songs are made by the people I grew up listening to and by musicians younger people adore. They too tell the stories of survivors, but in a format that is more familiar to our ears.

These songs will be played in ceremonies for years to come. They are the next generations holocaust music. An odd niche to create an entire ALBUM'S worth of music, 14 songs, by so many different people, all there not for fame or popularity, but to retell others' stories. Stories which must continue being told, no matter how far in the future.

Jewish Food Pantry May 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 & Protein-Rich Foods
2. Healthy Soups
3. Kosher Non-Perishable Foods
4. Macaroni & Cheese
5. Healthy Snacks
6. Canned Vegetables (beans, peas, corn...)
7. Peanut Butter & Jelly
8. Personal care items such Band Aids, Combs, and Hairbrushes

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

Engagement

Karen Kern, Engagement Coordinator

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Wow, we have had so many wonderful events here at Kol Rinah over the last several months! From a special Tu B'shvat Kiddush and a wonderful weekend with Hazzan Dulkan, to our spectacular Very Festive Purim event, to Passover Prep for Tots and a beautiful Second Seder – and all with so many things in between like Kol HaMishpacha, Tot and Kol Chadash Shabbats along with Brotherhood, Sisterhood and Verein events, Israeli speakers and Galas too! We have such an amazing and vibrant Kol Rinah community!

And we are not slowing down! There are many events coming up as we head into May and into the summer months. We are so excited to have another Mitzvah Day on May 7th and we are thrilled to be joined by the Jewish Federation for Lag B'Omer in Shaw Park on May 9th. Shavuot will bring the gift of spending time with our community in Torah study and learning here at Kol Rinah. Also, Kol HaMishpacha Family Shabbat, Tot Shabbat and our musical Kol Chadash Shabbat will all take place throughout May and June. And when summer arrives, we'll meet once a month

at Shaw Park for our Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service and Bring Your Own Picnic. We are also super excited for Kol Rinah's Summerfest Event which will take place on August 20th and will include great music, food and fun! Please watch your emails and social media or check our website for more information as we head into summer. And please reach out with any suggestions or questions, anytime.

Looking forward to seeing you at an event or service soon,

Karen



Monica Lynne Neidorff ECC

Liz Collins - Monica Lynne Neidorff Early Childhood Center Director

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Monica Lynne Neidorff Early Childhood Center has been busy the last few months with holidays.

On March 7th, ECC families paraded together to the Kol Rinah Community Hall for a Purim Family Program. The children were adorable in their costumes. During the program,

children and families were treated to hearing the Purim story reenacted in a puppet show and then afterward everyone sang and danced to Purim songs with Ms. Karen Kern.

During the weeks of April 3rd and April 10th, classes learned all about Passover. Classes could be heard

singing Dayenu, Mah Nishtanah, and other songs about making and eating matzah and other Seder foods. Our Shinshin, Guy, made matzah dough with the classes and charoset with the Penguin and Starfish classes.

Verein Discussion Group

Richard Gavatin and Ralph Graff, Co-Chairs

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Can St. Louis leverage Science and Innovation to be a Leader in the 21st Century?

Jews in Science is Back with #23!

Founding President & CEO of BioSTL, Kol Rinah member Donn Rubin will talk about the work that BioSTL has done, among which their corporation with Israel in advanced Medicine and Technology stands out.



On June 11 at 4pm, in-person, Donn Rubin will introduce BioSTL to his fellow Kol Rinah members.

In its early years (2001-02), the group launched Cortex, St. Louis' urban

innovation district, and jumpstarted local venture capital. BioSTL's startup and investment arm, the BioGenerator, has become one of the most active bioscience seed investors in the U.S. BioSTL has won national and international accolades for innovative best practices from the Brookings Institution, Harvard Business School, and the Organization of American States.

Donn conceived of GlobalSTL (BioSTL's international initiative) to connect St. Louis with dynamic innovation hubs worldwide, starting with Israel in 2014, with the aim

of enriching St. Louis' innovation economy with high-growth companies, technology, and talent from overseas that bring competitive advantage to St. Louis.

In 2022, Donn and BioSTL hosted the first trilateral (Israel-United Arab Emirates-St. Louis) innovation symposium in the U.S., marking the historic Abraham Accords.

As usual, please sign up online at the Kol Rinah Website.


Ralph and Richard

Verein Presents a Series: Jews in Science #23

Can St. Louis leverage Science and Innovation to be a Leader in the 21st Century?
The founder of BioSTL, Kol Rinah member Donn Rubin will talk about his company, BioSTL and its close collaboration with Israel.
For more information contact: richardjrgavatin@gmail.com

**Sunday
June 11
4:00 pm**

Kol Rinah Women's Social Group Presents: TOSCA by Puccini
Although written over 100 years ago, Tosca remains undeniably relevant to the political struggles and gender power dynamics of the 21st century. This program will be presented by Phyllis Hyken, a docent for Opera Theatre of St Louis.



**Sunday,
May 21
7:30 pm
LIVE at Kol Rinah**

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

Find all our forms in the sidebar of our website.

Need to contact Kol Rinah Leadership?

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

Tzedek Team

Rebecca Mollet - Tzedek Team Chair

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Calling all gardeners, crafters and doers! Join the Kol Rinah community for Mitzvah Day 2023 on Sunday, May 7, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, with lunch provided at no charge by the Brotherhood. Sisterhood will again provide snacks.

This year, we have offered our communal efforts to even more non-profit organizations. We have organized a blood drive with ImpactLife. We will be making stress balls to aid in the rehabilitation of veterans at the VA, crafting blankets for the patients at BJC Hospice,

assembling soup mixes for the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry, packing dinners for Operation Food Search, and writing letters to thank Israeli Soldiers for their efforts through ThankIsraeliSoldiers.org, among other activities. And "good conduct dog" Lola will again join us as we make pet toys for the Humane Society of Missouri.

We also hope to enrich the natural environment of Kol Rinah by installing plantings to prevent erosion on our grounds. We need **everyone**, from expert gardeners to those willing to dig the holes, to volunteer their time and expertise to make this happen.

While young families will find activities (and hot dogs) that they will enjoy, Mitzvah Day needs the efforts of congregants **of all ages** to complete the projects organized for the day.

If you have not yet signed up, please do so now! Sign up [here](#) to attend and [here](#) to reserve a time to donate blood. Everyone, from ages 2 to 102, can help us make a difference in our community!

Denise Field

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Tzedek Team Communications Co-Chair

Kol Rinah Mitzvah Day is Back!

We each have an obligation to "repair our world". On Mitzvah Day, we will learn about some of the pressing needs in the community and beyond, and join together to be part of the solution. There will be activities for all ages that morning and strategies for action you can take throughout the year. Sign up today at KolRinahStl.org or call the office: 314.727.1747

**Sunday,
May 7
11:30 - 1:30
LIVE AT KOL RINAH**

Kol Rinah Tzedek Team is sponsoring a Blood Drive

We're coming together to help save lives! For patients in need, donated blood can change everything. Masks and appointments are required for all donors. Kosher snacks will be provided. Giving blood takes about an hour. Donors must be healthy, weigh at least 110 lbs. and be 17 years or older. Please hydrate ahead of your appointment! Sign-up today at: 314.727.1747 or office@kolrinahstl.org

**Sunday,
May 7
at Kol Rinah
12:30 – 3:30 pm**



Kol Rinah
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**Sunday,
Aug. 20**

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Chesed Visits!

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or Paula J. Lerner:

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Brotherhood

Bob Olshan - Brotherhood President

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Kol Rinah Brotherhood – Engaging Men in Jewish Life

Kol Rinah Brotherhood had a wonderful Man and Woman of the Year luncheon! Mazal Tov once again Marshall Myers and Micki Kingsley. They are pillars of our community!

Kol Rinah Brotherhood was pleased to help sponsor the Israeli Shabbat Lunch & Learn celebrating the 75th anniversary of Israel's Independence, with Israeli speaker Dr. Ayala Hendin.



Brotherhood was honored to celebrate the memories of Leo Wolf and Mendel Rosenberg with our community lighting Yellow Candles in the memory of the Holocaust. We would like to thank all that made donations to the Brotherhood Yellow Candle fund. [See Leo and Mendel's stories on our Brotherhood webpage.](#)

Brotherhood had a free Deli Dinner with a Hearing Men's Voices on April 30th **"Israel 75 - What does Israel mean to me"**.

Brotherhood is also glad to support the Lag B'Omer event on May 9th –

come have a free ice cream and join us at the bonfire at Shaw Park (5pm on the South side).

Please join Brotherhood online or become an officer or on the BOD of Brotherhood

Join us for Federation of Jewish Men's Club International Convention June 29th in Philadelphia! Tremendous discounts are available for first timers (Contact Bob or Max).

Bob Olshan & Max Brown
314-882-9386 or olshanr@gmail.com.



Man and Woman of the Year Award Dinner

Celebrate Lag B'Omer with Kol Rinah & the J at Shaw Park

Bring your own dinner & enjoy a complimentary ice cream treat!

We'll have a bonfire, games & activities, an ice cream truck & fun for all! Please click here to tell us you're coming.

More information: karen@kolrinahstl.org

**Tuesday,
May 9
5:00 pm**



Sisterhood

Susan Brown - Sisterhood President

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Since Pesach is past, the Sisterhood hopes everyone had a *zissen* (sweet) Pesach. Also in the past was Israel's 75th Anniversary, and Sisterhood participated in the Lunch 'n Learn. Now we look forward to Shavuot, the giving of the Torah, on Friday, May 26th and Shabbat, May 27th. Spring and its holidays are joyfully upon us.

This is the time of year that Sisterhood makes our donation to Torah Fund. Please contribute to Torah Fund. **All donated monies** are given to the 5 Rabbinical Schools for the Conservative/Masorti Movement in New York, Los Angeles, Jerusalem, Buenos Aires and Germany. Each institute is a beneficiary of our efforts

in the Torah Fund campaign. We are honoring the memory of Irene Belsky, z"l for Torah Fund this year. Irene loved learning and appreciated that women were able and willing to participate in services. She was the Torah Fund chairman for many years. We will honor her memory; and two of her sons, Jonathan and Howard Belsky, will receive an Aliyah at our Sisterhood Shabbat service on Shabbat, June 3rd. We hope you will be able to attend services that morning.

Upcoming Sisterhood events include a cooking/Talmud/learning program with Rabbi Jessica Shafrin on zoom this spring.

Sisterhood will also participate in Mitzvah Day, May 7th. and will happily supply the snacks for the participants.

A visit to go together to the Kaplan/Feldman Holocaust Museum is being planned for the summer, and Dale Sharon, a docent at the St. Louis Art Museum who has given us several programs, is planning another presentation, probably in the fall, this one on Art and Judaism.

Wishing everyone a good spring and upcoming summer.

In gratitude,
Susan

Join Us for Sisterhood Shabbat

Sisterhood is holding their annual Shabbat Service. The KR Sisterhood will run the service, participate in Torah reading, and give speeches pertaining to the service.

Sign-up today at: 314.727.1747 or office@kolrinahstl.org

**Saturday,
Jun. 3
9:00 am
AT KOL RINAH**

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 15, 2023**

The Kol Rinah Sisterhood Torah Fund Campaign, "Chazak v'Ematz" (Be strong and Courageous) officially ends on May 15th. So there is still time for your donation. You can make your check payable to Kol Rinah Sisterhood and write "Torah Fund Donation" on the Memo Line. To contribute [ONLINE](#) make sure you fill in "Kol Rinah Sisterhood" in the "Affiliate" section and then let Linda Makler know. Thank you for your support of Torah Fund!

1 Monday - 25th Day Omer

2 Tuesday - 26th Day Omer
7pm Finance Committee Meeting

3 Wednesday - 27th Day Omer
4:15pm Halls & Catering

4 Thursday - 28th Day Omer
7pm Personnel Meeting

5 Friday - 29th Day Omer
PESACH SHENI
11:30am ECC Shabbat
12pm Torah Talk
7:39pm Candle Lighting

6 Saturday - 30th Day Omer
Parshat Emor
10:15am Torah Talk
10:45am Kol HaMishpacha Family Shabbat Service
7:30pm Mincha/Maariv
8:43pm Havdalah

7 Sunday - 31st Day Omer
9am KoREH in session
11:30am Mitzvah Day
12:30pm Blood Drive
7pm Facility Committee Meeting

8 Monday - 32nd Day Omer

9 Tuesday - 33rd Day Omer
LAG B'OMER
5pm Celebrate Lag B'Omer with Kol Rinah & the J at Shaw Park (with minyan at 6pm)

10 Wednesday - 34th Day Omer
7pm Ritual Committee Meeting

11 Thursday - 35th Day Omer
7pm Coordinating Committee Meeting

12 Friday - 36th Day Omer
11:30am ECC Shabbat
12pm Torah Talk
7:46pm Candle Lighting

13 Saturday - 37th Day Omer
Parshat Behar-Bechukotai
9:30am Kol Chadash
7:35pm Mincha/Maariv
8:49pm Havdalah

14 Sunday - 38th Day Omer
Mother's Day
9am Communication Meeting
9am KoREH in session

15 Monday - 39th Day Omer

16 Tuesday - 40th Day Omer
7pm Engagement Meeting

17 Wednesday - 41st Day Omer

18 Thursday - 42nd Day Omer
7pm Kol Rinah Board Meeting

19 Friday - 43rd Day Omer
YOM YERUSHALAYIM
11:30am ECC Shabbat
12pm Torah Talk
7:52pm Candle Lighting

20 Saturday - 44th Day Omer
Parshat Bamidbar
Shabbat Mevarchim
Wendy Love Anderson & Jeremy Buhler Family Farewell Shabbat
10:15am Torah Talk
10:45am Tot Shabbat
7:45pm Mincha/Maariv
8:56pm Havdalah

21 Sunday - 45th Day Omer
ROSH CHODESH SIVAN
9am KoREH Siyyum
7:30pm Phyllis Hyken, Opera Theatre docent, presentation of TOSCA by Puccini

22 Monday - 46th Day Omer
7:30pm Capital Campaign Meeting

23 Tuesday - 47th Day Omer
7pm Sisterhood Board meeting

24 Wednesday - 48th Day Omer
7pm Community Learning Committee Meeting

25 Thursday - 49th Day Omer
EREV SHAVUOT
10am KR/BA Book Club
7:45pm Tikkun Lail Shavuot
7:57pm Candle Lighting

26 Friday
SHAVUOT – 1st Day
9am Shacharit
7:58pm Candle Lighting

27 Saturday
SHAVUOT – 2nd Day
Yizkor
7:50pm Mincha/Maariv
9:01pm Havdalah

28 Sunday

29 Monday - Office & ECC Closed
Memorial Day

30 Tuesday

31 Wednesday

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

Contact Howard Belsky

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