

KOL AMI LIVING QUARTERLY BULLETIN



SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

DATE	PARSHA	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 5 – 6	Shabbat Mevarchim Parshat Hachodesh Shmini	5:30pm Tot Shabbat Service 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	9:30am Shabbat Morning Service
April 12 – 13	Tazria	6:30pm Shir Shabbat Service with the Kol Ami Band & Choir 7:45pm Shabbat Dinner	9:30am Josh & Molly Baron's B'nai Mitzvah Service 1:30pm Mincha Service & Baby Naming
April 19 – 20	Shabbat HaGadol Metzora	6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	9:30am Shabbat Morning Service
April 26 – 27	Chol Hamoed Pesach	6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	9:30am Shabbat Morning Service
May 3 – 4	Shabbat Mevarchim Achrei Mot	5:30pm Tot Shabbat Service 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	9:30am Shabbat Morning Service
May 10 – 11	Kedoshim	6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	9:30am Ben Mertens' Bar Mitzvah Service
May 17 – 18	Emor	6:30pm 2nd–4th Grade, Teacher & Parent Committee Appreciation, and Shir Shabbat Service 7:45pm Peruvian Shabbat Dinner	9:30am Thomas Duran's Bar Mitzvah Service
May 24 – 25	Behar	6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	9:30am Shabbat Morning & 10th Grade Confirmation Service
May 31 – June 1	Shabbat Mevarchim Bechukotai	6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	9:30am Shabbat Morning Service
June 7 – 8	Bamidbar	5:00pm Tot Shabbat Service 6:30pm Pride Erev Shabbat Service 7:45pm Pride Shabbat Dinner	9:30am Shabbat Morning Service
June 14 – 15	Nasso	6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	9:30am Eden Kalay's Bar Mitzvah Service 2:30pm Ty Treloar's Bar Mitzvah Service
June 21 – 22	Beha'alotcha	6:30pm Shir Shabbat Service with the Kol Ami Band & Choir 7:45pm Shabbat Dinner & Farewell to Cantor Brown-Levy	9:30am Solomon Foster's Bar Mitzvah Service
June 28 – 29	Shabbat Mevarchim Sh'lach	6:30pm Summer Erev Shabbat Service in Esther's Garden	9:30am Jude Plotkin's Bar Mitzvah Service

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

Bulletin Publication	Submission Deadline
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Q3 (July / Aug. / Sept.)	June 1
Q4 (Oct. / Nov. / Dec.)	September 1

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1/2 Page	\$310	\$460	\$880
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RABBI SPECTOR SPECULATES

WILL YOU COME SHABBAT WITH US?

When I was a little kid, my synagogue's rabbi possessed many wonderful qualities; however, he believed that Shabbat services were no place for children. As a result, I do not have any memories of ever attending a Shabbat service before the age of 10. My synagogue then got a new rabbi, who has been my rabbi for my entire life since then.

He took a different approach than his predecessor. He adamantly believed and promoted the idea that services were the exact place for children to be. After all, it is at services that children learn about their Jewish heritage, get to know their clergy and their community,

practice what was taught to them at religious school, and spend quality time with their family without a screen in front of them. It is also an opportunity for parents to model Jewish worship and communal participation to their children and can lead to great family discussions after the service is over.

We know that sometimes even the best of us can lose a bit of focus during the services. Last year, my family and I went to Charleston, South Carolina and visited their historic synagogue, and, I'll admit, my kid (yes, the rabbi's kid), started to get squirmy and fussy and I felt self-conscious that maybe our family was being disruptive. That was when the usher came up to us, and though I was half expecting him to ask us to step outside, he instead had a big smile on his face and reached out and handed my daughter a tote bag that said

"Wiggle Bag" on it. It was full of toys and books for her to play with to keep her entertained while Jill and I got to listen and give our kids the experience of being in a synagogue.

Inspired by this experience, our staff has created our own "Wiggle Bags" at Kol Ami, and also the Shalom Station. The Shalom Station makes our services more accessible with hearing devices, reading glasses, large print prayerbooks, more transliterations, and also fidget spinners for those who need to keep their hands busy.

Who exactly is Shabbat for? All of us! Rabbi Spector speculates that attending a service once in a while will not only enhance your lives, as well as your children's Jewish identities, but also enhance your community. Will you come Shabbat with us?





OUR CANTOR, SHARON BROWN-LEVY

THE BLESSING OF BEING YOUR HAZZAN

To my beloved Kol Ami family: it is hard to imagine that this is my final chorale. We have shared three wonderful years of spirituality, study, mitzvot, and celebration. In this time I have learned how to be a better Hazzan and a better person from all of you. I hope that I have helped you on your own paths toward holiness, a greater love of Judaism, and a connection to our sacred congregation.

As the cantor of this wonderful community of Kol Ami, I have been privileged to help create moments of blessing. I immediately think of our uplifting High Holy Day services, intergenerational Purim spiels, our Bring in the Light Chanukah concert, Gala, Pride, and interfaith events. We have come together for so many powerful moments as a connected community.

There have been countless other special moments: from our various adult and religious school classes, to working with the confirmands; from the joy of baby namings and conversions to reflection and memory at funerals and other transitions; from twenty-five outstanding B'nai Mitzvah students and building our thriving Peer Mentor Mishpacha, choir, band, and cadre of Biblical chanters—to private times sharing the powerful moments in your lives—we have been on a journey together of meaning and transformation. Thank you for

helping make our congregation a holy community filled with blessing and connection.

Our lay leadership is a collection of amazing volunteers. Your dedication and effort help to keep our synagogue strong and ever new. I am eternally grateful for the support, kindness, and insights that you have shared with me. You will continue to enable our congregation to grow in wisdom, in justice, and as a sacred community. I have been blessed with fabulous colleagues on our outstanding professional team as well as our incredible support staff. Our professionals never cease guiding our congregation with innovation, strength, and understanding.

The time my family and I have spent here at Kol Ami will forever have an imprint on our hearts. Know that wherever we are, we will always feel a deep connection here. We invite you to stay in touch.

We thank you—Eytan, Mattan, Mark, and I—for three beautiful years of meaningful connections. We are honored by your kindness and for letting us be a part of your lives.

May we go from strength
to strength,

Hazzan Sharon Brown-Levy
and family

PASSOVER



Community Passover Seder

Tuesday, April 23rd • 6:30pm • Kol Ami

Please join us for a special community seder, led by Rabbi Spector and Cantor Brown-Levy! This will be a catered, traditional Kosher-for-Passover dinner (vegetarian option available). Seating is limited so RSVP today at conkolami.org/seder! Registration closes on Friday, April 19th.

Kol Ami Members: \$65 per adult (ages 13+)/ \$30 per child (ages 3-12) / OR \$180 per family

Guests: \$75 per adult (ages 13+)/ \$35 per child (ages 3-12) / OR \$210 per family

RSRS School-Wide Seder

Sunday, April 21st • 9:00am

KAJY Chocolate Seder

Sunday, April 21st • 12:00pm

Passover Day 1 Service

Tuesday, April 23rd • 9:30am

Passover Day 2 Service

Wed., April 24th • 9:30am

Young Adults Passover Wine Tasting Event

Wed., April 24th • 7:00pm

UJF's Annual Pride Seder

Thursday, April 25th • 6:00pm

Lunch & Learn

Friday, April 26th • 12:15pm

Passover Day 7 Service

Monday, April 29th • 9:30am

Passover Day 8 Service & Yizkor

Tuesday, April 30th • 9:30am



Shir Shabbat

& SHABBAT DINNER

Join us each month for our Shir Shabbat & Shabbat Dinner!

Our Shir Shabbat service, featuring our Kol Ami Band, begins at 6:30pm. Following the service you are invited to stay for a community Shabbat dinner. **Upcoming dates:** April 12th, May 17th, and June 21st.



RSVP EACH MONTH AT
CONKOLAMI.ORG/SHIR-SHABBAT

Kol Ami Members: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child ages 3–12
Guests: \$15 per adult, \$10 per child ages 3–12

FAMILY

שבת

SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE

Join us for a family-friendly Shabbat dinner and service! Our evening will begin at 5:30pm with dinner followed by our Erev Shabbat service at 6:30 pm. RSVP in advance—Kids \$5 / Adults \$8 / Family of 4+ \$25.

UPCOMING DATES

November 1st, December 6th

CONKOLAMI.ORG/FAMILY-SHABBAT



OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DANNY BURMAN

STANDING STRONG AND PROUD

When you arrive at Congregation Kol Ami you will now see our newly installed flag poles next to our Congregation Kol Ami sign. On these three flag poles we have raised the flags of the United States, Israel, and the State of Utah. These flags demonstrate our pride and support for the countries and state where we live and thrive. Why put the flags up, especially now with the recent rise in antisemitism? It is important to Rabbi Spector and our community to demonstrate that we are proud of who we are. We are proud Zionist Jews, proud Americans, and proud Utahns.

Throughout our history we have been told to assimilate, to lose our identity or we would be persecuted and killed. Some may feel that the flags will call attention to us and could attract those who may want to threaten us, but we will not be intimidated, and we will stand up for who we are and what we believe in. The poles will also serve as a security barrier from anyone attempting to drive into the front door.

I recently had the honor of sharing a D'var Torah on Shabbat. It was Parasha Vayikra, when Jacob wrestles with the Angel of G-d and wins, and in that moment, he transposes into Israel—meaning one who struggles with G-d but also one who G-d preserves—and we become the nation of Israel. During my D'var, I shared a scene from a favorite movie, "Cool Runnings," in which one of the characters transposes from someone who is timid to one whose line is I am pride, I am power, and I'm not going to be intimidated.

To me these flags not only represent our pride in our faith, our nations, and in a state where we are welcomed—they demonstrate to the world that Congregation Kol Ami is a place of pride and belonging and we will display this proudly.

Never again is now!

UPGRADING FOR THE FUTURE

Just a quick update on our capital improvements. The new staff office remodel is complete. In the coming months we'll be upgrading our kitchens, adding a security fence in front of the administrative parking lot, adding a security fence along the Heritage Way side of our building, upgrading our mikvah, and creating a wellness space for health groups to meet in Rabbi Wenger's old office space downstairs.

Can I just add how much fun and meaning the staff is having at Kol Ami? There are more events, prayer services, Shabbat dinners, activities in the religious school and preschool, educational programs, and attention given to our members than I have ever seen in my many years at Kol Ami. We have something for every member demographic. It is a lot of work but when we see our KA family coming together to celebrate it makes it all so worth it. If you've not been participating, please check the calendar and join us for something soon.

Am Yisrael Chai!



OUR OFFICE & MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, LISA KAUFMAN

INCLUSION MATTERS

This past February, we recognized Disability Inclusion Month. We are reminded of the fundamental values of compassion, empathy, and inclusion that lie at the heart of our congregation. Congregation Kol Ami has an ongoing commitment to accessibility and inclusion, and we are proud to highlight the efforts underway to ensure that every individual, regardless of ability, can fully engage in our religious services and communal activities. Through collaborative efforts and thoughtful initiatives, we are working to remove barriers and create a more accessible and accommodating space for all. Here are some of the key initiatives and resources we have implemented:

1. Physical Accessibility: We have conducted thorough accessibility assessments of our facilities to identify and address any physical barriers. This includes making sure our office spaces being renovated are accessible and ADA compliant to ensure that individuals with mobility challenges can navigate our space with ease.

2. Assistive Technology: To enhance accessibility during services, we have invested in assistive listening devices, large-print prayer books, and other assistive technologies to accommodate individuals with hearing or visual impairments. We are in the process of upgrading our assistive hearing devices to include Bluetooth accessibility. Fidgets and symbol boards are now available to assist our neurodivergent members and guests during services and programs. All of these items are now conveniently available in our "Shalom Station" resource cabinet, located directly across from the entrance to our sanctuary. Centrally placed nearby with a variety of assistive items this will help to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where all members of our community can fully participate and celebrate being Jewish and avoid any embarrassment or confusion as to where to find needed items upon arrival in our building.

3. Inclusive Programming: We are committed to offering programming and educational opportunities that are inclusive of individuals of all abilities. This includes

providing alternative formats for learning materials, as well as incorporating inclusive language and practices into our services and rituals.

4. Education and Training: We recognize that building a truly inclusive community requires ongoing education and awareness. To that end, we offer training sessions and workshops for our staff, volunteers, and congregation members to deepen their understanding of disability inclusion and learn practical strategies for fostering an inclusive environment.

5. Community Support: We are dedicated to providing support and resources for individuals and families affected by disabilities. We aim to provide support to all our members with the help of accessible materials and aids, referrals to external resources, and links to support services.

Let us reaffirm our commitment to building a community where every individual is valued, respected, and included. Together, we can continue to create a place where all members of our congregation can fully participate and find belonging.

WELCOME TO OUR **NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS**

Melissa & Colin DeFord

Mak Laterza &
Louis Skaist

Simon Leon &
Nelsa Dowling

Elizabeth &
William Love

Abby & Colin
Rehugler

Carolyn Williams

PLEASE WELCOME **COLIN & MELISSA DEFORD**



Colin DeFord lives in Park City. He's a TV entertainment technical producer and consultant. He has served on several boards in Park City, including KPCW and Park City Day School. He was a Snyderville Basin Planning Commissioner and a former president

of Park City Rotary Club. His hobbies include woodworking, ham radio operating and playing Frisbee with his dogs. He has two daughters: Pilar, a freshman at the University of Portland (majoring in education) and Chloe, a junior at Judge Memorial.

Melissa DeFord lives in Park City with her husband, Colin, and their two daughters, Pilar and Chloe. A one-time stay at home mom, she has recently returned to school to pursue her master's degree in journalism and is working on her thesis. She enjoys reading, writing and being a dog mom, now that her children are mostly self-sufficient.

PLEASE WELCOME **BRUCE KAPLAN**

Bruce's occupations have included teaching, research and consulting in the area of organizational behavior and development. He's a native of Dayton, Ohio, and his home bases have mainly been Cincinnati, Idaho Falls, and Utah. His hobbies include fly-fishing, hiking, motorcycling, and canoeing. He came to Kol Ami shortly before his wife Terry passed away in September 2023.

SALE OF CHAMETZ IN PREPARATION FOR PASSOVER

We are required to remove all Chametz, "leaven," from our homes and possessions for the duration of the celebration of Passover. That is the reason why the tradition is to search for crumbs of Chametz on the eve of the holiday with a candle and a feather. On the following morning, preceding Passover, we burn this leaven, thus symbolically proclaiming our completion of an action intended to physically remove all Chametz from our possession.

In fact, with the best effort and intention we will probably overlook some scrap of Chametz, so we proceed to ritually sell all leftover leaven. Since we no longer have ownership of this leaven, if some remains in our homes, we are nevertheless not violating the law.

The laws of this sale are rather complex and require the construction of the proper instrument for effecting the transaction. Rabbi Samuel L. Spector will undertake the sale on behalf of the synagogue and any of its membership that appropriately designate him as their agent.

This is a real sale, not a mere legal fiction and is final and irrevocable. Rabbi Samuel L. Spector will, at the end of the holiday, repurchase any Chametz from the non-Jew to whom it was sold. In order for this to be a valid legal contract, the exchange of money is mandatory. Money not used for this legal transaction will be considered Tzedakah (a donation).

I/We hereby authorize Rabbi Samuel L. Spector to dispose of all Chametz in my/our possession wherever it may be, in accordance with the requirements of Jewish Law incorporated in the special contract for the sale of Chametz.



**Sell your Chametz by Sunday, April 21st
at conkolami.org/sale-of-chametz**



Send in your greeting or ad today!

CELEBRATE A MILESTONE, SIMCHA, OR SEND GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY IN OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

We are creating a special Membership Directory, and we're inviting members and businesses to be a part of it by placing an ad or greeting to the community.

Full-Page	7.25"w x 9.25"h	\$1000
Half-Page	7.25"w x 4.5"h	\$500
Quarter-Page	3.5"w x 4.5"h	\$360
Business Card Size	3.5"w x 2"h	\$150



PURCHASE A GREETING OR AD BY APRIL 15TH!

Scan the QR code or visit
conkolami.org/form/directory-2024

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to contact Lisa Kaufman at **801-484-1501** or **info@conkolami.org**.
Thank you for supporting our non-profit organization!

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Friday, April 26th • 12:15pm

All are invited to join Rabbi Spector for a Kosher-for-Passover lunch followed by a learning session about Passover.

conkolami.org/lunch-and-learn

Kol Ami Members: \$10 / **Guests:** \$15



CHOCOLATE SEDER

Sunday, April 21st • 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Immediately following religious school • Youth Lounge



Join KAJY for a fun afternoon as we celebrate Passover with a Chocolate Seder! Non-KAJY members (Yeladim – 7th Grade) are welcome to join for \$5 per child. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or visiting conkolami.org/kajy-chocolate-seder.

KAJY appreciates the support of Congregation Kol Ami and the United Jewish Federation of Utah

YOUNG ADULTS, AGES 21-40

PASSOVER WINE TASTING & MIXOLOGY

Wednesday, April 24th • 7:00pm

Join Rabbi Spector and BeeCHAIs as we mix up Passover-friendly cocktails and enjoy a wine tasting of select Passover wines!

\$15 per person. Ages 21+ only. RSVP at conkolami.org/mixology



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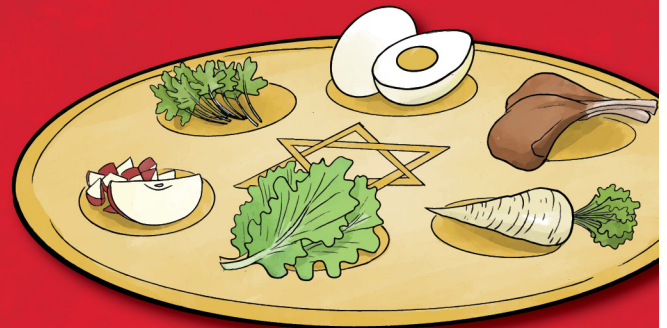
Passover

POP-UP
SHOP

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH
9:00AM – 12:30PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH
4:00PM – 6:30PM

*All proceeds benefit the
Rafi Schwartz Religious School*



JOIN US
FOR OUR

SUMMER SHABBATOT

We're looking for hosts for our Erev Shabbat services this summer! Services on Friday evenings begin at 6:30pm and take place at congregants' backyards or other special locations.



Sign up at conkolami.org/summershabbatot

Available dates: July 12th, July 19th, July 26th, August 9th, August 16th, August 23rd

Tot Shabbat

FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES



Join Rabbi Sam Spector and Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy in the sanctuary on the first Friday of each month for a personal, half-hour service of Shabbat songs and stories!

This program is for our younger children (typically age 7 and under) and their families. It is a great way for engaging your child in the traditions and meaning of Shabbat. We hope to see you there!

MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH!

JOSH & MOLLY BARON, APRIL 13TH



Josh and Molly Baron will become b'nai mitzvot on April 13, 2024. As twins, they have a special bond and consider each other "built-in best friends." Born in Chicago and moved to Salt Lake City in 2018, they are 7th graders at Clayton Middle School.

Josh, the older twin, is named "Yehoshua Aryeh," whose middle name is after one of his maternal grandfathers. Josh enjoys playing the piano, skiing, hiking, and participating in local combat robotics competitions (like Battle Bots). He also plays in the Avenues Baseball League.

Molly, born seven minutes after Josh, loves being the taller twin (at the moment) and is named "Malka

Simcha," which translates to "queen of joy," named in remembrance of her aunt, Missy Baron, who loved music festivals. You can find her performing on stage, dancing ballet and jazz, and spending time with friends. She can hardly walk across a room without doing a pirouette.

Josh and Molly have attended Kol Ami religious school for the past six years, attended JCC summer camps in Chicago and Salt Lake, and attended URJ Camp Kalsman in Arlington, Washington.

For their mitzvah projects, Josh and Molly baked cookies to raise money for pajamas and hygiene items for the Road Home shelter.

Josh and Molly would like to thank their teachers, Terry Kogan, David Asman, Mark Grosser, Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy, Rabbi Samuel L. Spector, the peer mentors, and their parents, Kelly and Steve, for helping them prepare for this occasion.

BEN MERTENS, MAY 11TH



Ben started life as an Angeleno but landed in Salt Lake City as soon as he could at the tender age of 1. He has grown up in the halls of Kol Ami and began his journey in the Rafi Schwartz Religious School at age 3 in Training Wheels. He is a 7th

grader at Realms of Inquiry School, where he enjoys traveling and rock climbing. Earlier this year, Ben spent over two weeks in Belize and Guatemala with his school, where he loved learning about Mayan ruins, reef ecology, and spending time with the Q'eqchi' people.

Outside of school and bar mitzvah prep, Ben enjoys karate, skiing, DJing, hunting, and spending time with his dogs. He is a TA for RSRS and loves babysitting during high holidays.

Ben proudly shares the name of his great-grandfather, Abbott Bennett Lipsky. A truly worthy namesake, Ben is known for the kindness, generosity, level-headedness, and love for his family that "Abba" exemplified.

Ben and his family would like to thank Rabbi Spector, Cantor Brown-Levy, Terry Kogan, and David Asman for all of their help and support during Ben's journey to the bimah.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH!

THOMAS DURAN, MAY 18TH



Thomas is a very charismatic boy with a great heart. For the first five years of his life he lived in Colombia. This allowed him to learn Spanish very well and experience two

different cultures and languages, broadening his skills and opening him up to new challenges and learning opportunities.

He loves to play basketball and participate in the local Junior Jazz league. He works hard to improve at his sport every day and to get to know new friends. He is happy any time he has a basketball in his hands. In his free time, he skateboards and enjoys making tortas and cheese bread with his mom and brother.

He is a responsible young man dedicated to his studies, and he has maintained his position as one of the best students in his math classes for multiple years with a capacity to quickly understand new concepts and humbly accept the praise he receives from his teachers.

As a Jew, he has had the privilege to grow and participate in Congregation Kol Ami for many years now, and it has been wonderful for him to meet other kids who share his same faith.

Thomas demonstrates his capacity to give unconditionally with a noble heart, having empathy for others, and lending his friends a hand any time they need, and learning through this that the Creator created us—like every other living being—with the purpose of giving.

Thomas would like to thank Terry Kogan, David Asman, Cantor Brown-Levy, Rabbi Spector, and the generous teachers of Kol Ami for their support as he prepares for his big day.

EDEN KALAY, JUNE 15TH



Eden is so excited to be having his bar mitzvah. His family has been members of the Kol Ami synagogue since 1986. His father, Amir, had his bar mitzvah at the exact same Bima in 1990. Eden is a 7th-generation Utahn on his mother Butterfly's side. His family roots run deep in Utah. His father came from Israel and Eden has a very strong

connection to his family over there.

He loves traveling, golfing, swimming, hiking, reading, gaming, and spending time with his friends.

Eden's mitzvah project revolves around helping the homeless. He wants his family to go spend time feeding the homeless and preparing care packages for those in need. In his life, he always demonstrates a willingness to sacrifice for others. Empathy and kindness govern his actions. Even as a young toddler of 3 with a new baby brother, Eden was more focused on the baby's needs than his own. We are so proud of his conviction on his journey and how hard he has worked to become a Bar Mitzvah. Thank you for sharing this occasion with us.

TY TRELOAR, JUNE 15TH



My name is Tiberias, but most people call me Ty. I am planning to become a Bar Mitzvah June 15th in the afternoon service. I am not a party type, so instead of having a reception, I am going on a trip to Rome and Greece. I am interested in old Roman and Greek architecture and since I have already been to Israel, these were next on my list.

To help the community as part of becoming a Bar Mitzvah, I am organizing clean ups on Utah hiking trails. You can find us on Meet Up app group called "Keep Trails Beautiful." Our first organized cleanup will be on April 6th at Hornets Canyon Grotto trail. This trail leads to a cool grotto, but the path often has litter and needs maintenance.

Outside of my studies and the outdoors, I enjoy building with my legos, playing video games, computer programming and skiing with my family.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH!

SOLOMON FOSTER, JUNE 22ND



Solomon is a wonderful human. He is kind, outgoing, fun to be around, and has a wonderful sense of humor. Sollie is growing into a phenomenal young adult. When hanging out with Solomon, it is easy to forget he's only 13, and not an adult friend.

He is mature well beyond his years.

Solomon enjoys basketball! He is on a competitive team that plays year-round. He also likes to mountain bike, ski, read, and ride his One Wheel. He likes to travel and find new adventures.

Solomon has enjoyed being a TA to the first grade class in the religious school. He has taken his role seriously. After his first day, he said his goal was to know all his kids' names by the next week. Whenever he sees one of his kiddos in the hallway, he gives them a fist bump and says "what's up" to them. It's

wonderful to see their faces light up, and to see the relationship that Sollie has built with them. Parents often comment on how much their kids love Solomon, and on what a kind person he is.

Solomon has enjoyed learning Hebrew and discovered that he has a knack for languages. He has embraced the challenge of preparing for his Bar Mitzvah with grace and fortitude. Over the past year, he has really started to develop his Jewish identity, often sharing information with classmates and friends, furthering their knowledge of Judaism. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Solomon delivered prayer books to hospital and prison chaplains.

Solomon would like to thank David Asman, Rabbi Samuel L. Spector, Terry Kogan, Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy, and all the teachers who have supported him over the past few years. He would also like to thank his family and friends whose love and support has helped him get to this milestone.

JUDE PLOTKIN, JUNE 29TH



Jude Plotkin has been attending the Rafi Schwartz Religious School since 1st grade when he and his family moved to Salt Lake City from Chicago. He is an engaged member of the community and enjoys both learning about Judaism and assisting the teachers in the

religious school as a Teacher's Assistant. When not attending middle school at Evergreen Jr. High, he can be found in the kitchen, creating both delicious meals and lovely sweet treats which he loves to share with his family and friends.

Jude is also an enthusiastic member of the TSA (Technology Student Association) where, for the last two years, he has competed in various tech related fields,

placing 3rd in the Utah state competition for game creation. For his mitzvah project, Jude has been raising money for the Rare Cancer Research Foundation, in loving memory of his father and everyone whose lives have been touched by a rare disease.

Jude would like to thank his teachers, particularly David Asman and Mark Grosser, as well as Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy, and Rabbi Sam Spector for all of their time and dedication to helping him learn Hebrew and trope. He would also like to thank his brother and sister, Gabe and Kaya Plotkin, who have also been instrumental in helping Jude prepare for his big day, and his mother, Tracy, for all of her support. Jude also wishes to acknowledge all of the family and friends, from near and far, who have supported him on his journey to become a bar mitzvah.



OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR, TAMARA KIPPER

The Rafi Schwartz Religious school will be coming to the end of the 5784 school year in May. But first, we have a few holidays that we will be celebrating together.

Passover is coming up and this will be the next holiday to celebrate together. The religious school will all come together to have a school-wide family mock seder. This year families are invited to attend with their students. Teachers and TAs will lead the students through the seder with a full seder plate.

KAJY will be having their annual chocolate seder again right after religious school on Sunday, April 21st. Students in Yeladim through 7th grade will celebrate Passover chocolate style. Non-KAJY members are welcome to join for just \$5.

Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, is in May and the religious school will be handing out the memorial candles again to each family. Each student will also get a blue "Never Forget" bracelet at religious school.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, is the following week. We will hand out Israeli flags and celebrate Israel.

Don't miss out on our **2nd, 3rd, and 4th Grade Shabbat** service on Friday, April 19th beginning at 5:30pm. We will be serving a kid-friendly dinner before the service begins.

Confirmation will be on Saturday, May 25th. Come see our 10th graders embrace their Jewish studies and their commitment to Judaism.

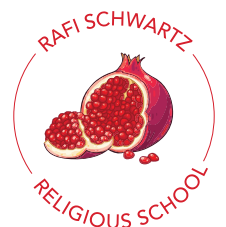
Our end of the school year party is coming up on Sunday, May 19th. This year we will be showing our appreciation to all the police officers that have kept us safe during religious school and other events. Be on the lookout for more information as it gets closer to the date.

I want to give a shout out to all the Rafi Schwartz Religious School Judaic Studies teachers, Hebrew teachers, TAs, and our wonderful parent committee! We could not have had such a successful year if it were not for your love of the students and Judaism. Your dedication each week really showed throughout the year with all the students. The parent committee really stepped up and helped throughout the year making each event and Family

Shabbat a memorable one. I want to give you all a huge thank you and invite everyone to celebrate you all! There will be a teacher, TA, and Parent Committee appreciation Shabbat on Friday, May 17th with a celebratory dinner after the service.

If you are interested in being a teacher or a TA for the 5785 school year, we are looking to fill some positions. Please reach out to me at rsdirector@conkolami.org.

In May, be on the lookout for early registration for the Rafi Schwartz Religious School. **The Rafi Schwartz Religious School 2024–2025 / 5785 school year will start on Sunday, September 8th.** Everyone that attended this past year will be auto-enrolled for the next school year. Please contact me if you wish to not re-enroll. In order to receive the early-bird pricing you must have made a payment in full or have a payment plan set up by June 14th.

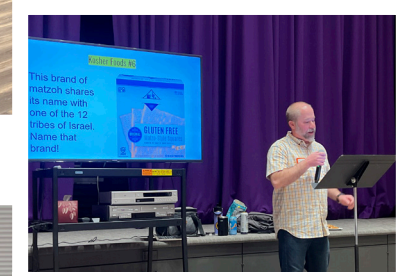


2023–2024 / 5784 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENT COMMITTEE

The new and improved Religious School Parent Committee is now in its second year! The planning for our next school year is already underway. We have many exciting new events in the works as well as the programming you have come to love and look forward to each year! If you would like to volunteer for a religious school event or become a part of our Parent Committee, please reach out to Religious School Administrative Assistant, Tracy Plotkin, at rsassistant@conkolami.org. We hope to see you soon!

2023–2024 / 5784 Religious School Parent Committee Members:

Breana Allegrini
Cheyenne Brown
Jenna Gould
Melanie Jenson
Nate Kogan
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Aimee Nussbaum
Mari Ransco
Sarah Shechter





OUR PROGRAM & ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR, GALIT LIVNE

HAPPY SPRING TO ALL MY LOVELY COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

We have enjoyed some beautiful and unique programs and events the past several months.

Our Mitzvah Day was a huge success! We assembled 738 sack lunches and 100 hygiene kits for homeless Utahns, we planted 300 seedlings for Esther's Garden where we grow produce for Utahns in need, 50 scarves and 100 warm hats were made from fleece, 50 cards were written to send to some of the thousands of Israeli kids displaced by the Hamas attack of October 7, dozens of letters to Utah policy makers were written, and 22 pints of blood were donated!

We had a delicious Iranian/Persian Shabbat dinner cooked by Lisa Cohne-Khadjenoury & Siamak Khadjenoury, and our Shabbat services were followed by a lecture from our dear friend and guest speaker Dr. Bahman Baktiari, where he told the story of Abdul Hossein Sardari—a top Iranian diplomat during World War II who is remembered as the “Iranian

Schindler” for his brave efforts to save Jews from the Nazis.

Rabbi Spector moderated a therapeutic Safe Space event on March 5th, where we provided an opportunity for congregants to open up and talk about their feelings and frustrations regarding the Israel-Hamas war.

For our March Sunday Schmooze, we had the honor of hearing from Board member Faye Lincoln for a presentation titled, “The Russia-Ukraine War: Global and Israeli Energy Solutions”. It was engaging, educational, and extremely informative. This was the first in a series of five geopolitical lectures by Faye, so make sure you don't miss the next ones!

Purim was celebrated in many ways. We baked 2,500 Hamantaschen, packed 450 Mishloach Manot bags that were delivered by 40 drivers to our members, supporters, Hillel students, and elderly living in nearby retirement homes. I'd like to thank all of the volunteers who helped to make this holiday a success!

Now let's look to the future! On April 1st, we will have our second program on the subject of the Great Salt Lake, where we'll screen the movie “Whales of the High Desert,” an award-winning Sundance nominee. Our next Wednesday Schmooze will be at the Pioneer Theatre to see a production of

“The Lehman Trilogy” after dining together before the show. Our April Rosh Chodesh event is going to be a service project helping out the SLC women community.

Passover is quickly approaching! We have wonderful events planned for all ages, such as our Community Seder on April 23rd for the second night of Passover, a Kosher-for-Passover wine tasting for our Young Adults on April 24th, and a Lunch & Learn on April 26th!

On May 26th, we will commemorate paying off our building's mortgage with a Lag B'Omer Mortgage Burning Celebration! We'll have BBQ, fire pits, s'mores, and live music. Please come celebrate with us!

In June, we have fun events planned in honor of Pride Month! Keep an eye out for details as we get closer.

Shavuot is June 11th-13th and we will be hosting Rabbi Dvora Weisberg, Ph.D., as our scholar-in-residence. Get ready for fantastic learning sessions and celebration of Torah!

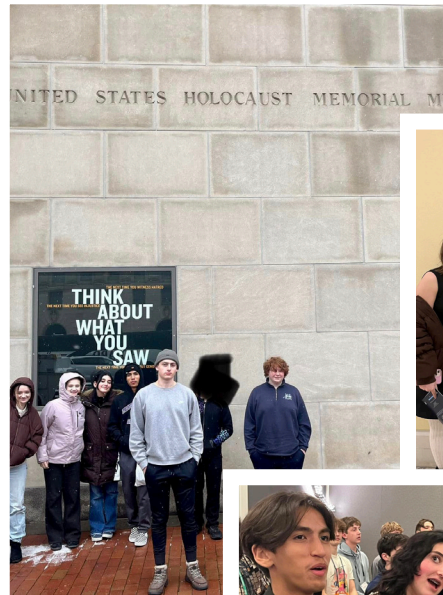
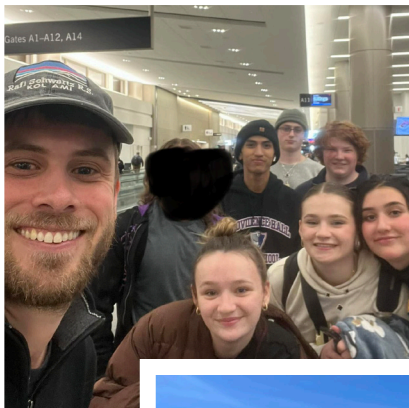
As you can see, we have many programs coming up for everyone! If you have fun ideas for future events, please reach out to me. I would love to hear what you'd like to see!

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Purim

TODAH RABBAH TO OUR
AMAZING DONORS & VOLUNTEERS



A big thank-you to the nearly 50 volunteers that helped to bake over 2,500 hamantaschen and deliver over 450 Purim goodie bags to our members and community friends. We appreciate everyone's efforts to make this a special holiday for all.

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SUMMER SHABBATON

AT STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR

AUGUST 2ND - 4TH

JOIN US FOR CAMPING,
COMMUNITY, AND LEARNING!
MORE DETAILS TO COME.

SAVE THE
DATE!



Rabbinic Commentaries

ONCE A MONTH FOLLOWING SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Join Rabbi Sam Spector once a month for a class on Rabbinic Commentaries looking primarily, but not exclusively, at Rashi and the Torah portion of the week. Please meet in the Library approximately 20 minutes after the service concludes.

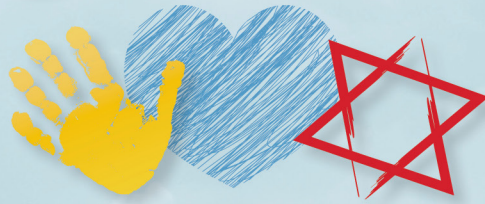
Upcoming Class Date: April 20th

Dates and time subject to change.



Mitzvah

DAY 2024



Thank you to everyone for making Mitzvah Day such a success!

We made **738 sack lunches** and **100 hygiene kits** for homeless Utahns, **planted 300 seedlings** for Esther's Garden, where we grow produce for Utahns in need, made **50 fleece scarves** and **100 warm hats**, decorated **50 cards** to send to some of the thousands of Israeli kids displaced by the Hamas attack of October 7th, wrote **dozens of letters** to Utah policy makers, and donated **22 pints of blood!**



SUNDAY SCHMOOZE

US vs China-Supply Chain Issues: EVs, Semiconductors, and Israeli Technology

Sunday, April 28th
Congregation Kol Ami

9:30am Light Breakfast

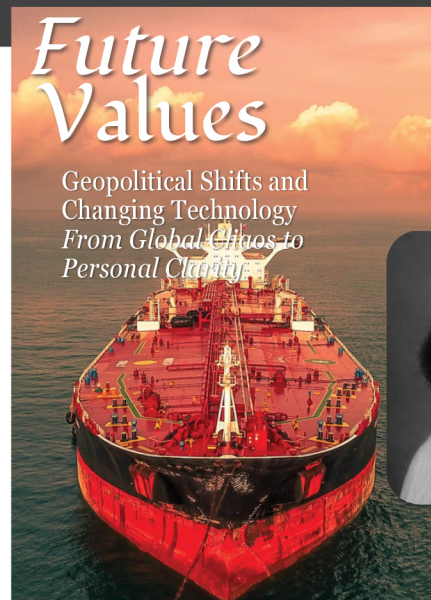
10:00am Lecture

The world appears to be in chaos and it's hard to make sense of it all! But underneath society's accelerating change, driven by shifts in global geopolitics and changing technology, a new order is beginning to develop. Using powerful visuals, we will connect the dots to understand the impact of these changes.

This lecture, part of a monthly series, will apply a new model of future values through the lens of Jewish values to supply chain constraints between the US and China by focusing on:

- Electric vehicle growth in China and the US
- Semiconductors and the link to Taiwan
- Bringing advanced manufacturing back to the US through public policy
- Israel's leadership role in research and development in these industries

This is the second of a five-part series. Additional dates: June 2nd, August 18th, September 22nd. Learn more and RSVP at conkolami.org/faye-lincoln



Faye Lincoln

Kol Ami Member and author of the acclaimed *Values That Shape the World*



Introduction to Jewish Life

Thursdays • 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Congregation 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.

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VIA ZOOM**

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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 as well as the origins of antisemitism in Christian Europe.

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EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT ESTHER'S GARDEN

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST • 12:00PM

Since 2014, Esther's Garden has donated over a ton of produce to Utahns in need. Esther's Garden is launching its 11th season on Earth Day weekend, April 21st! Join us for a fun afternoon celebrating the garden with speakers, a Native American dance performance, and getting to work as we compost to the grapes and put down weed barrier. Refreshments will be served.

Please contact Siamak Khadjenoury at siamakk@msn.com or Gary Strahinic at g.strahinic@gmail.com with any questions.



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Jewish Family Service
Caring for all Utahns since 1872

DONATION DRIVE

We are collecting **cooking oil, spices, baby food, and formula** now through April 12th. Bins are located in the South and West Foyers.

Jewish Family Service strengthens individuals and families of all backgrounds through counseling, advocacy, care management, and education.

Learn more at jfsutah.org

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FREIDA SWEITZER MOBILE FOOD PANTRY



Congregation Kol Ami partners with Utah Food Bank's Mobile School Pantry to distribute food to students and parents in the safety of their own playground. Your donations and volunteer hours help to keep this program going. **Contact Bonnie Rokeach at bonnies@msn.com to sign up!** Learn more and donate to support the program at conkolami.org/cka-utah-food-bank.



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APRIL 2024

ADAR II / NISAN 5784

SUNDAY Yom Rishon	MONDAY Yom Sheni	TUESDAY Yom Schlishi	WEDNESDAY Yom Revi'i	THURSDAY Yom Chamishi	FRIDAY Yom Shishi	SATURDAY Shabbat
	1 • 22 Adar II 6:30pm Celebrate the Great Salt Lake	2 • 23 Adar II	3 • 24 Adar II	4 • 25 Adar II Seniors Trip to Atlanta & Alabama 6:30pm Introduction to Jewish Life	5 • 26 Adar II Seniors Trip to Atlanta & Alabama 5:30pm Tot Shabbat Service 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service 7:39pm Candle Lighting	6 • 27 Adar II Shabbat Mevarchim Parshat Hachodesh, Shmini Seniors Trip to Atlanta & Alabama 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service 9:30am 7th Grade Shabbat Class 12:45pm Kiddush sponsored by Rachel Benator 8:40pm Havdalah
7 • 28 Adar II Seniors Trip to Atlanta & Alabama 8:00am Minyan 9:00am RSRS 9:15am Coffee and Community 2:00pm KAJY at the Aquarium 4:30 pm Evolution of Judaism	8 • 29 Adar II	9 • 1 Nisan Rosh Chodesh Nisan 6:30pm Rosh Chodesh Women's Group	10 • 2 Nisan 4:15pm RSRS 6:15pm KAJY Lounge Night 6:20pm Peer Mentor/B'nai Mitzvah Mishpacha Class 7:00pm Wednesday Schmooze at the Pioneer Theatre Company	11 • 3 Nisan 6:30pm Introduction to Jewish Life	12 • 4 Nisan 6:30pm Shir Shabbat Service with the Kol Ami Band & Choir 7:45pm Shabbat Dinner 7:46pm Candle Lighting	13 • 5 Nisan Tazria 9:30am Josh & Molly Baron's B'nai Mitzvah Service 9:30am 7th Grade Shabbat Class 1:30pm Mincha Service & Baby Naming 8:48pm Havdalah
14 • 6 Nisan 9:00am RSRS 10:00am Baby and Me 11:00am Town Hall 4:30pm Evolution of Judaism	15 • 7 Nisan	16 • 8 Nisan	17 • 9 Nisan 4:15pm RSRS 6:15pm KAJY Lounge Night 6:20pm Peer Mentor/B'nai Mitzvah Mishpacha Class 7:00pm Board Meeting	18 • 10 Nisan 6:30pm Introduction to Jewish Life	19 • 11 Nisan 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service 7:54pm Candle Lighting	20 • 12 Nisan Shabbat HaGadol, Metzora 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service 9:30am 7th Grade Shabbat Class 1:00pm Rabbinic Commentaries 8:55pm Havdalah
21 • 13 Nisan 9:00am RSRS Mock Passover Seder 10:00am Training Wheels 12:00pm KAJY Chocolate Seder 4:30pm Evolution of Judaism	22 • 14 Nisan Erev Pesach Taanit Bechorot 7:57pm Candle Lighting	23 • 15 Nisan Pesach Office Closed 9:30am Passover Day 1 Service 6:30pm Community Passover Seder 8:58pm Candle Lighting	24 • 16 Nisan Pesach 1st Day Omer Office Closed 9:30am Passover Day 2 Service 7:00pm Young Adult Passover Event 8:59pm Havdalah	25 • 17 Nisan Chol Hamoed Pesach 2nd Day Omer	26 • 18 Nisan Chol Hamoed Pesach 3rd Day Omer 12:15pm Passover Lunch & Learn 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service 8:01pm Candle Lighting	27 • 19 Nisan Chol Hamoed Pesach 4th Day Omer 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service 9:02pm Havdalah
28 • 20 Nisan Chol Hamoed Pesach 5th Day Omer 9:30am Sunday Schmooze: Faye Lincoln Lecture Series 4:30 pm Evolution of Judaism 8:03pm Candle Lighting	29 • 21 Nisan Pesach 6th Day Omer Office Closed 9:30am Passover Day 7 Service 9:04pm Candle Lighting	30 • 22 Nisan Pesach, Yizkor 7th Day Omer Office Closed 9:30am Passover Day 8 & Yizkor Service 9:05pm Havdalah				

MAY 2024

NISAN / IYYAR 5784

SUNDAY Yom Rishon	MONDAY Yom Sheni	TUESDAY Yom Schlishi	WEDNESDAY Yom Revi'i	THURSDAY Yom Chamishi	FRIDAY Yom Shishi	SATURDAY Shabbat
			1 • 23 Nisan 8th Day Omer 4:15pm RSRS 6:15pm KAJY Lounge Night 6:20pm Peer Mentor/B'nai Mitzvah Mishpacha Class	2 • 24 Nisan 9th Day Omer 6:30pm Introduction to Jewish Life	3 • 25 Nisan 10th Day Omer 5:30pm Tot Shabbat Service 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service 8:08pm Candle Lighting	4 • 26 Nisan Shabbat Mevarchim 11th Day Omer Achrei Mot 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service 9:30am 7th Grade Shabbat Class 9:09pm Havdalah
5 • 27 Nisan 12th Day Omer 8:00am Minyan 9:00am RSRS 10:00am Training Wheels 12:00pm KAJY Event 4:30 pm Evolution of Judaism	6 • 28 Nisan Yom HaShoah 13th Day Omer	7 • 29 Nisan 14th Day Omer	8 • 30 Nisan Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 15th Day Omer 4:15pm RSRS 6:20pm Peer Mentor/B'nai Mitzvah Mishpacha Class	9 • 1 Iyyar Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 16th Day Omer 6:30pm Introduction to Jewish Life	10 • 2 Iyyar 17th Day Omer 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service 8:15pm Candle Lighting	11 • 3 Iyyar 18th Day Omer Kedoshim 9:30am Ben Mertens' Bar Mitzvah Service 9:30am 7th Grade Shabbat Class 9:16pm Havdalah
12 • 4 Iyyar 19th Day Omer Mother's Day 4:30pm Evolution of Judaism	13 • 5 Iyyar Yom Hazikaron 20th Day Omer	14 • 6 Iyyar Yom Ha'Atzmaut 21st Day Omer 6:30pm Rosh Chodesh Women's Group	15 • 7 Iyyar 22nd Day Omer 4:15pm RSRS 6:15pm KAJY Lounge Night 6:20pm Peer Mentor/B'nai Mitzvah Mishpacha Class 7:00pm Board Meeting	16 • 8 Iyyar 23rd Day Omer 7:30am Minyan 6:30pm Introduction to Jewish Life	17 • 9 Iyyar 24th Day Omer 6:30pm 2nd-4th Grade, Teacher & Parent Committee Appreciation, and Shir Shabbat Service 7:45pm Peruvian Shabbat Dinner 8:22pm Candle Lighting	18 • 10 Iyyar 25th Day Omer, Emor 9:30am Thomas Duran's Bar Mitzvah Service 9:30am 7th Grade Shabbat Class 9:23pm Havdalah
19 • 11 Iyyar 26th Day Omer 9:00am RSRS End of Year & Police Appreciation Party 4:30pm Evolution of Judaism	20 • 12 Iyyar 27th Day Omer	21 • 13 Iyyar 28th Day Omer	22 • 14 Iyyar Pesach Sheni 29th Day Omer	23 • 15 Iyyar 30th Day Omer 6:30pm Introduction to Jewish Life	24 • 16 Iyyar 31st Day Omer 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service 8:29pm Candle Lighting	25 • 17 Iyyar 32nd Day Omer, Behar 9:30am Shabbat Morning & 10th Grade Confirmation Service 9:29pm Havdalah
26 • 18 Iyyar Lag B'Omer 33rd Day Omer 4:30pm Evolution of Judaism 6:00pm Lag B'Omer Bonfire & BBQ	27 • 19 Iyyar 34th Day Omer Memorial Day Office Closed	28 • 20 Iyyar 35th Day Omer	29 • 21 Iyyar 36th Day Omer	30 • 22 Iyyar 37th Day Omer	31 • 23 Iyyar 38th Day Omer 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service 8:34pm Candle Lighting	

JUNE 2024

IYYAR / SIVAN 5784

SUNDAY Yom Rishon	MONDAY Yom Sheni	TUESDAY Yom Schlishi	WEDNESDAY Yom Revi'i	THURSDAY Yom Chamishi	FRIDAY Yom Shishi	SATURDAY Shabbat
						1 • 24 Iyyar Shabbat Mevarchim 39th Day Omer Bechukotai 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service 9:35pm Havdalah
2 • 25 Iyyar 40th Day Omer 8:00am Minyan 9:30am Sunday Schmooze: Faye Lincoln Lecture Series 10:00am Pride Parade 4:30pm Evolution of Judaism	3 • 26 Iyyar 41st Day Omer	4 • 27 Iyyar 42nd Day Omer	5 • 28 Iyyar Yom Yerushalayim 43rd Day Omer	6 • 29 Iyyar 44th Day Omer	7 • 1 Sivan Rosh Chodesh Sivan 45th Day Omer 5:00pm Tot Shabbat Service 6:30pm Pride Erev Shabbat Service 7:45pm Pride Shabbat Dinner 8:39pm Candle Lighting	8 • 2 Sivan 46th Day Omer Bamidbar 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service 9:39pm Havdalah
9 • 3 Sivan 47th Day Omer 9:15am Coffee and Community 4:30pm Evolution of Judaism	10 • 4 Sivan 48th Day Omer	11 • 5 Sivan Erev Shavuot 49th Day Omer 7:30pm Dinner & Tikkun Leil Shavuot 8:41pm Candle Lighting	12 • 6 Sivan Shavuot—1st Day Office Closed 9:30am Shavuot Day 1 Service 12:15pm Shavuot Lunch & Learn 6:30pm Rosh Chodesh Women's Group's "Women in the Bible" 9:41pm Candle Lighting	13 • 7 Sivan Shavuot, Yizkor Office Closed 9:30am Shavuot Day 2 Service & Yizkor 9:42pm Havdalah	14 • 8 Sivan 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service 8:42pm Candle Lighting	15 • 9 Sivan Nasso 9:30am Eden Kalay's Bar Mitzvah Service 2:30pm Ty Treloar's Bar Mitzvah Mincha Service 9:42pm Havdalah
16 • 10 Sivan Father's Day 4:30pm Evolution of Judaism	17 • 11 Sivan	18 • 12 Sivan	19 • 13 Sivan Juneteenth Office Closed 7:00pm Board Meeting	20 • 14 Sivan	21 • 15 Sivan 6:30pm Shir Shabbat Service with the Kol Ami Band & Choir 7:45pm Shabbat Dinner & Farewell to Cantor 8:44pm Candle Lighting	22 • 16 Sivan Beha'alotcha 9:30am Solomon Foster's Bar Mitzvah Service 9:44pm Havdalah
23 • 17 Sivan 9:00am Kol Ami Outdoors Hike 4:30pm Evolution of Judaism	24 • 18 Sivan	25 • 19 Sivan	26 • 20 Sivan	27 • 21 Sivan	28 • 22 Sivan 6:30pm Summer Erev Shabbat Service in Esther's Garden 8:45pm Candle Lighting	29 • 23 Sivan Shabbat Mevarchim Sh'lach 9:30am Jude Plotkin's Bar Mitzvah Service 9:44pm Havdalah
30 • 24 Sivan 4:30pm Evolution of Judaism						

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Please forgive us if anyone was left off!

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HELP PLAN OUR SUMMER CAMPING SHABBATON

Sign up now by scanning
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ROSH CHODESH

women's group

This group is open to all women ages 21+ that are members of the synagogue or are currently enrolled in our Introduction to Jewish Life Course.*

APRIL 9TH: Donation Drive & Making Hygiene Kits for the Utah Women's Homeless Shelter

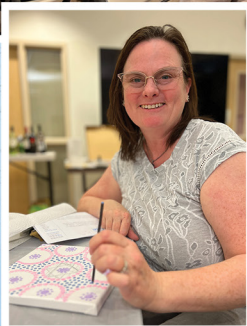
MAY 14TH: Discussion about What is Rosh Chodesh? How can you bring it into your home?



Keep up to date and RSVP for our events at conkolami.org/rosh-chodesh

Please reach out to racheld.lemieux@gmail.com with any questions.

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Coffee and Community

Sunday, June 9th • 9:15am – 10:45am

Beans & Brews 3255 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City

Take a break from the daily grind and grab a cup of coffee with your fellow congregants and Rabbi too!



kol ami's annual tomato plant sale

Ann Bernstein and Rochelle Kaplan have generously offered to keep the Kol Ami tradition of a spring tomato, eggplant, and hot and sweet pepper plant sale going. Order online at conkolami.org/tomato-plant-sale for pick up in May!

\$5 each or \$20 for five



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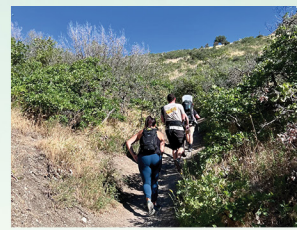
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UPCOMING DATES: June 23rd

Keep up to date by scanning the QR code
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Kol Ami Outdoors is a club that organizes outdoor activities, such as hikes in the beautiful outdoor spaces we cherish here in Utah as we incorporate Jewish values while building relationships with fellow congregants!



SHAVUOT

Come celebrate Shavuot with Congregation Kol Ami! Shavuot is a holiday that is about more than just cheesecake (though there will indeed be cheesecake), but about our receiving of the Torah and the Ten Commandments.

Tuesday, June 11th • 8:30pm

7:30pm — Erev Shavuot Dinner

8:30pm — Tikkun Leil Shavuot with Rabbi Dvora Weisberg, Ph.D.

Wednesday, June 12th

9:30am — Shavuot Day 1 Service

12:15pm — Lunch & Learn talmudic Study with Rabbi Dvora Weisberg, Ph.D.

6:30pm — Rosh Chodesh Women's Group's "Women in the Bible" with Rabbi Dvora Weisberg, Ph.D.

Thursday, June 13th • 9:30am

9:30am — Shavuot Day 2 and Yizkor Service



Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Dvora Weisberg, Ph.D.

Rabbi Dvora Weisberg is the Rabbi Aaron Panken Professor of Rabbinics and the Director of the Rabbinical School at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

She received her B.A. from Brandeis University. Her undergraduate thesis was entitled "Can the Demands of Jewish Feminists Be Met Within the Halakhic System?" She received her M.A. and Ph.D. in Talmud and Rabbinic Literature from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and was ordained at HUC-JIR in Los Angeles.

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The Mitzvah Network is now known as the Chesed Caring Committee

Need a ride to synagogue? Visit while in the hospital? Need a meal delivered after you've had a baby or been too ill to cook?

Our Chesed Caring Committee is here to provide a helping hand! We are currently seeking volunteers to help out with this important service we provide to our community.

Contact Nancy Strahinic, Chesed Chairperson, at nancy.strahinic@gmail.com if you know of someone in need or can help fulfill a need in the community.

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Preparing your Kosher food list?

Contact David Litvack at davidlitvack@hotmail.com to place your order or learn more.

A LEGACY IS FOREVER

CREATE YOURS TODAY

“As my parents planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who will come after me.” —Talmud

As a community, we all hope that those places that create Jewish life and meaning in our lives will remain vibrant and strong into the future. Life & Legacy, an initiative of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, helps individuals and families create legacy gifts, providing a permanent source of support for the Jewish causes we care about. It is founded on the principle that all of us, regardless of age, wealth, or affiliation, can make an enduring impact. Your consideration of a legacy gift will ensure the continuation of our Utah Jewish community for future generations.

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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JEWISH DAY AT THE CAPITOL

On Jewish Day at the Capitol this year, members of Congregation Kol Ami, the National Council of Jewish Women, and Chavurah B'Yachad met with dozens of state legislators in support of two top priorities:

1. **Ending homelessness in Utah:** We supported Gov. Cox's proposal for \$193 million in funding for homelessness and housing affordability initiatives. While the Legislature did not fund this entire request, they did provide over \$50 million, including sufficient funding to open a second family shelter in Salt Lake County this year and also \$25 million for a new emergency homeless shelter with 600 to 800 beds.
2. **Supporting Rep. Doug Owens' HB127:** Victim Targeting Reporting to create a central reporting and tracking system for hate crimes in Utah. The bill came out of committee with a unanimous vote the very morning of Jewish Day at the Capitol, but unfortunately it never received a floor vote. We expect it will be a top priority for the Jewish community and our partners again next year.

For more details about these priorities, visit conkolami.org/jewishday



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Get in touch with Matthew Weinstein at weinsteinm@gmail.com.



MAZEL TOV!

Ivy Smith and Jacob Rosenzweig welcomed
Esther Augusta Rosenzweig
on November 2, 2023

Channah and Spencer Rosenberg welcomed
Levi Rosenberg
on January 5, 2024

Leora Norkin and Paul Sherrill welcomed
Ira Anthony Norkin
on January 31, 2024

Melissa Jensen, Michael Weidner, and Josie and Jackson
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By Carol Hochstadt

COMFORTABLE FOR ALL JEWS

Our congregation is a merged one, so our members practice many levels of observance. When Kol Ami was formed and initial discussions of kashrut were held, it was decided that we would have kosher kitchens and that all food served from those kitchens would be strictly kosher. This would ensure that any Jew who came to our synagogue would feel comfortable eating with us—from the least observant, secular Jew to the most observant Rabbi. Similarly, we operate three cemeteries, one of which is labeled “Reform” and two of which cater to more observant Jews. But we have structured our rules so that any Jewish person, from the least observant to the most observant, should feel comfortable when visiting any of the three cemeteries.

This is primarily achieved by controlling what can be displayed on our properties but also by limiting access and conduct in ways that are acceptable to all branches of Judaism. What this means is that although in B’nai Israel we allow the burial of non-Jewish spouses and their minor children, we are very clear that they are being buried in a Jewish cemetery, not a non-denominational one. Among other things, this means that: 1) clergy of a faith other than Judaism may not officiate at the cemetery; 2) we enforce rules about what symbols may be displayed on the headstone; and 3) any ritual at a burial must be Jewish. All of these requirements are laid out in our “Rules and Regulations” document, and anyone who is uncomfortable with them would be advised to make burial arrangements elsewhere.

One problem we have is that many of those interred in our cemeteries have living relatives or friends who are not Jewish and who do not know or understand

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be a blessing!*

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our rules. We know that they mean well, and likely think that it is perfectly natural to bring a Christmas wreath to the cemetery to place on the grave of a loved one. While we want to be sensitive to the needs of these relatives, unfortunately when Jewish people visit the cemetery and see this perceived Christian symbol, they may be uncomfortable. For that reason, if any cemetery Trustee or one of our cemetery maintenance employees sees such an item on our grounds, they will immediately remove it. If we know who has left the item, we will notify them so that they will avoid the expense of bringing such items in the future.

One way that we do our best to ensure that any Jew who visits our cemeteries will feel comfortable with what they see is by having an approval process for the writing and artwork on our monuments. Some symbols are present in both Judaism and other religions, such as the dove, the olive branch, or a book—and of course they will be approved. But there are others, such as the fish, crescent moon, anchor,

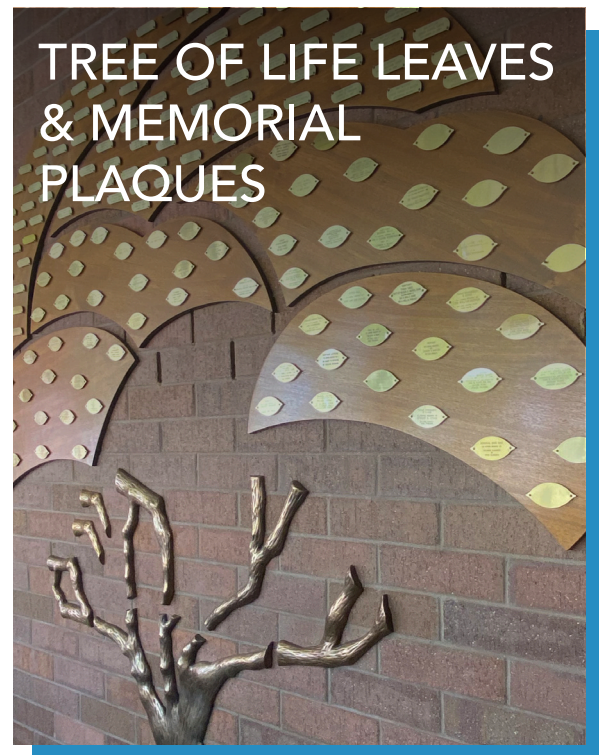
crosses of any type, and some flowers with Christian symbolism that will not be approved. For example, whereas Easter lilies are recognizable Christian symbols, the monument company can depict a different variety of lily which will be fine.

The bottom line is that monuments are public displays that will be viewed by all visitors to the cemetery, not just by the family of the particular deceased. For that reason, we try our best to ensure that nothing on the monument will cause the average Jewish person any discomfort. Happily, our local monument companies are very knowledgeable so our needing to reject a design is very rare.

In addition to all that the Cemetery Association does to maintain the yiddishkeit of our cemeteries, we appreciate that our visitors generally act in a respectful manner and maintain the Jewish character and dignity of our properties. We also assume that the souls that have been entrusted to our care and their families are appreciative.

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Leaf (Small) <i>Memorial / In Honor</i>	\$100	\$200
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KOL AMI JEWISH YOUTH

Our Youth Director, Ari Steinberg, and Religious School Director, Tamara Kipper, have been working hard with exciting events for the 2023 – 2024 school year for kids in 3rd – 7th grade!

LOUNGE NIGHTS

Socialize and play games with friends twice a month on Wednesdays after religious school from 6:15 pm – 8:00 pm. Dinner and drinks will be served and homework help with staff will be available. \$5 for non-members.

KID-ORIENTED CELEBRATIONS

We will celebrate holidays including Rosh Hashanah, Tashlich, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Chanukah, Tu B'Shevat, Purim, and Passover.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & VOLUNTEERING

Make a difference in our community with opportunities like Clean up in Esther's Garden and Mitzvah Day.

FIELD TRIPS

Throughout the year we will have various field trips to Cross E Ranch, bowling, Loveland Living Planet Aquarium, and Hogle Zoo! Individual event details to come.

Join KAJY for many more fun ways to make friends and get involved with your Jewish community!

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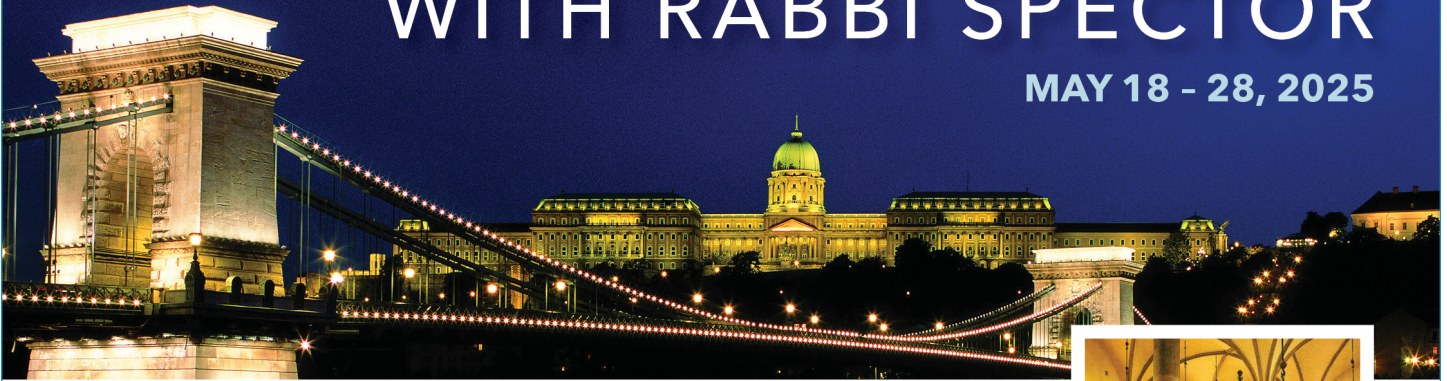


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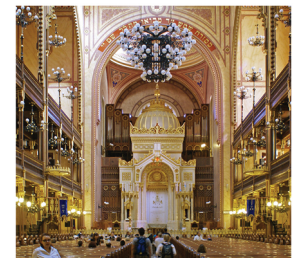


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9:00am – 10:30am
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Join us for this invaluable FREE support group tailored for caregivers of individuals living with dementia or similar conditions, as they navigate the journey of anticipating loss. Over the course of ten weeks, participants will find solace, enhance their pre-loss grief coping mechanisms, and develop essential self-care practices.

Sessions will be held via Zoom on Fridays, from 9:00 to 10:30 am, starting March 8th and concluding on May 10th. Facilitated by Katie Young, CSW, and Rachel Winward, CSW, this workshop promises a supportive environment for growth and healing.

To learn more and secure your spot, please email Rachel at rachel@jfsutah.org or Katie at katie@jfsutah.org.

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As a member of prestigious organizations like the Ogden Palette Club, Utah Watercolor Society, and Wasatch Audubon Society, Susan's work has been showcased in various exhibitions, including the Eccles Community Art Center, the Ogden Arts Festival, and even the International Environmental Art Show at Lesley University in Cambridge, MA. With a background in journalism, Susan also shares her expertise through freelance articles on nature and the environment, aiding others in using writing to complement their journal illustrations.

This FREE class is for adults 55+ and most materials are included. Class time has changed this month. It will be held online, Wednesdays from 10:00am to 11:00am.

Space is limited, and materials will need to be ordered. Please register by February 29th by emailing Emily Christensen at emily@jfsutah.org.

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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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