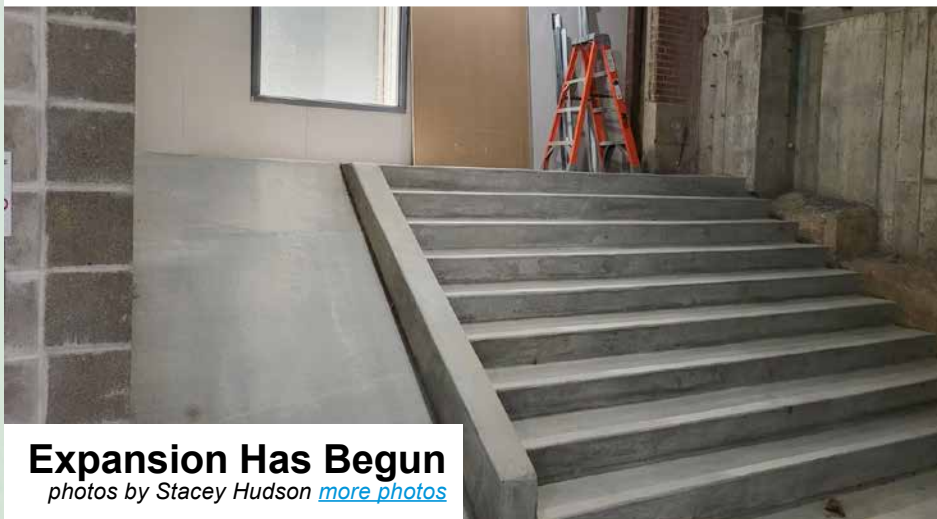




Monica Lynne Neidorff
Early Childhood Hanukkah
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Our mission is to create a welcoming community that embraces Torah and meaningful worship, lifelong learning, music, Israel and Tikkun Olam, guided by the tenets of Conservative Judaism.

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.



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Ongoing Programs

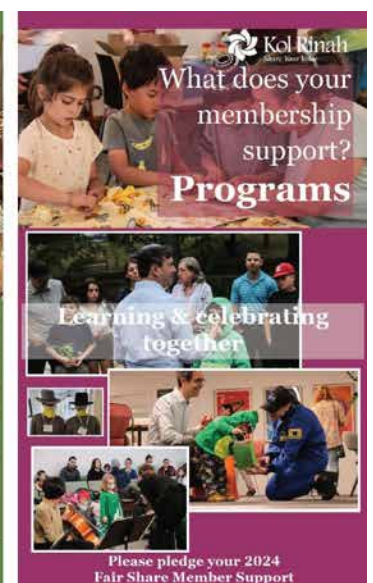
4th Thursday, 10am on Zoom -

[KR/BA Book Club](#)

Most Shabbat mornings, 10:15am -
Torah Talk

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

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



A Message from Our Rabbi

Rabbi Noah Arnow - Senior Rabbi

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The Conservative/Masorti Convening

How do you find volunteers to lead and serve a congregation? What is the purpose of a congregation, to its members? Is obligation, especially in a religious context heteronomous (coming from outside us, i.e. from God), autonomous (coming from ourselves), or is there a third option? What are the latest ways Conservative Jews are thinking about intermarriage? What is the role of halakha (Jewish law) in our movement in and in our lives? What's with the second blessing of the Amidah (that prays for resurrection of the dead)? And is there a melody for it that sounds a bit more serious than the one you definitely already know? What Jewish resources are there around addiction, recovery and resilience?

Which of these is the most interesting to you? Let me know, and let's talk!

These were some of the questions animating sessions I attended at the Conservative/Masorti Convening (a sort of movement biennial convention) at the beginning of December in Baltimore. Permeating everything was conversation, anxiety, and wrestling

about Israel and Gaza. There were sessions about justice/tikkun olam, and about the reorganization and new strategic plan for USY. There were concerts (including with Rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz, who was here at Kol Rinah in 2021), a taping of an episode of the podcast "[Unorthodox](#)", and a live show of the pandemic web phenomenon "[Who Knows One?](#)"

It wasn't a huge convention. It was mostly rabbis, cantors, synagogue executive directors, and synagogue board presidents, with more folks from the east coast in driving distance, as you can expect.

Reflecting on the experience, I can't help but notice what was not a topic of conversation or of handwringing: the future of Conservative Judaism and the Conservative Movement. There were no warnings sounded about our imminent demise, or about anything shrinking. There were no fights or angry debates (at least that I heard). This doesn't mean that everything is perfect and that we all agree. But the spirit was one of curiosity, appreciation, of sharing struggles and ideas, of

connecting and reconnecting with friends and colleagues new and old.

It's a nice feeling to realize that there are ways we (and I) have certain things figured out, and also great to talk to people who have figured out things that I can foresee we'll have to deal with at some point too, or that we're thinking about right now.

I'm grateful to have been able to attend, and I look forward to sharing pieces of what I learned and heard with you all over the coming months.

Learn Haftarah, Trope or Prayer

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Chesed Visits!

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Grief Havurah (in-person) at Kol Rinah

Grief is a normal response to the loss of a loved one, and an essential part of the Jewish lifecycle. In this Havurah (group), we will gather to share experiences and stories using the lens of the Jewish liturgy and cycle of the year to guide us into our healing.

RSVP: Please contact Rabbi Jessica Shafrin at jessica.shafrin@gmail.com

**Wednesday,
Jan. 17
6:30 - 8:00 pm**

**Wednesday,
Feb. 21
6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Mazel Tov!

January Birthdays

Paula Rubin Sparks, Aaron Vickar, Repps Hudson, Erica Weiss, Susan Schienberg, Eric Sheldon, Bruce Lippmann, Shelley Shray, Benjamin Weintraub, Kalanit Chappell, Alan Mandel, Mary Berger, Laura Chaise, Karen Wetmore, Perry Epstein, Andrew Sabin, Lori Brok, Sherri Besmer, Cynthia Boxerman, William Hogan, Paul Rader, Meris Hamilton, Kay Sandweiss, Ariane May, Martin Israel, Myron Parker, Avi Dobrusin, Michael Rauchman, Jacob Mirowitz, L. Louis Albert, Caryn Garriga, Phyllis Blalock-Patton, Gary Kodner, Lauren Brenner, Molly Portman, Scott Slarskey, Sally Hendin, William Goldstein, Sara VanLinn, Sasha Kveskin, Stefanie Levenson, Donna Rosenberg, Sanford Melnick, Simon Igielnic, Andrea Gerowin, Joyce Raskin, Luke Wells, Craig Zaidman, Marion Cohen, Lisa Sheldon, Steven Schultz, Carol Portman, Joel Schwartz, Michael Shanas, Yiftah Goldstein, Will Soll, Joshua Kalachek, Eli Sadon, Sarah Rader, Arielle Davis, Rachel Shilcrat, Richard Kopitsky, Karen Huss, Mariana Reichman, Liza Shmuylovich, Daniele Rosman, Eli Karabell, Benjamin Levin, Jeremiah Simmons, Benjamin Paley, Micah Waters, Jacob Bashkin, Yonit Olshan, Yael Sabin, Juniper Wells, Merav Portman, Sadie Wohl, Ariel Goldstein, Benjamin LeDeaux, Rachel Levine, Max Brenner, Steven Marcus, Ayton Asher, Kayla Silverblatt, Steven Schultz, Deborah Levy, Ben Horwitz

February Birthdays

Adam Hendin, Rachel Yarkoni, Howard Berliner, Barb Herstig, Joyce Gang, Tamara Arnow, Alan Rosenberg, Kelly Sapot, Hanford Gross, Brad Horwitz, Eliot Markman, Jodi Granok, Ellen Levine, Steven Grossman, Alan Schwartz, Nancy Keyser, Philip Needleman, Elad Gross, Livia Savit-Woods, Laurie Landay, Donn Rubin, Janice Shenker, Becky Lerner, Ellen Sabin, Steve Weisman, Michael Levine, Deborah Igielnic, MaryAnne Smyly Sabin, Diane Sanger, Stacy Abeles, David Soshnik, Michael Wolf, Corey Feit, Eric Flug, Thomas Barrett, Donald Singer, Trevor Orr, James White, Janet Goldman, Bryan Sapot, Steven Rosenblum, Alan Templeton, Barbara Lowes, Rebecca Barzilai, Liliella Kaar, Phoebe Garelick, Ella Engel, Bernard Goldstein, Joshua Reznick, Ava Weinstock, Isaac Weinstock, Daniel Levine, Ellis Hendin, Aliza Igielnic, Daniel May-Rauchman, Joshua Aroesty, Joshua Aroesty, Yeshara Buck-Yael, Taylor Wolf, Selah Kadosh, Lamont Huss, Elior Buck-Yael, Leora Buck-Yael, Lillian Zoller, Glenn Randall, Josh Friedman, Ivy Befeler, Sarah Lippmann, Susan Gitt, Jared Snyder, Merav Kagan, Arianna Simmons, Benjamin Arnstein, Felix Goldstein

January Anniversaries

Molly & Alan Portman
Bruce & Ellen Sabin
Scott & Courtney Kaar
Leslie Birenbaum & Susan Roth
Yiftah & Caren Goldstein
Jacob Greenberg & Kaytlin Kopen
Saul & Marilyn Dien
Jordan & Avital Kadosh
Karen & Paul Rader
Myron & Randee Jacobs
Allen Levin & Joyce Gang

February Anniversaries

Phillip & Deborah Gould
Stefanie & Bryce Woollen
Trevor & Megumi Moss
Robert & Rosalie Stein
Ruth & Trevor Orr
Dana & Eric Emmenegger
Golda & Gerard Burke
Esti Goldman & Danny Gurvis
Gary Kodner & Peggy Nehmen

Help Sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush

Call the office, 314.727.1747.

Thank You

Thank you to Kol Rinah for all the birthday tributes to the Sisterhood and Women's Social Group.

Linda Makler

Condolences to the Families Of

Jerrold Granok
Beatrice Sorkin
May their memories be a blessing.

President's Message

Barbara Shamir, President

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Dear Members,

It's hard to believe that the first year of my presidency is over. I have learned so much and have been so impressed by all the hard work and all of the successes our Board of Directors and Committee Chairs have accomplished. Thank you to the VPs who keep everything running, to the Board for their dedication, insights and commitment, to the office staff and to everyone who

has volunteered this year to make our programs and services meaningful, rewarding and fun.

This is a hard time, in a never-ending stream of hard times, to be a Jew. Anti-semitism is rising and hate crimes are seeming to flourish. Israel is under attack, not just from Hamas, but from voices all over the world who hold Israel to a standard that no other country follows. I may not agree with

all the political policies of the state of Israel, but I stand with Israel as a Jew, as an American who lived in Israel, as the spouse of an Israeli and as someone who has always believed in the promise of a Jewish State. I support Israel in the ways that I can and encourage you to do the same.

Now and forever, Am Yisrael Chai!

Barbara

Kol Rinah Security and Intruder Training

Clayton Police Officer Cpl. Jennifer Schwartz will present best practices to keep ourselves safe from an intruder whether in our building, our home, or out in the community.

PLEASE RSVP (both events are the same), so that we can plan accordingly.

**Tue, Jan 9
7:00 pm
Sun, Feb 4
4:00 pm**

Engagement

Karen Kern, Engagement Coordinator

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While January 1st is not a Jewish holiday and for us, simply starts a new year on the Gregorian calendar, it still carries with it this reminder of newness and the feeling of a fresh start. I also think that it gives us an opportunity to say Shehechyanu: a chance to recognize time, a chance for gratitude and a chance to appreciate being alive in this moment. Rabbi Shefa Gold says, "The Shehechyanu blessing is said whenever we realize the miracle of the

present moment. The blessing honors and expresses the wonder of having arrived." She further states, "Implied in this blessing is a commitment to vitality, to sustained presence and awareness." How wonderful that we have been sustained and have arrived to this new year of 2024. I believe that we should be aware and appreciative of all the blessings of connection, belonging and community that are so prevalent here at Kol Rinah. I am

uplifted by the commitment that we, our KR community, has to vitality, to fully inhabiting life and to sustaining and inspiring others. I sense the amazing potential that this moment and year can bring. I also look forward to the many wonderful services, events, holidays, connections and gatherings that will come with this new year.

To life, l'chaim,

Karen

Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley - Sisterhood President

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It is almost a new year, with all the hopes that come with it. About two weeks ago, we celebrated the Festival of Lights and have put away our Chanukiot and dreidels for another year.

Fran Kaar is still on the lookout for membership checks. We are going to make a final accounting to Women's League in January; so if you haven't renewed your membership yet or decided to become a member, please do. And you can be proud of what your

Sisterhood does for the MLN ECC, KoREH, Misloach Manot fundraiser at Purim, general fund of the shul, and much more.

On January 25th, Rabbi Jessica Shafrin will give us an in-person follow-up to her Feeding Women of the Talmud and Ourselves.

We are looking forward to an in-person docent-tour at the St. Louis Art Museum in March, to focus on a

Jewish aspect of various artwork. We can't wait to go out together as a "group" again.

We continue to keep the State of Israel in our thoughts and pray for the safe return of more hostages and the safety of the IDF.

May you and your families be blessed with good health and happiness in 2024.

Tu Bishvat study of women in the Talmud

All adults are welcome to celebrate Tu Bishvat with Sisterhood in-person (at Kol Rinah) with Rabbi Jessica Shafrin who will be teaching about Serach bat Asher and making nut and beer stuffed dates and prunes for Tu Bishvat. RSVP to the Kol Rinah office by January 24.

**Thursday,
Jan 25
7:15 pm**

Events & Information

- **STL Community**
- **Support for Israel**

2024 Mah Jongg Cards are Now Available

Cost per card: \$14 small print, \$15 large print All checks (payable to Marian Katz) must be submitted before January 15, 2024. Please include your full name and address. The National Mah Jongg League will mail the card to your home. Mail check to Marian Katz c/o Kol Rinah, 7701 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, Mo 63105

More information contact Marian Katz: mekatz67@gmail.com

Brotherhood

Bob Olshan - Brotherhood President

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Happy New Year, at least we hope this will be a happier year than 2023. I'm writing this during Chanukah, when we're all thinking about bringing Light into a world with too much darkness, especially in Israel. Today Kol Rinah and many other organizations will be showing our support for Israel by marching along Delmar in University City. Our Brotherhood will look for ways to support Israel in its time of need. We continue to have those kidnapped and those trying to free the hostages in our prayers.

Brotherhood is looking forward to programs in 2024! We are happy to announce our Man of the Year 2023-

24 is Dr. Ralph Graff. Our Youth of the Year is still to be determined. This year's Man and Youth of the Year will be held at B'nai Amoona. Please join us there for a luncheon honoring these well-deserved individuals.

Please also join us for the Holocaust Museum tour which was delayed because of the Israel Rally. We will be rescheduling it.

Join us every third Sunday of the month for a brotherhood get together at 7pm. We look forward to programs with KoREH - Build a Pair (tefillin) and join our intergenerational World Wide Wrap - Sunday Feb 11th. Whether you've never put on tefillin, forgot how

to put on tefillin, or put them on often! It's a mitzvah to do it and better when it's together as a community!

Brotherhood Shabbat will be March 2nd. Let us know if you'd like to have an honor, such as read a verse of Torah or a Haftarah.

We will be having a Midwest Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs retreat in May - please consider broadening your horizons with the fun spiritual weekend with Jewish men from across the midwest.

Am Yisrael Chai!

Bob Olshan & Max Brown

Jewish Food Pantry January 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. Beef Stew, Chili, and Protein-Rich Foods
2. Macaroni & Cheese
3. Canned Vegetables (peas, corn, & beans)
4. Kosher Non-Perishable Foods
5. Dry Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauces
6. Any Kind of Canned Fruit
7. Peanut Butter & Jelly
8. Personal care items such as Toothpaste, Dental Floss, and Body Wash

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



Next Kol Chadash January 20, 2024

[Learn Kol Chadash Tunes](#)

[More in our Music Gallery](#)



Savor an evening of wine, cheese, and enchantment with Alicia Jo Rabins –

an accomplished writer, musician, composer, performer, and Torah teacher. Alicia's unique blend of words, music, and performance delves into the intersection of ancient wisdom texts, feminism, and the beauty of everyday life. Join us for Havdalah and a spectacular night of storytelling, music, and learning. Cost: \$10.00 RSVP by 02/5/23

**Saturday,
Feb 10
7:00 pm**

Mazel Tov and Todah Rabah to Denise Field

I love Kol Rinah and want it to thrive. So, I became a volunteer.

As an attorney, I felt that committee work would be a good fit. I now chair the Personnel and Nominating Committees.

As a lifelong choral singer, I was thrilled to learn to chant Haftorot and to occasionally lead weekday services. But event planning? Even thinking about staging our children's birthday parties threw me into a panic! Nonetheless, I agreed to organize Kol Rinah's first – and second – Mitzvah Day, reviving a BSKI tradition. I faced my fear, relied on an army of volunteers (thank you, all!) and our incredible professional staff and had the joy of watching over a hundred congregants of all ages work together on projects to benefit the larger St. Louis community. Mitzvah Day provides each of us an opportunity to work with a cross-section of members of the Kol Rinah community, folks you might not meet otherwise, all in a good cause. It is exhilarating.

I hope you each get to experience this type of joy. Find your passion. Face your fears. Be a volunteer!



Tzedek Team

Rebecca Mollet - Tzedek Team Chair

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The Tzedek Team has taken on an exciting new project to help the unhoused in our community. Working with congregant Roza Gossage, we are collecting clean, dry plastic grocery—type bags which we will crochet into sleeping mats for those without shelter. (For a description, see [Post-Dispatch Article](#) on creating mats from plastic bags.) And we will be keeping those pesky shopping bags out of landfills in the process.

A win-win! Roza has offered to teach everyone how to crochet. Each mat requires a large number of bags, so please drop clean, dry grocery bags, any color, in the bin in the Asher-Geller Entry Hall, our main lobby.

The Tzedek Team is in the planning stages of a project to assist Kol Rinah congregants and others with access to voting for the November 2024 election. If you would like to

join in this project or need help with obtaining a voter ID or getting to the polls, please contact Becky Mollett at beckymollett@gmail.com.

Finally, a special thanks to everyone who donated blood during our December blood drive. Please save a life and join us for our next blood drive! Details will soon be available.

Becky Mollett

The Tzedek Team is Collecting Your Plastic Bags

We are collecting plastic grocery bags to repurpose into sleeping mats for individuals experiencing homelessness. Drop your clean, dry grocery-style plastic bags of any color in the **collection bin in the Asher-Geller hall (Main Entry Lobby)**. We will come together and learn how to crochet the bags and create sleeping mats. The crocheted mats provide a reliable, durable, water resistant, and lightweight sleeping surface for those experiencing homelessness. For more information: beckymollett@gmail.com



Monica Lynne Neidorff Early Childhood Center

Liz Collins - Monica Lynne Neidorff Early Childhood Center Director

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We had a wonderful November here at Monica Lynne Neidorff ECC. Thanks to several unseasonably warm days for this time of year, our ECC kiddos got to spend quite a lot of time playing outdoors. With the leaves falling from the trees and landing on our playground the children could be seen gathering the leaves into a pile and jumping into them or just randomly picking the leaves

off the ground and throwing them up into the air, just to watch them fall back down again. Thanksgiving week ECC families gathered together in the Staenberg Family Community Hall for a Thanksgiving Sing-a-Long with Ms. Karen Kern.

In December, we were so excited to celebrate Hanukkah. On Thursday,

December 7th, families visited ECC classrooms to make a Hanukkah craft with their child and then joined Ms. Karen Kern and Rabbi Noah Arnow in the Staenberg Family Community Hall for a special Hanukkah blessing and lighting of the Menorah as well as singing many Hanukkah songs.

We are Looking for Volunteers

Our Monica Lynne Neidorff Early Childhood Center 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. collinse@kolrinahstl.org



Thanks to a generous donor, we have a \$500,000 matching gift to help fund the expansion of the Monica Lynne Neidorff Early Childhood Center. Please join us – gifts of any size will help us Meet the Match!



MONICA LYNNE NEIDORFF
Early Childhood
Center
EXPANSION PHOTOS



Parent Learning Series

What a great semester it has been at KoREH! We began the year with record enrollment, hitting an all-time high of 74 students! Additionally, 100% percent of our staff returned and due to our growth we also added a new teacher as well. The KoREH community spent our Sundays learning new songs, like the Israeli national anthem and new Hebrew words that have been taught to us from our Shinshinit, Or. We enjoyed special Yiddish folktales told by

Bobby Norfolk. And of course, we capped off the semester with a very exciting Torah Bowl, in which students showcased their learning from the previous weeks.

I'd like to extend an invitation to all of the parents in our Kol Rinah community to join KoREH on a monthly basis and attend any of our Parent Learning Series. No RSVP is required and you can come to any or all of the sessions. Looking ahead, here are some of the guest speakers....

January 21: "Challenges and Joys of Parenting" by Dr. Richard Lazaroff, author of the parenting book *Some Assembly Required: A Guide to Savvy Parenting*; February 25: "Talking to Your Kids about Death and Suicide" led by Ilana Luft-Barrett, PhD and Rabbi Arnow; March 10: "Theology of Parenthood" featuring our scholar in residence Dr. Mara Benjamin.

B'Shalom,
Cindy Kalachek

Jewish Overnight Camp Fair

Jewish overnight camps from around the midwest will be at Kol Rinah to share information about their amazing summer programs for kids, tweens and teens. For information contact: cindy@kolrinah.org



**Sunday,
Jan. 7
11:30 - 1:00**

KoREH Speaker Series at Kol Rinah

Challenges and Joys of Jewish Parenting Author Dr. Richard Lazaroff will present a pediatrician's guidance for parents attempting to raise successful and emotionally healthy children by making intentional choices starting in infancy and continuing through adolescence. He is the author of *Some Assembly Required: A Savvy Guide to Parenting*.

**Sunday,
Jan. 21
9:30 am**

Find Kol Rinah Leadership info

when you log in to your Kol Rinah account, under the **Members** tab.

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Verein Discussion Group

Richard Gavatin and Ralph Graff, Co-Chairs

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January and February VEREIN Presents

January 7 at 4pm

Will Soll presents: THE STORY OF KLEZMER. Will Soll will take us on a 75-minute tour of the music we know as klezmer, using stories, recordings, and his own performance.

In person ONLY at Kol Rinah.

January 14th

In the late 19th and early 20th Century, The Yiddish Theater was the cultural passion of the immigrant Jewish community, producing celebrated stars and a wealth of dramatic material. Its appeal was not limited to any one socioeconomic group. It was attended by rich and poor, educated and illiterate, observant and free-thinking. New York turned into the undisputed world capital of the Yiddish Theatre. On Jan. 14, we will present the history of the New York Yiddish Theater, focusing on Boris and

Bessie Thomashefsky, Jacob Adler, David Kessler and Maurice Schwartz.

Both in-person and on Zoom

January 21st & 28th

What do we know of the early New York Yiddish Theaters productions? Joseph Rumshinsky, one of the composers of that period wrote, "The situation of the composer in the Yiddish theater in general is a sad one. The world can never get to know the musical creations, because the score seldom gets to print. Many of the scores vanished, but not all. We have a pool of knowledge from the memoirs of Boris Thomashefsky and the research of his grandson Michael Tilson Thomas.

It remained for Michael to arrange the material, according to his memory of how his grandmother Bessie Thomashefsky, uncle Harry Thomashefsky, and Father

Ted Thomas performed the numbers in the living room of his North Hollywood family home in the 1950s.

We will watch The Thomashefsky DVD.

ONLY on Zoom

Feb 11th

We will present a program on the Chicago Yiddish Theater. Chicago closely followed New York with its Yiddish Theater groups.

We will describe Ellis Glickman's career, considered the Father of the Chicago Yiddish Theater, from 1894 to 1931 and follow with Sarah Patt's description of the Chicago Yiddish theater from 1915 to 1940 with reference to Goldie Meyerson a Milwaukee school teacher.

Both in-person and on Zoom

Ralph and Richard



VEREIN presents: *The Story of Klezmer*

What is Klezmer? Will Soll will take us on a 75 minute tour of the music we know as Klezmer, using stories, recordings, and his own performance. In-Person at Kol Rinah.

For more information: Ralphjgraff@gmail.com



**Sunday
Jan 7
4:00 pm**

VEREIN presents: *History of the Yiddish Theatre Series*



Part 1: The New York Yiddish Theatre In-Person & Zoom

Nearly 2.5 million Jews settled in the U.S. between 1881 & 1925.

Part 2 & 3: The Thomashefsky's Memoirs On Zoom

Michael Tilson Thomas' DVD of his grandfather's memoirs.

RSVP online. For more information: Ralphjgraff@gmail.com

**Sundays
4pm
January
14, 21 & 28**

1 Monday

New Year's Day - Office & MLNECC closed
8am Shacharit on Zoom

2 Tuesday

7pm Finance Committee Meeting

3 Wednesday

4:15pm Halls & Catering
7pm Community Learning

4 Thursday

7pm Personnel Meeting

5 Friday

11:30am Monica Lynne Neidorff Early
Childhood Center Shabbat
4:36pm Candle Lighting

6 Saturday

Parshat Shemot
Shabbat Mevarchim
10:15am Torah Talk
10:45am Tot Shabbat
5:40pm Havdalah

7 Sunday

9am Communication Meeting
9am KoREH in Session
11:30am Jewish Summer Overnight
Camps for Kol Rinah Families
4pm The story of Klezmer
7pm Facility Committee Meeting

8 Monday

9 Tuesday

7pm Intruder Training

10 Wednesday

7pm Ritual Committee Meeting

11 Thursday

ROSH CHODESH SHVAT
7pm Coordinating Committee Meeting

12 Friday

11:30am Monica Lynne Neidorff Early
Childhood Center Shabbat
4:43pm Candle Lighting

13 Saturday

Parshat Vaera
10:15am Torah Talk
5:47pm Havdalah

14 Sunday

9am Communication Meeting
9am KoREH
4pm Yiddish Theatre- part 1

15 Monday

Martin Luther King Day - Office &
MLNECC closed

16 Tuesday

7pm Engagement Meeting

17 Wednesday

6:30pm Grief Havurah

18 Thursday

7pm Kol Rinah Board Meeting

19 Friday

11:30am Monica Lynne Neidorff Early
Childhood Center Shabbat
4:50pm Candle Lighting

20 Saturday

Parshat Bo
9:30am Kol Chadash
3:50pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv in-person
5:55pm Havdalah

21 Sunday

9am Communication Meeting
9am KoREH in Session
11am Speaker: Challenges and Joy of
Jewish Parenting
4pm Yiddish Theatre- part 2

22 Monday

7:30pm Capital Campaign Meeting

23 Tuesday

7pm Sisterhood Board meeting

24 Wednesday

25 Thursday

TU BISHVAT
10am KR/BA Book Club
7:15pm Tu Bishvat study of Women in
the Talmud
8:30pm Tzedek Team Meeting

26 Friday

11:30am Monica Lynne Neidorff Early
Childhood Center Shabbat
4:58pm Candle Lighting

27 Saturday

Parshat Beshalach
9am Enchanting Shabbat
10:15am Torah Talk
10:45am Tot Shabbat
6:02pm Havdalah

28 Sunday

9am Communication Meeting
9am KoREH in Session
4pm Yiddish Theatre- part 3

29 Monday

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

Once monthly as listed • in-person

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