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KOL AMI LIVING QUARTERLY BULLETIN



SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

DATE	PARSHA	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 30 – July 1	Chukat-Balak	6:30 pm — Summer Erev Shabbat Service	9:30 am — Shabbat Morning Service
July 7 – 8	Pinchas	5:30 pm — Tot Shabbat Service 6:30 pm — Summer Erev Shabbat Service	9:30 am — Shabbat Morning Service
July 14 – 15	Shabbat Mevarchim Matot-Masei	6:30 pm — Summer Erev Shabbat Service at the home of Art Warsoff & Diane Hartz Warsoff	9:30 am — Shabbat Morning Service
July 21 – 22	Shabbat Hazon Devarim	6:30 pm — Summer Erev Shabbat Service at the home of Kay & Arnie Tran	9:30 am — Shabbat Morning Service
July 28 – 29	Shabbat Nachamu Vaetchanan	6:30 pm — Summer Erev Shabbat Service at the home of Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy & Eytan Levy	9:30 am — Shabbat Morning Service
August 4 – 5	Eikev	5:30 pm — Tot Shabbat Service 6:30 pm — Summer Erev Shabbat Service at the home of Melissa Jensen & Michael Weidner	9:30 am — Shabbat Morning Service
August 11 – 12	Shabbat Mevarchim Re'eh	6:30 pm — Summer Erev Shabbat Service at the home of John & Bria Mertens	9:30 am — Shabbat Morning Service
August 18 – 19	Shoftim	6:30 pm — Summer Erev Shabbat Service at the JCC	9:30 am — Shabbat Morning Service
August 25 – 26	Ki Teitzei	6:30 pm — Summer Erev Shabbat Service in Esther's Garden	9:30 am — Shabbat Morning Service
Sept. 1 – 2	Ki Tavo	5:30 pm — Tot Shabbat Service 6:30 pm — Erev Shabbat Service	9:30 am — Shabbat Morning Service
Sept. 8 – 9	Nitzavim-Vayeilech	6:30 pm — Erev Shabbat Service	9:30 am — Shabbat Morning Service
Sept. 15 – 16	Rosh Hashanah	7:15 pm — Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	8:45 am — Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Morning Service
Sept. 22 – 23	Shabbat Shuvah Ha'Azinu	6:30 pm — Erev Shabbat Service	9:30 am — Shabbat Morning Service
Sept. 29 – 30	Sukkot	6:30 pm — New Member & Member Appreciation Erev Sukkot & Shir Shabbat Service & Dinner	9:30 am — Sukkot Day 1 & Shabbat Morning Service

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

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RABBI SPECTOR SPECULATES

CONNECTING TO JUDAISM THROUGH TRAVEL

As many know, my big personal passion is travel, and when I came to Congregation Kol Ami, I stated that as part of my vision that it was important for our congregants to see the Jewish world and for the Jewish world to see our community. Unfortunately, this vision was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but this past year and in the year ahead we are now fulfilling this vision and having wonderful results for our community.

This past spring, I went with our Confirmation students to Los Angeles where we visited different types of synagogues, met with people from the LGBTQ+ and Persian Jewish communities to learn about Jewish intersectionality, had Havdallah on the Santa Monica Pier, went to Shabbat services at innovative Reform and Conservative synagogues, ate at Jewish restaurants, and participated in social action activities from visiting a Jewish drug and alcohol rehabilitation center to distributing water bottles on Skid Row. Our students were amazed by this experience and walked away with more answers and questions alike

about what their Jewish identity means to them and how the other aspects of their identity can be interwoven into their Jewish identities. Likewise, those who we met were surprised that of all places, here was a group of students from Utah visiting them, and several commented how they did not know that there was such a vibrant community in Utah.

Throughout this past year, I have been so blessed that Kol Ami has encouraged me to take opportunities to travel and share about our community—and that this has paid off. In the fall, I traveled with 65 other Utahns, including our governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house, to Israel and the United Arab Emirates on a trade mission. Not only did this trip benefit Israel and Utah by negotiating millions of dollars' worth of trade and also showing support for the Abraham Accords and rewarding a country that made peace with Israel, but also this trip helped us with developing relationships with political, business, and philanthropic leaders. Since the trip, we have received massive return on donations as a result of connections that were made.

A couple months later, the Stirling Foundation took me as part of a delegation to Azerbaijan as a representative of Utah's interfaith community. Not only did we improve relations between Utah

and Azerbaijan, but I had the opportunity to visit multiple Jewish communities, including the world's last remaining shtetl. As a result of our visit, our congregation further deepened its development relationship with philanthropic organizations, and Azerbaijan sent a reciprocal interfaith delegation to Utah, which culminated in a visit to our congregation with adult education presentations by the lay head of the shtetl, the Azerbaijani ambassador to the United States, and the Sheikh ul-Islam, the leading religious figure of the country. While every synagogue I can imagine would dream of having a program like this, I do not know of any other who has ever done so.

Finally, this summer, I will be traveling to Israel with about 30 members of our community on our much delayed (thanks, COVID) Israel trip. With this trip, like our teen trips, not only will our congregants get a deeper connection to Judaism, but stronger relations with their fellow Kol Ami members and with me as their rabbi.

I am extremely grateful to be a part of such a visionary congregation that not only sees the rich benefits to our community of these trips, which are already coming to fruition, but also sees that giving me these opportunities has greatly enriched my rabbinate, made me more knowledgeable and also gives me a deep sense of gratitude to be a part of this community.



OUR CANTOR, SHARON BROWN-LEVY

THE CANTOR'S CHORALE— PRIDE FROM THE PAST, LOOKING WITH EXCITEMENT TO THE FUTURE

I want to share the immense nachas—the pride and joy I feel to be working with such a dedicated, kind, and generous community we have here at Kol Ami. We have a group of volunteers and professionals here that make this place the amazing one that it is. From the last High Holy Days to this upcoming one, we have emerged with a growing membership, growing programs, and growing commitment—to constantly improve ourselves, our sacred space, and the community beyond our own.

This year has been one of many musical, liturgical, and educational achievements:

Shabbat Shirah: As our Rabbi, and our community, welcomed his second daughter, we welcomed over 20 young cellists to our Friday evening service to render classical sacred music. They will return again to this service in 2024.

Kol Ami Choir and Band: Our ensembles keep growing. We perform monthly at Shir Shabbat services and now at Festival Pesach services. We have the blessing of a regular accompanist and Holy Day Choral Director, Kelly Richardson, who has played a variety of instruments and continues to create musical arrangements for each new instrument or choral piece as we

require it. We have expanded our community presence to feature both ensembles at an Interfaith Choral Event at our local Methodist Church.

Tefillah Trainees: With a full year of in-person religious school teaching, I am gushing to share how enthusiastic and knowledgeable our RSRS students have become. I like to call them my “future cantors and rabbis.” They have eagerly jumped at the chance to help me lead, and I can say with more nachas that grades 3–7 now can lead a full Torah service and most of a Friday evening service.

Our Training Wheels and Yeladim students also have the opportunity to make music on a regular basis, and their eager participation both in class and at Tot Shabbat reflects this joy.

I have also worked with the 10th Grade Confirmation class to prepare them in prayer, Torah, and Haftarah; and I have taught eight adults the basics of our morning tefillah “warm-up.” One of my adult students, Mark Grosser, has led some Shabbat services in my absence and has informally become my cantorial “mentee.” We have also expanded our cadre of Torah and Haftarah chanters.

Peer Mentor-Mishpacha Class: Our class launched last October

with only five Peer Mentors. At the end of this first season we have nearly complete retention of our post-B'nai Mitzvah teens! We now have 11 peer mentors ready to teach this fall. The students, mentors, and adult teachers have bonded beautifully. The class meets every Wednesday after Hebrew school for dinner, group work and 1:1 work. We look forward eagerly to our annual celebration of current and post-B'nai mitzvah at Erev Simchat Torah, where each student will have the opportunity to chant their maftir portion and receive a certificate of recognition for their work.

Purim Spiel: We paid tribute to the 45th anniversary of the show Grease with our intergenerational parody, Schmaltz! We had a cast and crew of over fifteen participants! We look forward to welcoming any interested people to our next Broadway showcase (theme TBA)—thespians, tech gurus, make-up artists, sound engineers—the sky's the limit! This year we incorporated our Kol Ami Band into the production as well.

Intro to Jewish Life Course: Rabbi Spector, Tamara Kipper, and I continue to rotate teaching this informative course. The course is a combination of group and 1:1 teaching. Whether you're a newcomer, looking for a refresher,

hoping to become Jewish, or simply curious, this course is for you.

Weekday Minyanaires: We had a resurgence of participation in-person for our Sunday morning minyan and hope to expand that to our Torah-reading days, Monday and Thursday. We would love to see you in-person more often! If you want more information about this experience, contact me at cantor@conkolami.org.

Looking ahead: The High Holy Day season will be upon us before we know it. I am always seeking people who'd like to join our choir and band.

Choir rehearses from June – August—the music and our people are simply outstanding. If you've thought about singing with us, please let me know, I'll be happy to send you a schedule. The rest of the season, the rehearsal commitment is less intense, so feel free to sing whenever you can.

Band rehearses briefly on Friday afternoons before their monthly Shir Shabbat service, along with the choir.

Summer Concert 2024: If anyone is interested to help me plan and raise funds for this concert, please contact me at cantor@conkolami.org. The

planning committee will meet starting this summer. Whether you're a musician or a lover of great music, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Want to learn the art of cantillation—Biblical trope?

My teaching team and I are here for you. This could be especially helpful to B'nai Mitzvah families who want to support their student in the preparation. Of course, we welcome any chanter over age 13. Already two of our peer mentors, Gabe Plotkin and Kaya Plotkin, have become regular chanters.

As a matter of fact, **I am currently seeking Torah chanters for the High Holy Days.** If you would like to chant, please let me know.

Whatever your passion or curiosity, come find me at cantor@conkolami.org. My family and I look forward to welcoming you to a summer Shabbat at our new home. We wish you and yours an early L'shanah Tovah—another year of goodness.

B'shirah uv'simchah,
in song and in joy,

Hazzan Sharon Brown-Levy



OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DANNY BURMAN

HERE'S TO THE FIRST 50 AND ON TO THE NEXT 50 YEARS!

What a night! It was so inspiring and so much fun to see over 300 members and guests recognizing and celebrating 50+ years of Jewish and Congregation Kol Ami history and contributions in Utah. Every part of this event was superb—the venue, flowers, decorations, food, memorabilia, music, speeches, video, and schmoozing. Everyone had a great time and felt it was a Gala that represented the special warm, welcoming, and inclusive bayit (Jewish home) we have created at Congregation Kol Ami and in Utah.

We're so grateful to all those who laid the groundwork for a Jewish Community in Utah and those who have contributed to building

and sustaining our Jewish home over the decades. There are too many to name them all, but all are remembered and valued with love and gratitude.

We are also thankful for our friends in the Utah government, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, all of our interfaith partners, and the generosity of the Utah business community who make us feel welcomed and supported in an ever-challenging world.

Thanks again to Tessa Vaschel, the Gala Committee Chair, Sue Prottas the Dinner Chair, Vivian Dowsett, the decorations maven, Bonnie Rokeach who put together the memorabilia, David Litvack

JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER SHABBATOT

July 7th: The home of Lauren Fredman & Josh Rogoff
July 14th: The home of Art Warsoff & Diane Hartz Warsoff
July 21st: The home of Kay & Arnie Tran
July 28th: The home of Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy & Eytan Levy
August 4th: The home of Melissa Jensen & Michael Weidner
August 11th: The home of John & Bria Mertens
August 18th: I.J. & Jeanné Wagner Jewish Community Center
August 25th: Last of the Summer Shabbatot in Esther's Garden

RSVP for the address each week at www.conkolami.org/summershabbatot

Our summer
Erev Shabbat
services
on Friday
evenings begin
at 6:30 pm
and take place
outside in
congregants'
backyards or
other special
locations.



for helping with the history and video, all of the contributors to the Gala committee, and our Board of Trustees. A very special thanks to Galit Livne, our Program & Event Coordinator, and our amazing staff who made sure that every detail was addressed and we had the best Gala ever!

Now on to the future!

To support our growth and increased programming, over the next several months you will notice changes to our synagogue building. We have recently converted the lights in our Sanctuary and Social Halls to LED lighting, improving the lighting and reducing our carbon

footprint and our electric bill. The construction is underway to move our staff offices into a space that offers more efficient workspaces and environment for our increases in creative programming and to meet the needs of our growing and diverse membership. We are also creating a senior staff office space to support our members, donors, and growing musical programming and Jewish education. We will also be updating our sound system, hopefully by the High Holidays, to enhance our spiritual experiences. Our mikvah will also be seeing a facelift to make it more welcoming and accessible for the ritual renewal that the sacred mikvah waters provide.

And to accommodate the growth of our religious school and preschool, we are reorganizing our school rooms so that all preschool through 3rd grades classes are held in the youth wing and the older student classes will be held in the updated synagogue classrooms.

We've showed love to our past and present, now we're preparing for a future where the Best is Yet to Be!

L'shana Tova Tikatevu—
Happy Healthy New Year!
Danny

New Member & Member Appreciation

SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM**

Please RSVP at for dinner at
www.conkolami.org/new-mbr-shabbat

Please join us for a special Shabbat service followed by for a family-friendly, community dinner in the Sukkah. Whether you have been a member for many years or have joined in the last year or two, this is a great opportunity to make new friends and celebrate together!



OUR OFFICE & MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, LISA KAUFMAN

DIVERSE PROGRAMS & AN INCREDIBLE GALA

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer in our beautiful city. We have just concluded an amazing year of diverse programming, enhanced adult education, and an incredible gala celebrating our past 50 years of Kol Ami. As we now look ahead, I am looking forward to more opportunities for members to engage and connect with each other through a variety of programs.



**Chai Society—
Recognizing
our 18+ year
members**

On June 23rd a special Shabbat

service and dinner was held on our Kol Ami Patio with nearly 100 congregants joining us as we recognized and celebrated those that have been Kol Ami members for 18+ years. We are lucky to have such a wonderful legacy here. Each member was given a “Chai Society” lapel pin and encouraged to wear their pins at the High Holidays and other upcoming events. Pins will be mailed out to those members unable to join us in person.

Membership Renewal

Have you renewed your membership commitment yet? You should have received in the mail a Membership Packet. As a reminder, our dues, tuition, and fees cover only 40% of our operating expenses. Your consistent payments help us to manage our budget and continue to offer programming and resources for our members. To renew your membership,

receive your High Holiday tickets, and help ensure Congregation Kol Ami’s continued fiscal stability, please complete the Membership Renewal Form along with a minimum 25% payment or credit card monthly payment program as soon as possible. If you would like to discuss our dues reduction application, please contact Danny Burman (director@conkolami.org) or Rabbi Spector (rabbi@conkolami.org).

Looking to the Future

Keep an eye out for more membership-focused events in addition to another year filled with more programs and meaningful ways to engage with your community here at Kol Ami. May this year be filled with good health and much joy!

L’Shana Tova,
Lisa

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Jose & Veronica Alcocer
Benjamin Frank & Marie Gallo
Ken Garen & Christine Sisley
Douglas & Denise Goldsmith

Mia Leggiero
Samantha & Shep Moore-Berg
Danielle Musick
Jill & Mark Shear

2023/2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Throughout this year, we have grown both as a congregation and as involved members of our community. The board outlined a plan to provide the services, education, social programming, and staffing that members asked for to strengthen and build our community and enhance our Judaism. This is an exciting plan, but also one which necessitates that everyone pitches in to help meet these objectives while we also address our increased operational costs due to inflation.

To make these goals a reality, we are increasing our annual dues by just 5% for this coming year. In an effort to ensure safety of our congregation and visitors, we increased our police coverage and planned security upgrades. To help cover this cost, we have raised our annual security fee to \$125 per household. We are very excited about our plans for a future where our community grows spiritually, and learns and celebrates together.

We are so grateful for your membership, your participation, and your support of Kol Ami.

Per our membership agreement, your membership has been auto-renewed.

To receive your High Holiday tickets and help ensure Congregation Kol Ami's continued fiscal stability, please complete your Membership Data Form and submit a 25% payment. If you would like to discuss our dues reduction application, please contact Danny Burman (director@conkolami.org) or Rabbi Spector (rabbi@conkolami.org).



Fill out the form online by scanning the QR code or visiting www.conkolami.org/membership-data

SAVE THE DATE 2023 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 23rd at 7:00 pm

This meeting is open to members in whose accounts are current and have made an initial payment or who have made a payment arrangement for their 2023/2024 Annual Membership. Watch your emails for the link to register or submit a proxy form.



Please donate to our 5784 High Holiday Appeal!



Donate by
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QR code, visiting
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donate**, or
mailing a check.



This past year has been one of growth for Kol Ami. Our membership is increasing and we are offering more diverse religious services, adult education classes, speakers, panel discussions, and social engagement opportunities. We are expanding our religious school and Kol Ami Jewish Youth (KAJY) programming. We are also speaking out and participating in community social action and social justice programs.

To continue to grow and enhance our offerings it takes staff, materials, and funds to make this happen. Our dues, tuition, and fees cover approximately 40% of our expenses so we are dependent on this appeal and these critical fundraising dollars. Additionally, with the support of donors and members we intend to diligently continue to increase the security of our building to keep our members, children, and guests safe.

Please donate to support
Congregation Kol Ami and Judaism,
L'dor V'dor, for every generation.

L'shana Tovah and Todah Rabbah!



Donate to our High Holiday Food Drive !

**Friday, September 8th
– Sunday, October 8th**

Sponsored by the Social Action Network,
benefiting the Jewish Family Service Food Pantry





High Holidays

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Selichot

Saturday, September 9th

8:00 pm — Learning Session
10:00 pm — Selichot Service
with the Kol Ami Choir

Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 15th

7:15 pm — Erev Rosh
Hashanah Service

Saturday, September 16th

8:45 am — Conservative Service
9:00 am — Reform Service
10:00 am — K–2nd Grade Service
10:00 am — 3rd–6th Grade Service
11:00 am — Teen Service
12:00 pm — Tot Service
(up to age 5 with their families)
1:30 pm (approx.) — Community
Luncheon at Kol Ami

Sunday, September 17th

8:45 am — Conservative Service
2:00 pm — Tashlich

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 24th

7:00 pm — Kol Nidre Service

Monday, September 25th

8:45 am — Conservative Service
9:00 am — Reform Service
10:00 am — K–2nd Grade Service
10:00 am — 3rd–6th Grade Service
11:00 am — Teen Service
12:00 pm — Tot Service
(up to age 5 with their families)
1:30 pm — Breakout Sessions 1
2:30 pm — Breakout Sessions 2
4:30 pm — Mincha Service
5:30 pm — Yizkor Service
6:15 pm — Ne'ilah Service
8:00 pm — Break the Fast at Kol Ami

Sukkot

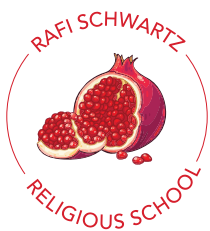
The evening of Friday, September
29th through Friday, October 6th

Simchat Torah

The evening of Sunday, October 8th
through Monday, October 9th



OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR, TAMARA KIPPER



Thank you to all the families who came to the end of the year religious school party. The Rafi Schwartz Religious School ended the 5783 school year with a slide show assembly, reptile show, and an end of the year BBQ party! All the kids had such a fun time with a bounce house, airbrush face painting, games, and arts and crafts. A special thank you to the RSRS parent committee and all the parent volunteers and RSRS staff who helped out to make this day so fun for the students. See some pictures from the day to the left and on the next page!

I am thrilled to present Ari Steinberg as the 2022 – 2023 Rafi Schwartz Religious School Teacher of the Year! Ari's dedication and commitment have shined through not only in the Rafi Schwartz Religious School but also in KAJY. The kids look forward to each class he teaches and each KAJY event he puts on after religious school. Ari's drive for teaching and his love for the students has been very visible throughout this year. Congrats to Ari Steinberg and to many more years in the Rafi Schwartz Religious School and KAJY!

The first day of religious school for the 5784 school year will be Sunday, August 20th. Every student from last year will be auto-enrolled for this coming year. If you have any changes please reach out to me at rsdirector@conkolami.org. If you are enrolling a new religious school student(s), please make sure to complete and turn in your

new registration forms. We have an exciting year ahead of us with a new Baby & Me class once a month for children under two years old. The enrichment program for the 3rd – 6th graders, Mitzvah Day, Camp Day, Spirit Days, holiday parties, Parent Meet & Greets, and Tefillah and song sessions with Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy are just a few of the things we having going on for the upcoming school year.

Kol Ami Jewish Youth (KAJY) will be back on Sunday, August 20th with a kick-off event right after religious school from 12:00pm – 2:00pm. Come join all your friends and make new ones too! KAJY promotes participating in kid-oriented celebrations, social justice and volunteering events, havdallah, sleepovers at Kol Ami, exciting field trips and lounge nights on Wednesdays after religious school. You do not want to miss out! For more information, please contact Ari Steinberg, Youth Director at KAJY@conkolami.org for more info or visit www.conkolami.org/KAJY.

Are you looking to be more active and involved in your child's classroom? Want to become a teacher in the Rafi Schwartz Religious School? How about helping organize and implement religious school policies? If so, the Rafi Schwartz Religious School and the Parent Committee wants you! If you are interested, please reach out to me at rsdirector@conkolami.org.

TODAH RABBAH TO OUR AMAZING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENT COMMITTEE!

These parents helped plan and participated in all of our events and holiday celebrations, including the Chanukah and Purim parties, the Family Shabbat dinners, and our school-wide Passover Seder. Their time, love, and dedication to the Rafi Schwartz Religious School helped make this year memorable for all of our students. We could not have done it without you!

Please joining me in thanking:

Melaine Stein-Grayson
Danielle Housman
Aimee Nussbaum
Mari Ransco
Jennifer Vigor-Kalm

Would you like to become more involved in planning our religious school activities? We are looking for a couple more parents to round out our team! Joining the Parent Committee is a great way to not only give back to the community, but also have a voice in the events that the religious school holds each year. Our meetings are generally on Wednesday afternoons while religious school is in session. If you are interested in finding out more, please email Tracy Plotkin, RS Administrative Assistant, at rsassistant@conkolami.org. Have a great summer!



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR
Summer Bash WITH KOL AMI AND THE RSRS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

This is a **FREE FUN-raiser** that is **open to the community!** All ages are welcome to join us for breakfast and BBQ lunch; outdoor games; indoor activities such as bingo, poker, and board games; and other fun such as face painting, crafts, a scavenger hunt, and more!



**MAZEL TOV TO
ARI
STEINBERG**

**RSRS TEACHER OF
THE YEAR FOR 5783!**

Learn more about Ari and
make a donation in his honor
at [www.conkolami.org/
teacher-of-the-year](http://www.conkolami.org/teacher-of-the-year)



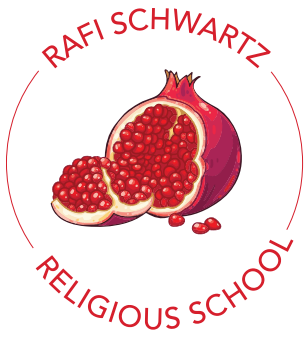
 

NEW CLASS! BABY & ME

**Once a month on
Sundays, beginning
August 27th, from
10:00 am – 11:30 am**

Parents and students under age 2, will meet on a monthly basis and learn about Shabbat and holidays through stories and art projects. Parents will get to meet other families with children the same age.

Cost is \$150 per child for the year. Contact Tamara Kipper, RSRS Director, at rsdirector@conkolami.org to learn more and sign up!







OUR PROGRAM & ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR, GALIT LIVNE

HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL MY LOVELY COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

The snow is gone and everything is blooming and so pretty outside! We had a busy spring with some marvelous programs and events.

Our **Passover Community Seder** was a splendid event with over 100 guests, led by Cantor Brown-Levy with the help of our Office & Membership Director, Lisa Kaufman. We had a traditional kosher Passover dinner, read from the Haggadah, had fun activities for the kids, and sang from the heart. During our Passover Lunch & Learn, also led by the Cantor, we learned about Passover food from around the world.

Our **Schmooze program for April** was at the Pioneer Theatre Company where we watched the 2019 Pulitzer Prize-nominated show, "What the Constitution Means to Me." A special thanks to our Kol Ami member, Karen Azenberg, who was the director of the show and organized discounted tickets and a post-show talk-back with our group and the actors.

Yom HaAtzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) was celebrated in collaboration with the United Jewish Federation of Utah at The McGillis School with good music, delicious Israeli food, and fun activities for kids.

Our **Rosh Chodesh group** had a special guest speaker in April: Lily Alavi, an Associate Instructor of Persian Language in the Department of World Languages and Cultures at the University of Utah. She gave a fascinating presentation about the history of women's rights in Iran and the current fight for those rights through the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement.

On May 4th, we hosted an event led by Salt Lake City's Community Outreach Team and Equity and Inclusion Team where Mayor Erin Mendenhall proclaimed May 2023, **Jewish American Heritage Month**. After the proclamation was read, we had a friendly and productive town hall-style meeting with Mayor Mendenhall, Chief of Police Mike Brown, Detective Todd Mitchell, and many others from Salt Lake County and the Salt Lake City Police Department. We discussed environmental responsibility, and we had a great conversation addressing community concerns regarding hate crimes. We were reassured that we can feel

comfortable and safe reaching out to report any incidents, and they will address our concerns with sensitivity and dedication. Please contact them if you need to report a hate crime, or if you don't feel comfortable reaching out to them directly, you can report incidents to clergy or staff and we can pass the relevant information on to them.

Our **50th Anniversary Gala** was ASTOUNDING! More than 300 guests joined us as we celebrated the anniversary of the merging of the two original Salt Lake City synagogues into Congregation Kol Ami in 1973. We were honored with the attendance of so many members of our Kol Ami community, including former members who came from out of state especially for this event. We also had the honor of hosting and sharing our Simcha with several members of our broader Salt Lake City community, including Utah's Lieutenant Governor Deidre Henderson, Salt Lake County Mayor Jenny Wilson, Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall, and Elder Gerrit W. Gong of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Thank you to all who came to celebrate with us, and thank you to those who generously sponsored tables, donated toward our event, and participated in our auction. All of your contributions mean so much to us and make such a difference!

L'Chaim to many more years for Kol Ami!

For **Mental Health Awareness Month** in May, we held a very enlightening panel discussion moderated by Rabbi Spector on adolescent/child mental health and suicide prevention. Our panelists included Dr. Carl Smoot, Psychologist; Benée Larsen, Director of NAMI Utah; Alle Salazar, LCSW and Director of Professional Services at JFS; and Dr. Ted Barratt, Psychologist.

On May 21st, we had a special guest; **Edwin Black**, an award-winning, New York Times bestselling international investigative author, gave a lecture summarizing his discoveries about IBM's role in organizing Hitler's genocide of the Jews, which he details more in his book "IBM and the Holocaust." It was enthralling and shocking to hear the details.

Our **Shavuot** holiday was fantastic. On Erev Shavuot we had a panel discussion on compassion reflected from the Torah and Ruth, and what it means for us in today's world. Panelists included Luna Banuri, Executive Director of the Utah Muslim Civic League; Rob Harter, Executive Director of the Christian Center of Park City; and Ellen Silver, Executive Director of Jewish Family Services. Following

the panel discussion, we had our Maariv service, a learning session with Rabbi Spector, and a musical journey with Cantor Brown-Levy. On the first day of Shavuot, we had a wonderful holiday dinner and a beautiful service, followed by a special program with author Edwin Black about International Farhud Day.

For **Pride Month** in June, we held several events. The first was our Pride Shabbat with a special service using Siddur Sha'ar Zahav and fabulous dinner cooked by Kol Ami member Ben Torres. On the following Sunday, June 4th, we participated in the SLC Pride Parade, carrying a Kol Ami banner and giant pride flag along with other interfaith community members. On June 14th, we hosted a panel discussion, "Pride & Pronouns: Transgender Jewish Identity in Utah." We learned about transgender etiquette and social customs, a Jewish approach to honoring the transgender journey, and laws and policies affecting transgender healthcare in Utah. The panel was moderated by Rabbi Spector and panelists included Olivia Jaramillo, Director of Public Outreach at Equality Utah; Lilah Rosenfield; and Professor Terry Kogan.

We held a **Police Appreciation BBQ** on Sunday, June 11th where we thanked the police

department and their family members for everything they do to keep our congregants, students, and community safe. It was heartwarming to see the community coming together to make this a successful event. Thank you to all the volunteers for your help!

Our **Summer Shabbatot** have started! The first one for the season was hosted by Rabbi and Jill Spector, and we had a fantastic turnout. We love taking advantage of the nice weather to welcome Shabbat in the open air, and with hosts lined up for several more Shabbatot this summer, there are many opportunities to attend.

On June 23rd, we had a special Erev Shabbat service dedicated to our **Chai members**, who are congregants that have been part of Kol Ami for 18 years or more. They were given a unique lapel pin we created especially for them, and we all had a lovely dinner on the patio.

As you can see, we have had a lot going on, and we have a variety of programs and events coming up on the calendar as well, so there's something for everyone! If you have an idea for a program you'd like us to look into, please reach out to me at programming@conkolami.org.

B'Ahava (with love),
Galit Livne



Photos courtesy of the Salt Lake City Mayor's Office



JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WITH MAYOR MENDENHALL

On Thursday, May 4, 2023, Jewish community leaders came together at Kol Ami for "Jewish American Baruch Habbah with Mayor Mendenhall, hosted by Community Outreach" as the mayor issued a proclamation in honor of the Utah Jewish community in recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month.

Following the proclamation, the mayor, her staff, and other department leaders led a discussion that engaged with community members to hear our needs and concerns.



ERIN MENDENHALL
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, first officially recognized in 2006, Jewish American Heritage Month celebrates the enduring legacy of Jewish Americans and honors the profound contributions that Jewish Americans have made to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is significant for the celebration because it includes several important Jewish holidays, including Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day), Yom HaAtzmaut (Israeli Independence Day), Shavuot (“Feast of Weeks”) and Lag B’Omer. These holidays provide an opportunity to reflect on the past and present of the Jewish-American community; and

WHEREAS, for over 370 years, Jewish American contributions and achievements in various fields, including government, business, science, technology, medicine, the arts, politics, sports, and military service have positively contributed to every aspect of our society and have helped forge the character of our country; and

WHEREAS, we honor the bravery and tenacity of Salt Lake City’s first Jewish settlers, Julius Gerson Brooks and Isabella (Fanny) Bruck whose millinery establishment became the first Jewish business in the area; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City now reflects a robust Jewish-American community of some 6,000 residents; and

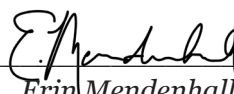
WHEREAS, as antisemitic incidents continue to rise across the U.S., we are grateful for a continual building of rapport and dialogue between our city and local Jewish community organizations like the I.J. & Jeanné Wagner Jewish Community Center, Congregation Kol Ami, Chabad Lubavitch of Utah, and the United Jewish Federation of Utah, among others; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City reaffirms our commitment to protecting the rights of all people to worship, practice their faith freely, and live in peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, proclaim May 2023 as:

Jewish American Heritage Month in Salt Lake City

May 1, 2023


Erin Mendenhall
Mayor



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ISRAEL

JULY 23, 2023 – AUGUST 3, 2023

**Join Congregation Kol Ami THIS SUMMER,
July 23, 2023 to August 3, 2023, for an
intergenerational family trip to Israel.**

We will travel throughout Israel with Amiel Tours seeing the top sites and off-the-beaten-path locations, and doing some volunteer work. Whether you have been to Israel or not, this will be the trip of a lifetime.

Some highlights of our trip include a visit to the PEREZ Center of Peace and Innovation, a stop at the Tel Dan national reserve (a beautiful paradise that lies in the ancient city ruins of Dan), travel to a kibbutz on the Lebanese border for a view into Lebanon and a briefing of the political situation in the area, a visit to the mystical city of Tzfat, a fun rafting ride down the Jordan River, a donkey ride at Kfar Kedem, a Shabbat dinner with a local family, and a visit to the holy Western Wall—"Kotel."

**See the full details and download the registration
form at www.conkolami.org/israel2023**



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Jewish Community Center



**John & Bria
Mertens**

**The Shapiro/
Milavetz Family**

The Potashner Group
at Morgan Stanley



United Jewish Federation of Utah
| Together, we're building community!



**ROSH
CHODESH**
women's group

SUMMER CHILL-OUT!

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH • 6:30 PM
THE HOME OF BRIA MERTENS**

Join us for ice cream, gelato, and
sorbet tastings (and some wine too!)
at the home of Bria Mertens!

This group is open to all women* ages 21+, that are
members of the synagogue or current Intro students.
While there is no cost for this event, donations are greatly
appreciated. We hope to see you there!



Learn more and RSVP at
[www.conkolami.org/
rosh-chodesh](http://www.conkolami.org/rosh-chodesh)

**Kol Ami is an inclusive community*



Edwin Black

In May we had the pleasure of hosting the *New York Times* and global bestselling author of *IBM and the Holocaust*



REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered and contributed to support the family of Sudanese refugees that we adopted together with Chavurah B'Yachad under the auspices of the International Rescue Committee. The family is making great progress in integrating into the US and Utah. The school year is over, and the two middle schoolers ended up doing very well. They both will go to summer school in Rose Park to improve their English. The oldest son is enjoying his job and setting his sights on getting his GED. The youngest child, age 5, has been thriving in a private preschool that one of our team members made possible.

The biggest challenge we face is to help the mother find a job, so we want to appeal to our community to help. In Africa her work experience included house-cleaning and factory assembly line work. She lives in Bountiful and gets around by public transportation, and her English is improving every day. **Can you reach out through your personal and professional networks to help her find something? If so, contact Social Action Committee chair Matthew Weinstein at weinsteinm@gmail.com.**

Introduction to Jewish Life



Thursdays • 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm • At Kol Ami

Whether you are Jewish and interested in learning more about your heritage, or if you are not Jewish but interested in learning more and possibly converting, this course is ideal for you. Learn more and register at www.conkolami.org/introduction-to-jewish-life.

Kol Ami Member Pricing: FREE + \$60 for books

Non-Member Pricing: Single: \$360 + \$60 for books, one High Holiday ticket, for a couple: \$500 + \$120 for books, two High Holiday tickets

ENROLL NOW!

EVOLUTION OF JUDAISM IN THE DIASPORA

GROWTH OF JEWISH THOUGHT
& ORIGINS OF ANTI-SEMITISM

**SUNDAYS AT 4:30 PM
VIA ZOOM**

Zoom Meeting ID: 827 8509 8873
Passcode: 520589

This program, led by Rabbi Fred Wenger and Faye Lincoln, explores the impact of history on Jewish thought and resiliency in the diaspora during the Middle Ages and in the Islamic world. We will study the origins of Anti-Semitism in Christian Europe.



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TAKE PART IN THE

FREIDA SWEITZER MOBILE FOOD PANTRY



FREE is NOT ALWAYS FREE... if you are an elementary student at a Title One school and on the government subsidized Free Lunch Program.

Many students/families are on a sliding scale and incur a balance. The Social Action Committee and several Kol Ami congregants made donations to pay off the Free and Reduced Lunch Balance at West Valley Elementary and we presented the check in-person to a very grateful Nutrition Manager. This is the school we supported all year with the Freida Sweitzer Mobile Food Pantry. It has taken a village of 10-15 volunteers monthly and has been a successful, rewarding project for all of us.

The stats for our efforts at West Valley Elementary School:

18,873

pounds of
food delivered

1,040

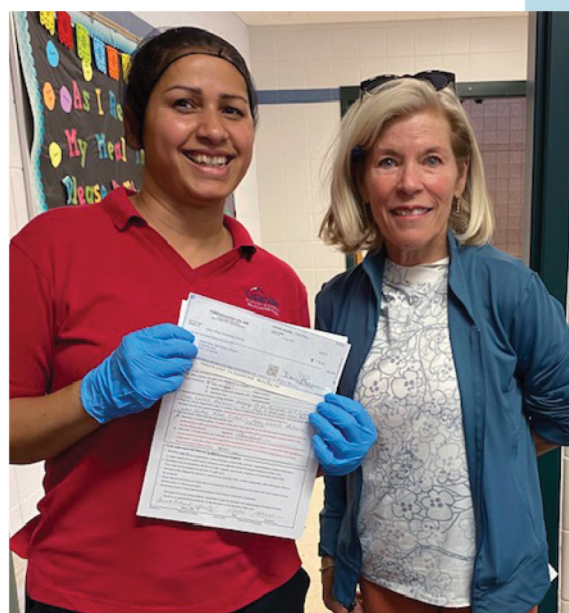
households
served

5,480

individuals
served

3,016

individuals
under 18 yrs



Learn more and donate to support the program at
www.conkolami.org/cka-utah-food-bank.





UTAH
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Hi Bonnie,

Thank you and the members of Congregation Kol Ami so much for sponsoring a site for the 2022–2023 school year! We have officially wrapped up the year with the Mobile School Pantry program. This year, the program was able to distribute 970,239 pounds of food, approximately 808,533 meals, to children and their families impacted by food insecurity.

Because of the support you've provided, we were able to hit the following metrics at your school:

West Valley Elementary

Pounds delivered: 18,873

Total households served: 1,040

Total individuals: 5,480

Total individuals under 18: 3,016

Distributions: 8

We are so appreciative of the support you've provided this year and are proud of what we've been able to accomplish with your help. I want to extend an additional thank you on behalf of UFB for fundraising to cover outstanding lunch balances at West Valley. It means so much to us to have a group that cares about their students so much! We would love to have you join us for the upcoming school year to continue to provide access to food resources for students and their families. If you have any questions about the renewal process, please reach out to Lavine Shapiro (lavines@utahfoodbank.org or 801-887-1221), as she will serve as your main contact through August.

Kindly,

Maile Kilmer

MSP Coordinator

801-887-1297

<http://www.utahfoodbank.org>



Jewish Family Service
Caring for all Utahns since 1872

silver SOIRÉE

We invite you to join us for JFS' Silver Soirée, set for Sunday, August 20th, at 6:30 pm on the Sundance Rooftop Terrace at the Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City. The evening will be a fundraising event and retirement celebration honoring Ellen Silver, our beloved Executive Director and friend. Ellen will step down in the fall of 2023 after 19 years of service. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Please visit jfsutah.org/events/silver-soiree for more information.

Mind Body Skills Class

Tuesdays • 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm • Online

This class helps you become more present with yourself and those you love by learning new skills for self-regulation and reduced reactivity. This class will be online, running September 12th through November 14th. The cost is \$400 per person; scholarships are available. Please call Jewish Family Service at 801-746-4334 for more information and to register.

Salt Lake City Location
801-746-4334

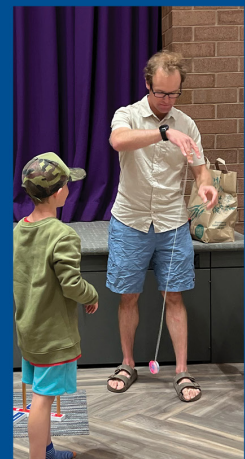
495 E 4500 S, Ste 100, Salt Lake City, 84107

Park City Location
435-640-6697

650 Round Valley Drive, Park City, 84068

www.jfsutah.org

CONGREGATION KOL AMI'S POLICE APPRECIATION BBQ



JULY 2023

TAMMUZ / AV 5783

SUNDAY Yom Rishon	MONDAY Yom Sheni	TUESDAY Yom Schlishi	WEDNESDAY Yom Revi'i	THURSDAY Yom Chamishi	FRIDAY Yom Shishi	SATURDAY Shabbat
						1 • 12 Tammuz Chukat-Balak 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:44 pm Havdalah
2 • 13 Tammuz 9:00 am Minyan 4:30 pm Evolution of Judaism	3 • 14 Tammuz 8:00 am Minyan on Zoom	4 • 13 Nisan Independence Day, Office Closed	5 • 16 Tammuz	6 • 16 Tammuz Fast of Tammuz 8:00 am Minyan on Zoom 6:30 pm Introduction to Jewish Life	7 • 18 Tammuz 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Summer Erev Shabbat Service at the home of Lauren Fredman & Joshua Rogoff 8:43 pm Candle Lighting	8 • 19 Tammuz Pinchas 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:43 pm Havdalah
9 • 20 Tammuz 9:00 am Minyan 3:00 pm Kol Ami Choir Rehearsal 4:30 pm Evolution of Judaism	10 • 21 Tammuz 8:00 am Minyan on Zoom	11 • 22 Tammuz 5:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	12 • 23 Tammuz	13 • 24 Tammuz 8:00 am Minyan on Zoom 6:30 pm Introduction to Jewish Life	14 • 25 Tammuz 6:30 pm Summer Erev Shabbat Service at the home of Art Warsoff & Diane Hartz Warsoff 8:40 pm Candle Lighting	15 • 26 Tammuz Shabbat Mevarchim Matot-Masei 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am 7th Grade Shabbat Class 9:39 pm Havdalah
16 • 27 Tammuz 9:00 am Minyan 3:00 pm Kol Ami Choir Rehearsal 4:30 pm Evolution of Judaism	17 • 28 Tammuz 8:00 am Minyan on Zoom	18 • 29 Tammuz 5:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	19 • 1 Av Rosh Chodesh Av 7:00 pm Board Meeting	20 • 2 Av 8:00 am Minyan on Zoom 6:30 pm Introduction to Jewish Life	21 • 3 Av 6:30 pm Summer Erev Shabbat Service at the home of Kay & Arnie Tran 8:35 pm Candle Lighting	22 • 4 Av Shabbat Hazon Devarim 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:34 pm Havdalah
23 • 5 Av 9:00 am Minyan 3:00 pm Kol Ami Choir Rehearsal 4:30 pm Evolution of Judaism	24 • 6 Av 8:00 am Minyan on Zoom	25 • 7 Av 5:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	26 • 8 Av Erev Tisha B'Av 9:00 pm Erev Tisha B'Av Service & Programming	27 • 9 Av Tisha B'Av 9:30 am Tisha B'Av Service & Programming 2:30 pm Tisha B'Av Mincha Service	28 • 10 Av 6:30 pm Summer Erev Shabbat Service at the home of Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy & Eytan Levy 8:29 pm Candle Lighting	29 • 11 Av Shabbat Nachamu Vaetchanan 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:28 pm Havdalah
30 • 12 Av 9:00 am Minyan 3:00 pm Kol Ami Choir Rehearsal 4:30 pm Evolution of Judaism	31 • 13 Av 8:00 am Minyan on Zoom					

AUGUST 2023

AV / ELUL 5783

SUNDAY Yom Rishon	MONDAY Yom Sheni	TUESDAY Yom Schlishi	WEDNESDAY Yom Revi'i	THURSDAY Yom Chamishi	FRIDAY Yom Shishi	SATURDAY Shabbat
		1 • 14 Av	2 • 15 Av Tu B'Av	3 • 16 Av 28th Day Omer 8:00 am Minyan on Zoom 6:30 pm Introduction to Jewish Life	4 • 17 Av 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Summer Erev Shabbat Service at the home of Melissa Jensen & Michael Weidner 8:22 pm Candle Lighting	5 • 18 Av Eikev 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:20 pm Havdalah
6 • 19 Av 9:00 am Minyan 3:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal 4:30 pm Evolution of Judaism	7 • 20 Av 8:00 am Minyan on Zoom	8 • 21 Av 5:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Rosh Chodesh Women's Group	9 • 22 Av	10 • 23 Av 8:00 am Minyan on Zoom 6:30 pm Introduction to Jewish Life	11 • 24 Av 6:30 pm Summer Erev Shabbat Service at the home of John & Bria Mertens 8:13 pm Candle Lighting	12 • 25 Av Shabbat Mevarchim Re'eh 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:12 pm Havdalah
13 • 26 Av 9:00 am Minyan 9:00 am RSRS End of Summer Celebration 1:00 pm RSRS Teacher Orientation 3:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal 4:30 pm Evolution of Judaism	14 • 27 Av 8:00 am Minyan on Zoom	15 • 28 Av 5:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	16 • 29 Av 7:00 pm Board Meeting	17 • 30 Av Rosh Chodesh Elul 8:00 am Minyan on Zoom 6:30 pm Introduction to Jewish Life	18 • 1 Elul Rosh Chodesh Elul 6:30 pm Summer Erev Shabbat Service at the JCC 8:03 pm Candle Lighting	19 • 2 Elul Shoftim 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:02 pm Havdalah
20 • 3 Elul 8:00 am Minyan 9:00 am First Day of Religious School 10:00 am Training Wheels 12:00 pm KAJY Kickoff Event 3:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal 4:30 pm Evolution of Judaism	21 • 4 Elul 7:30 am Minyan	22 • 5 Elul 5:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	23 • 6 Elul 7:00 pm Congregational Annual Meeting	24 • 7 Elul 7:00 am Minyan on Zoom 6:30 pm Introduction to Jewish Life	25 • 8 Elul 6:30 pm Summer Erev Shabbat Service in Esther's Garden 7:53 pm Candle Lighting	26 • 9 Elul Ki Teitzei 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 8:51 pm Havdalah
27 • 10 Elul 8:00 am Minyan 9:00 am RSRS 10:00 am Baby and Me 3:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal 4:30 pm Evolution of Judaism	28 • 11 Elul 7:30 am Minyan	29 • 12 Elul 5:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	30 • 13 Elul 4:15 pm RSRS 6:15 pm KAJY Lounge Night	31 • 14 Elul 7:00 am Minyan on Zoom 6:30 pm Introduction to Jewish Life		

SEPTEMBER 2023

ELUL 5783 / TISHREI 5784

SUNDAY Yom Rishon	MONDAY Yom Sheni	TUESDAY Yom Schlishi	WEDNESDAY Yom Revi'i	THURSDAY Yom Chamishi	FRIDAY Yom Shishi	SATURDAY Shabbat
					1 • 15 Elul 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service 7:42 pm Candle Lighting	2 • 16 Elul Ki Tavo 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 8:40 pm Havdalah
3 • 17 Elul 8:00 am Minyan 3:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal 4:30 pm Evolution of Judaism	4 • 18 Elul Labor Day Office Closed 7:30 am Minyan	5 • 19 Elul 5:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	6 • 20 Elul 4:15 pm RSRS	7 • 21 Elul 7:00 am Minyan via Zoom	8 • 22 Elul 6:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Candle Lighting	9 • 23 Elul Selichot Nitzavim-Vayeilech 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am 7th Grade Shabbat Class 8:00 pm Selichot Learning Session 8:29 pm Havdalah 10:00 pm Selichot Service with the Kol Ami Choir
10 • 24 Elul 8:00 am Minyan 9:00 am RSRS 9:00 am RSRS Parent Meet & Greet 10:00 am Training Wheels 3:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal 4:30 pm Evolution of Judaism	11 • 25 Elul 7:30 am Minyan	12 • 26 Elul 5:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	13 • 27 Elul 4:15 pm RSRS 6:15 pm KAJY Lounge Night	14 • 28 Elul 7:00 am Minyan via Zoom	15 • 29 Elul Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:15 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 7:19 pm Candle Lighting	16 • 1 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah 8:45 am Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Morning Services 8:17 pm Candle Lighting
17 • 2 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah Tashlich 8:45 am Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Morning Service 2:00 pm Tashlich 3:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal 8:15 pm Havdalah	18 • 3 Tishrei Fast of Gedalia 7:30 am Minyan	19 • 4 Tishrei 5:00 pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	20 • 5 Tishrei 7:00 pm Board Meeting	21 • 6 Tishrei 7:00 am Minyan via Zoom	22 • 7 Tishrei 6:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service 7:07 pm Candle Lighting	23 • 8 Tishrei Shabbat Shuvah Ha'Azinu 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am 7th Grade Shabbat Class 8:05 pm Havdalah
24 • 9 Tishrei Erev Yom Kippur 8:00 am Minyan 10:00 am RSRS & KAJY Event in the Sukkah 4:30 pm Evolution of Judaism 7:00 pm Kol Nidre Service 7:03 pm Candle Lighting	25 • 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur Yizkor Office Closed 8:45 am Yom Kippur Morning Services 8:02 pm Havdalah	26 • 11 Tishrei	27 • 12 Tishrei 4:15 pm RSRS 6:15 pm KAJY Lounge Night	28 • 13 Tishrei 7:00 am Minyan via Zoom	29 • 14 Tishrei Erev Sukkot 6:30 pm New Member & Member Appreciation Erev Sukkot & Shir Shabbat Service 6:55 pm Candle Lighting 7:45 pm Dinner In The Sukkah	30 • 15 Tishrei Sukkot 9:30 am Sukkot Day 1 & Shabbat Morning Service 7:53 pm Havdalah

JULY / AUGUST / SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Steve Baron
Kevin Bates
Sonja Bates
Franny Bechek
Rachel Benator
Ellen Burman
Jenny Cohen
David Cowan
Helene Cuomo
Eileen Davies
David Dowsett
Ira Field
Gi Garay
Michelle Goldsmith
Amy Goodman
Chase Harrington
Carolina Hazman
Ivonne Hobfoll
Richard Jaffe
Malka Kassel
Debbie Kesner-Steinberg
Shayna Kirsch-Rogers
Dan Knox
Halle Kogan
Howard Leaman
Adam Levenstein
Galit Livne
Uri Loewenstein
Mark Ludwig
Melinda McAnulty
John Mertens
Hal Pollock
David Sandweiss
Martha Slattery
Garrett Stern
Sara Tarjan
Bart Taylor
Akiva Toren
Michael Wolfe
Frank Yanowitz
Tanner Zumwalt

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Marcia Bannon
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Woody Crowell
John Cuomo
Seth Daniels
Vivian Dowsett
Dina Drita-Esser
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Rita Elman
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Adena Stern
Irena Tocino
Jason Wiese
Rebecca Zitnay
Michael Zuhl

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Jonathan Boxer
Karen Boxer
Darrel Brodke
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Orlene Cohen
Daniel Day
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Ella Yancey

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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Bruce & Lynn Cohn
Ben J. & Alexandra Doctorman
Richard & Florence Evans
Edward & Melinda Ganellen
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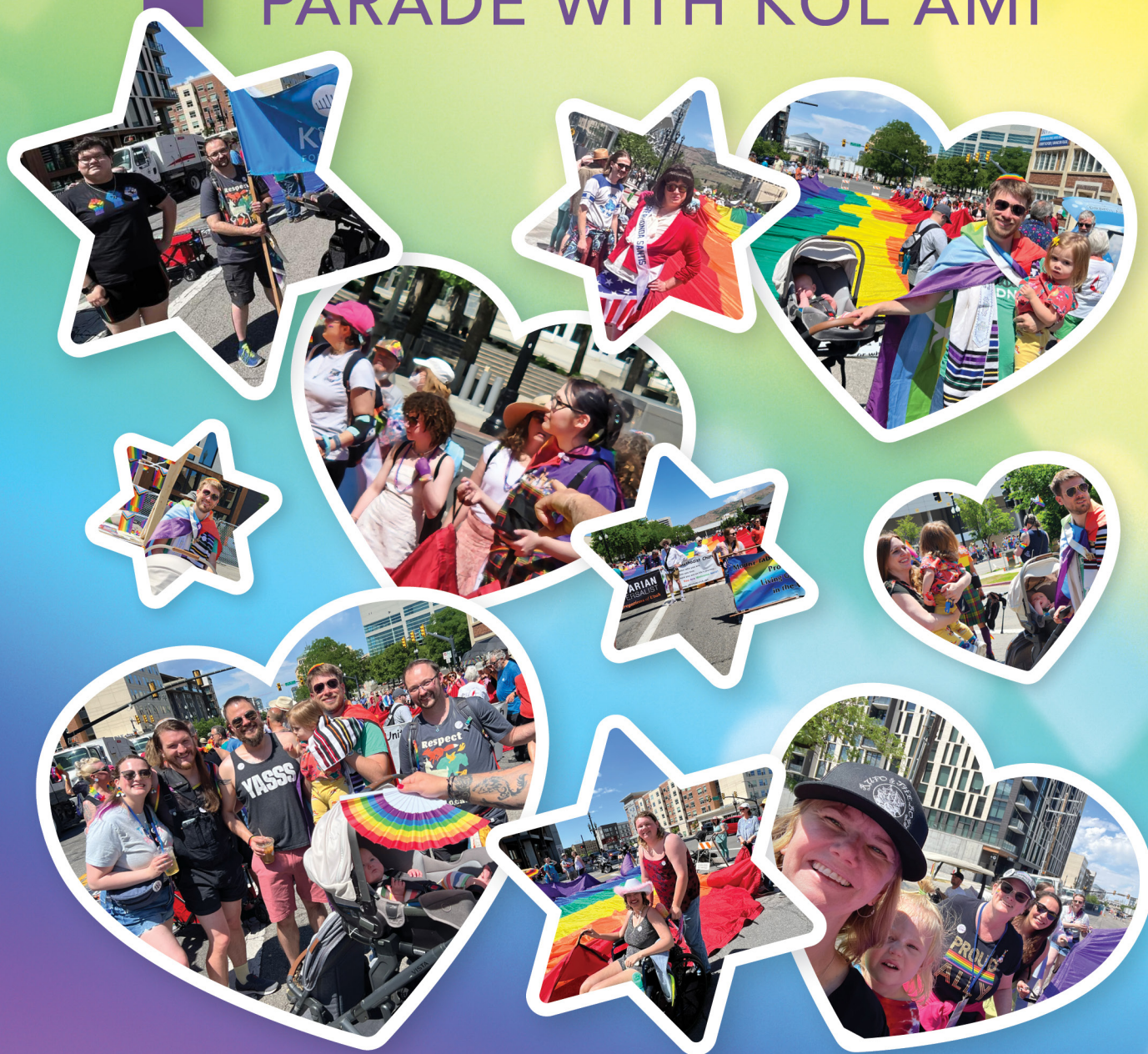
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David & Andrea Kaplan
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Steven & Tamar Lobell
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Shelley & Steven Schwartz
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David & Sharon Sonnenreich
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Lana & Sean Stoddard

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Lirit & Noel Franks
Amy & Jesse Goodman
Lawrence & Laura Green
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Tom & Lorie Jacobson
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Sue & Ben Latham
David & Erin Litvack
Lynn Maxine & Tad Rosen
Ronnie & Barrie Rosenberg
Charles & Ingrid Saltzman
Alex & Lavine Shapiro
Arthur & Diane Warsoff
Clifford & Nancy White
Michael & Susan Zuhl

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PARADE WITH KOL AMI



TISHA B'AV

9TH OF AV • DAY OF COMMUNAL MOURNING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH

9:00 pm — Erev Tisha B'Av Service & Programming

THURSDAY, JULY 27TH

9:30 am — Tisha B'Av Morning Service & Programming

2:30 pm — Tisha B'Av Mincha Service

Watch your announcements for more detail.



Tu B'Av

THE JEWISH DAY OF LOVE

Join us for a Tu B'Av event,
co-sponsored by the
United Jewish Federation
of Utah on **Tuesday,**
August 1st at 7:30 pm.
More details to come!



TODAH RABBAH TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

Angela Arguello-Rios	Virginia Hecker	Bonnie Rokeach
Ed Bronsky	Melissa Jensen	Steven Rokeach
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COMMUNITY SERVICE AT KOL AMI

As a synagogue that is concerned about Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, as well as the importance of interfaith cooperation, we are excited to become an active participant in the newly formed group, Great Salt Lake Interfaith Action Coalition (GSLIAC). The group's stated purpose, *"To take action together to save the Great Salt Lake while respecting each of our unique faith-based traditions."* Collaboratively, we are striving to make a difference and by reaching out together, we can have greater influence to educate and facilitate action to save the Great Salt Lake.

Our Torah and Judaic traditions clearly tip the scale in favor of environmental concern and wise stewardship. To paraphrase Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, from *G-d in Search of Man*, we should not treat the earth as *"our toolbox."* *"Small is the world that most of us pay attention to and limited is our concern."* *"Where is our awareness of grandeur and the sublime?"*

Dr. Judith Plaskow, Professor of Religious Studies, in *Standing Again at Sinai* writes that we are part of a large web of existence. *"...we now have the power to destroy but which we did not conceive or create."*

Great Salt Lake Interfaith Action Coalition is in need of a website and if anyone from KA has the expertise and time to volunteer to help the group set one up, it would be greatly appreciated. GSLIAC meets once a month on Zoom; more often if part of the steering committee.

For more information or to volunteer in any capacity, please contact Helene Cuomo, 801-300-9802, Kol Ami's GSLIAC representative.

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Fran Lapin, the Mitzvah Committee Chairperson, is the person to call if you know of someone in need. Please help Fran out if you can help fulfill that need in the community.

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One of the key strategic goals of our synagogue is to establish a long-term plan for building assets that will support our ongoing financial needs and growth. Legacy Giving is a part of that overall plan.

The Life & Legacy Giving Program is part of a broader, collaborative effort led by the United Jewish Federation of Utah, and in conjunction with the Jewish Family Services of Utah. You may choose to commit a future donation to Kol Ami, or any combination of these organizations.

We discovered that many people in the past have already provided for a Legacy Donation in their will or estate plan, but Kol Ami is not aware of this action. We encourage you to contact us with this information. For those who have not yet joined, we ask for your support by naming Congregation Kol Ami in your estate plan. Again, we thank our generous donors. You have started us down the right path. Your gift, in the future, will help us grow stronger.



The individuals listed below have given us permission to identify their names through a Document of Commitment (DOC). The rest have chosen to remain anonymous.

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MAZEL TOV!

Laura and Alex Pollack, and big brother Ben, welcomed
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Eliane and Jason Wiese, and big brother Noah, welcomed
Yakira Charlene Wiese on June 27th

MAZEL TOV TO LIZ PAIGE!



Mazel tov to our past president, and current member, Liz Paige on being announced as the new Associate Director of the United Jewish Federation of Utah.

Message from Alex Shapiro, Executive Director of the United Jewish Federation of Utah:

We are pleased to let you know that after months of searching, we have filled our new role of Associate Director at the Federation. We are also very excited to share that Liz Paige will be stepping into this position near the end of June.

Many of you know Liz as a long-time member of the Salt Lake Jewish community, as a former Federation board member from 2019-2021, and former Board Chair at Congregation Kol Ami from 2013-2015. Currently Liz is Director of Ethics & Community at the McGillis School, where she's held that role for the past nine years. At McGillis, she has taken part in program development and oversight, facilitated, and led committee work, been involved in strategic planning, and has participated in fundraising and grant-writing efforts for the school.

Not only is Liz a passionate educator, but she is also committed to the Utah Jewish community and feels being able to use her skill set as part of the team at Federation is the logical next step in her career. In addition to holding a master's in education, she also holds a master's in religious education, and a master's certificate in Israel education. Most recently, she has been employed by the Jewish Federations of North America as a faculty member teaching in the Changemakers Fellowship program; a program that offers leadership development experience for current and aspiring leaders from ages 20-25.

As the United Jewish Federation of Utah continues to grow in its impact and takes on new community initiatives, not only will it benefit from Liz's experience, but she will be a mentor, collaborator, and trusted friend to those she works throughout the community. Please join me in welcoming Liz to the Federation.



RABBI WENGER WONDERS

WHAT A WONDROUS YEAR:

Rochelle and I celebrate 50 years of happy marriage, an unusual achievement these days. Congregation Kol Ami reaches a half century of miraculous growth, one of the most successful of Reform and Conservative mergers. Israel achieves 75 years as a Jewish national home and a democracy surviving in a dangerous neighborhood.

I'm so proud of all three. None was easy. Each is a work in process. All three share common roots firmly planted in Sinai and its Covenanted Vision:

You shall be before G-d a kingdom of priests and a holy people. Kingdom and Priesthood, at once both social and spiritual. None of these three miracles will completely achieve its idealistic goal in my lifetime.

The Wengers' roots were planted in synagogue and Judaism. Our Ketuba hangs on the wall of our bedroom. It expresses the Jewish ideal of Kiddushin, holy Jewish marriage. *"Behold you are consecrated to Me according to the faith of Moses and Israel."* The Ketuba is only a document, however. We Wengers work to redefine our goals while facing geriatric health challenges.

Kol Ami's roots were planted fifty years ago on a street renamed Heritage Way. Its identity was symbolized by our sanctuary's Menorah. That candelabra, inspired by the Menorah of the ancient Temple, is rooted in the stony ground of Millcreek, Utah. Israel's roots were symbolized by the City of David. I'm especially proud of Kol Ami's goal, bringing a delegation to Israel. An important part of its tour is advertised as the original Jerusalem... including remains that some scholars believe to be from King David's reign.

Our Ketuba, Kol Ami's Menorah and David's City are only documents, objects, and archaeological sites. The true secret of Kiddushin, the holiness of Kol Ami, and the State of Israel is not found in the physical realm. Each is found in the struggle of human beings day by day.

The holiness of Kol Ami is found in the dedication of its people building a common life in this Jewish place. We define ourselves as a place to join together as we worship, learn, and celebrate Judaism in a dynamic and caring community. Every person counts and everyone is welcome.

Israel's holiness is best expressed in its Declaration of Independence:

The State of Israel will be open for Jewish immigration and for the In-gathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by

the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race, or sex.

These three holinesses are centered in people, not objects or places. Each works to refine itself. Each falls short at times. The ark of hope, of Hatikva points towards redemption, Geulah, the Messianic Age, the poet Yehuda Amichai spoke of Israel's ideal and ours in words more eloquent than mine:

Once I sat on the steps by a gate at David's Tower. I placed my two heavy baskets at my side. A group of tourists was standing around their guide and I became their target marker. "You see that man with the baskets? Just right of his head there's an arch from the Roman period. Just right of his head."

"But he's moving, he's moving!"

I said to myself: "Redemption will come only if their guide tells them, you see that arch from the Roman period? It's not important, but next to it, left down and a bit, there sits a man who's bought fruit and vegetables for his family."

People, not places: that's how we achieve holiness and become part of a holy marriage, a holy community, and a holy people. Do we get it, reader? Our delegation to Israel will have an opportunity to get it there. Do you? I wonder!



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If ritual washing (tahara) is performed on a man or on a woman who traditionally wore a tallit (prayer shawl) in the synagogue, the family is asked to furnish a tallit for the burial. If the deceased's tallit cannot be found, we need to provide one for burial. Traditionally it should be a tallit that was worn, not a new one purchased specifically for burial. Our supply is currently extremely low, so we are requesting that people who have an old, extra tallit should please donate it. If you have one or more gently (or roughly) used extra tallitot, please bring them to the Kol Ami office so that they can be used for this important and sacred purpose. THANK YOU!



GRAVE MATTERS

By Carol Hochstadt

CHILDREN & CEMETERIES

The Hebrew month of Elul, which comes directly before Rosh Hashanah, is a time when Jews traditionally visit cemeteries to connect with their departed loved ones. Such visits may enhance the reflection, repentance, and spiritual renewal we seek at that time of year. One question those people with children may have is, *"Is it appropriate and/or wise to bring my children to the cemetery when I visit?"* A related question, which may unfortunately come up at another time of year, is *"When there is a death in the family, is it appropriate and/or wise to bring my children to the cemetery for the burial?"* In this article, I can hopefully provide some guidance on both questions.

There is no Jewish law that forbids children from visiting a cemetery. Visiting a cemetery with a trusted, supportive adult at a non-stressed (not death-related) time can yield tremendous benefits for the child. The child can connect with past generations, asking about and learning about relatives who have come before them. Visiting a cemetery can normalize death for the child, showing that it is a regular part of the life cycle and that cemeteries are park-like, peaceful places with grass, wildlife, and memorial stones, not places rampant with scary spirits or frightening images. A visit can create a safe space for the child to ask questions about death and what it means. One cautionary note is that some monuments are very old and may not have been reinforced the way we now require, so it is important to instruct children to not lean on or push monuments, in case they are loose. This is good advice for adults as well!

The question of bringing a child to a burial is more complicated. Factors including age, maturity, ability to understand the concept of loss, and the child's expressed desire are important. Psychologists stress that in explaining death to a child we should never compare death to

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sleeping, because we expect the child to go to sleep each night and would not want to frighten him. But if a child understands that a grandparent or other close relative has died and expresses a desire to attend the funeral, the parent—as the final and most important decision-maker—should consider the request seriously. A friend related that he was extremely close to his grandmother, who died when he was 7 years old. He wanted to attend her funeral/burial and was not allowed. Many factors, including superstition, may have entered into the parental decision, but he wishes that he had been allowed to share the experience with the rest of the family and to ask questions that may have helped him at the time to understand this major loss. Traditional thinking kept children away from funerals until they were Bar/Bat Mitzvah age, but no two children are alike, and today this decision can be made on a case-by-case basis. If a child is going to be present at a funeral/burial, it would be wise to explain in advance what will take place (e.g., lowering and subsequent shoveling soil onto the casket) in order to avoid scary surprises. Also, while providing this explanation, the parent may discover that the child really is not mature enough to participate in the event—and can

change the decision. On the other hand, my brother—at age 9—attended the burial of our great-aunt, with whom he was very close. To this day, he remembers being there and has positive memories of being able to have his important questions answered.

As a child, I was never allowed to enter a cemetery. My parents visited during Elul and on other occasions, but I had to play outside the main cemetery gates—perhaps because of old superstitions or perhaps in order to protect me from sadness. Once, as my parents walked towards the gate at the end of their cemetery visit; my excitement at seeing them made me run into the cemetery to greet them. This act resulted in my receiving a strong and immediate scolding—and I never again broke the ‘no entry’ rule. Instead, roughly forty years later I elected to become one of the people who administers Utah’s Jewish cemeteries, spending much time on the grounds and even more time working behind the scenes to plan burials and oversee the operation. This seems a bit ironic. Moral of the story... if you let your children visit cemeteries with you, they won’t need to make cemetery management a focus of their lives.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE & VOLUNTEERING

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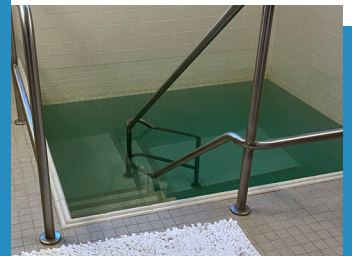
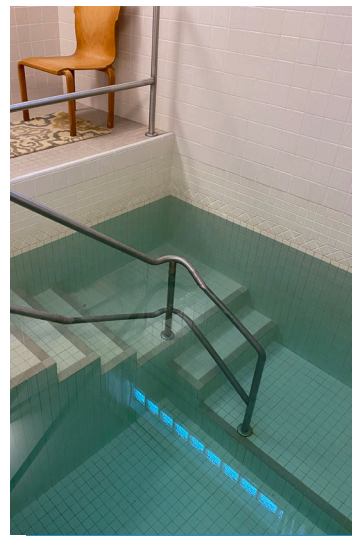
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Congregation Kol Ami's mission is to provide Jews by birth, Jews by choice, and K'rov Yisrael interfaith families a place to join together as we worship, learn, and celebrate Judaism in a dynamic and caring community. Every person counts and everyone is welcome.

Our Vision

Congregation Kol Ami pursues passionate Jewish engagement through Limmud Torah (Jewish education), Avodah (ritual), and Gemilut Hasadim (service to others). We aspire to balance our capacity and offerings to deliver excellence in pursuing these three interconnected pillars, providing opportunities for the curious and scholarly alike.



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