



CONGREGATION KOL AMI

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A dynamic, diverse and inclusive congregational family

QUICK NOTES

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Interested in joining our Kol Ami family: Contact Larry Gelb at (816) 942-4954 or larrygelb@kc.rr.com.

To make a contribution: Contact Marge Brodtkin at (913) 642-8984 or marge623@juno.com, or mail your contribution to her at 8415 Cambridge, Leawood, KS 66206.

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Kol Ami Website:
www.kolamik.com

CALENDAR *HIGHLIGHTS*

Friday, June 5

6:00 p.m. Potluck Shabbat Dinner. 7:00 p.m. Worship Celebration. June Anniversaries will be recognized.

Friday, June 12

7:30 p.m. Worship Celebration Members with June Birthdays will be recognized.

Sunday, June 14

10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting.
7:00 p.m. **Boogie to Broadway**
Jewish Community Campus

Saturday, June 20

10:30 a.m. Worship Service.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER

CANTOR PAUL C. SILBERSHER



Be Counted...Because You Count

Dear Kol Ami Family,

The Book of Numbers begins with the message from God to Moses to take a census and to name names of the Tribes of Israel. On Sunday morning, June 14 at 10:00 a.m. at Congregation Kol Ami, you and I will have the opportunity to be counted among those who came to our 6th Annual Meeting. On the High Holy Days, we have the opportunity to come together to “meet with God.”

At our Annual Meeting, we meet on a social basis to celebrate old friendships and to make new ones. We remind ourselves why we joined Congregation Kol Ami, why it will continue to be our Spiritual Home and to consider what each of us must do to see to it that our “Family” continues to flourish. There will be those in our midst who have been nominated and have agreed to be bearers of the primary responsibility for leading our Congregation. They are seeking to be the Officers and Trustees of Kol Ami. I urge you to be present on June 14 to be counted in this crucial moment of choosing our leadership for the next two years. I hope that I can count on you...to be there.

Sending Love,
Paul

Message from Interim President Constance Bernstein

Our Congregational meeting will begin with a continental breakfast at 10:00 a.m. in the social hall at Kol Ami.

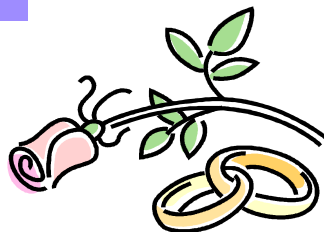
We will have a report from the treasurer and an introduction of the proposed slate of officers and trustees. Congregants will have an opportunity to meet and hear from each one of them. Please make every effort to attend this important event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every board Trustee that has served Kol Ami’s Board of Trustees since our beginning. Their dedication and guidance has helped us to grow and develop. They have had to make some very difficult decisions along the way but have always done what they consider to be in the best interest of Kol Ami.

Kol Ami also needs each congregant to offer their time and talents. We have so many goals to achieve and your support is necessary. A list of committees and their chairpersons will be available. You are not only encouraged but will be welcome on any committee you choose. Involvement is a wonderful way to connect with the Kol Ami Family. We look forward to your participation.

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Christina Sell
- 3 Sharon Hoffman
- 7 Lisa Greenwald
- 9 Beverly Nichols
- 10 Sharon Scrogam
- 11 Patrick Buckley
- 13 Judy Bond
- 15 Steve Chernoff
- 18 Renay Agron
- 19 Joyce Shanin
- 21 Felice McDaniel
- 22 Michael Oshiver
- 23 Marge Brodtkin
- 26 Nancy Sickle
- 27 Stacey Weingarten
- 28 Ron Scrogam
- 30 Louis Breinin
- 30 Elizabeth Rosin



MEMORY & HONOR DONATIONS

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Ben & Gina Silk

In memory of Yahrzeit of Dorothy Silk

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Mickey & Carla Lieberman

In memory of Yahrzeit of Nina Bassin Kahn

Irving & Gloria Schlossenberg

In memory of Pauline Milgrim

In appreciation of contributions and best wishes for their anniversary and Irving's illness

GENERAL FUND

Sam & Janice Balot

In honor of anniversary of Irving & Gloria

Schlossenberg

Nadine Gordon

In memory of Ellen Abramson Rosenfeld

Roberta Solomon

In honor of Congregation Kol Ami

David Wheaton

In memory of Yahrzeit of Annie Turner

In memory of Yahrzeit of Maxine Wheaton

Sam & Donna Zavalo

In honor of anniversary of Irving & Gloria

Schlossenberg

In honor of recovery of Howard Naster

MUSIC ENHANCEMENT FUND

Evelyn Young

In honor of Lee Fenwick's conversion

ONEG SHABBAT FUND

Marvin & Sheila Goldberg & Lisa Levine

In honor of law school graduation of

Corey Glass

In memory of Yahrzeit of Edythe Goldberg

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Carlyn & Rick Katz
- 3 Christina & Louis Breinin
- 4 Deborah & Andy Scott
- 9 Deborah & Barry Speert
- 12 Sandra & Jerry Bernstein
- 13 Sharon Coopersmith Soltz & Morris Soltz
- 15 Bonnie & Dr. Carl Schulkin
- 18 Barbara & Dr. Charles Gorodetzky
- 19 Janice & Michael Panknin
- 19 Judith & Marshall Weingarten
- 24 Rhonda & Brian Levinson
- 26 Jill & Dr. Michael Fine



Gloria and Irving Schlossenberg would like to say thanks for all the cards and calls that mean so much to them.



June 5, 2009—POTLUCK DINNER

Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m.

Worship Service will be at 7:00 p.m.

Please bring the following

Names beginning with:

A-H (salad or fruit)

I-N (meat)

O-Z (vegetables or potatoes)

Hospitality Committee needs a table count

Please call 913-642-9000

Leaving name and how many are in your group



CONGREGANT'S CORNER

Lara Steinel has received a special honor by being invited to sing at the Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival in Harrisonburg, VA in June of this year. She will sing at its noon chamber music series. This could be the first time in the festival's 17 year history that Jewish music will be performed. Lara states, "the choice of what to sing was incredibly difficult...so much music I love and only 10 minutes allotted for my segment."

The selections she chose are three pieces that hint at the incredible diversity that Jewish music offers. **Hin'ni**, a Yom Kippur prayer in English by Michael Isaacson; **Wiegala**, a German lullaby by Ilse Weber, a Jewish composer who died in Theresienstadt; and **Avram Avinu**, a spirited traditional Latino folk song. In addition to the concert series, Lara will also join about 35 other singers in full performances of Handel's beloved oratorios, **Messiah** and **Samson**. The festival will culminate in a Leipzig service at which the chamber choir will sing a Bach cantata and other sacred works.

At the last festival Lara attended, she was honored to have been asked to offer a prayer in Hebrew. She said the "Shehechyanu" and because the featured performers were Cuba's incredible choir, Exaudi, she was asked to also translate it into Spanish for them. What a rich rewarding experience. Mazel Tov!

SUMMER SHABBAT SERVICES

Once again, starting July 3rd, during Cantor Silbersher's vacation time, congregants will be leading Shabbat Worship Services. If you are interested in participating by either leading services, reading Torah, giving Torah interpretations or presenting a sermon, please contact Larry Gelb at 816-942-4954 or larrygelb@kc.rr.com.

A few creative ideas are being explored, in order to make services more meaningful and spiritual. The idea of a "Potluck Shabbat" is being discussed where congregants could bring their favorite prayers and readings and present them to the congregation. More info will be forthcoming, but if you are interested in participating in services, please contact Larry.



K. A. KARES CONNECTION

At Kol Ami, caring for each other is everyone's responsibility. Small gestures can matter more than you know. Several congregants have donated greeting cards for the committee to use. These beautiful cards are very much appreciated. Thank you.

Your KARES Committee provides opportunities for caring interactions. We are here to help, but cannot do so unless we hear about your situation.

If you can lend a hand sometimes, please let us know.

Thank you again and again.
Evelyn Gelb, KARES Chairman
816-942-4954



ONE CALL DOES IT ALL

Jewish Senior Network (JSN), a program of the Jewish Federation, is a comprehensive program designed to assist Jewish seniors, disabled adults and their families. JSN provides four distinct services: 1) *information and referral*; 2) *no-cost needs assessment* and recommendations to improve a client's health, independence, and welfare; 3) *no-cost case management* which arranges for services and advocates for the client; and 4) *financial subsidy* for approved goods and services for those seniors and disabled adults who qualify. Contact Christine Jamerson, coordinator, at (913) 327-4677 or by email at jsn@jewishkc.org. You can also view the website at www.jewishkansascity.org.

KOL AMI CALENDAR

| June | | |
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| Monday | 1 | 7:00 p.m. "Torah & More" led by Barry Speert. |
| | | 10:30 a.m. Torah Study led by Cantor Silbersher. |
| Thursday | 4 | 7:00 p.m. Hospitality Committee Meeting. |
| | | 6:00 p.m. Potluck Shabbat Dinner. 7:00 p.m. Family Friendly Worship Celebration. Members with June anniversaries will be recognized. Chuck and Barbara Gorodetzky will be the lay readers. An Oneg Shabbat will follow. |
| Friday | 5 | |
| Sunday | 7 | 10:00 a.m. Gardening "God's Garden" east side of the building. |
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| Monday | 8 | 7:00 p.m. "Torah & More" will not meet. |
| | | 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting, Kol Ami Board Room. |
| Tuesday | 9 | 7:00 p.m. Boogie to Broadway (JFS Program) rehearsal. |
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| Thursday | 11 | 10:30 a.m. Torah Study led by Cantor Silbersher. |
| | | 7:30 p.m. Worship Celebration. Members with June birthdays will be recognized. Jan Gratch be will be the lay reader. An Oneg Shabbat will follow. |
| Friday | 12 | |
| | | 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting |
| Sunday | 14 | 7:00 p.m."Boogie to Broadway" Jewish Community Campus with Patrick Buckley |
| Monday | 15 | 7:00 p.m. "Torah & More" led by Barry Speert. |
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| Tuesday | 16 | 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting. |
| Thursday | 18 | 10:30 a.m. Torah Study led by Cantor Silbersher. |
| | | 7:30 p.m. Worship Celebration. Rick and Marion Breinin will be the lay readers. Also there will be an Installation of Officers and Trustees. An Oneg Shabbat will follow. |
| Friday | 19 | |
| Saturday | 20 | 10:30 a.m. Saturday Worship Service. |
| Sunday | 21 | 10:00 a.m. Gardening "God's Garden" east side of the building. |
| Monday | 22 | 7:00 p.m. "Torah & More" will not meet. |
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| Thursday | 25 | 10:30 a.m. Torah Study led by Cantor Silbersher. |
| | | 7:30 p.m. Worship Celebration. Julie Hirsch-Bohs and Ron Scrogam will be the lay readers. An Oneg Shabbat will follow. |
| Friday | 26 | |
| Sunday | 28 | 10:00 a.m. Gardening "God's Garden" east side of the building. |
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Two "Torah & More" Sessions in June

Kol Ami's Torah & More adult education class will be meeting two times this month —June 1, and June 15 with each session scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall. Each 90 minute time slot will be filled with discussion of weekly Torah portions and current events impacting the Jewish community and ongoing analysis of Perry Stone's new book **Breaking the Jewish Code**. The class remains open to new participants interested in learning about Judaism, the Bible and interfaith relations. For more information contact Barry Speert at 913-206-5229 or barryspeert@aol.com