

CONGREGATION KOL AMI

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A dynamic, diverse and inclusive congregational family

QUICK NOTES

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Questions, compliments or concerns:
Contact President Constance Bernstein (913) 491-5335 or scb@kc.rr.com

To add a name to the Misheberach or Yahrzeit listing: Contact Judith Weingarten at (913) 888-9613 or judithkw@sbcglobal.net.

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.

To make reservations for Shabbat dinners or other events: Contact the office at (913) 642-9000 or office@kolamik.com.

Kol Ami Website:
www.kolamik.com

CALENDAR *HIGHLIGHTS*

Friday, February 5

6:30 pm Potluck Dinner
7:30 pm Worship Celebration
with Anniversary Blessings

Wednesday, February 10

7:00 pm Worship Committee

Friday, February 12

7:30 pm Worship Celebration
with Birthday Blessings

Saturday, February 13

9:30 am "Torah and More"
10:30 am Worship Celebration

Tuesday, February 16

7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, February 19

7:30 pm Worship Celebration

Friday, February 26

7:30 pm Worship Celebration
Purim Service

Saturday, February 27

9:30 am "Torah and More"
10:30 am Worship Celebration
6:00 pm Purim Event

Every Thursday

10:30 a.m. Torah Study
7:00 p.m. "Judaism 101"

Into the midst of Haiti, Afghanistan and Underwear Bombers...
The "By-Laws" of Congregation Kol Ami.

Dear Family...

In the midst of a catastrophe of nature, an ongoing war in a far away place....and an aborted act of terrorism over Detroit...events that can certainly take up our full attention, the quiet and patient work of our By-Laws Committee and its Chair, Chuck Gorodetzky, and our Board of Trustees has continued. They have proposed changes to the Kol Ami By-Laws which will bring us up to date and help us to move forward as we grow.

When we began Kol Ami some six years ago, our membership was approximately 20 units. Recently, we have reached that number seven-fold. Our growth has created a number of issues. Items of particular interest include:

- ...The size of the Board
- ...Office of President Elect
- ...Classes of Membership
- ...Eligibility to attend Religious School

You will be given the opportunity, soon, to learn about and vote on proposed changes to our congregational by-laws, with the intention of creating a structure that allows us to be an even more vibrant and cohesive family.

Please, honor us all by "being there" at the next Congregational ("family") meeting.

Sending Love and Shalom...nothing missing...nothing broken.

Paul



President's Message

We are one month closer to spring. Thank goodness. January was a difficult month. The need to cancel services and the cost of snow removal created significant challenges. We hope the worst is behind us and the need for snow removal so frequently will be unnecessary. If, however, we are so unfortunate to have another major storm and need to cancel services, information may be obtained by calling the Kol Ami office or looking at the closings listed on TV.

February will be a busy month at Kol Ami! Purim activities will start with a special service on Friday, February 26th. We will be hosting 150 guests. This is a larger size group of Methodist Ministers than we hosted a few months ago. They enjoyed our service and hospitality so much they asked if they could return on the 26th. Mark your calendar for Saturday night, February 27th for a really fun adult Purim event....watch for details! And Sunday, the 28th, will be the Chai School Purim carnival.

We have a new tenant. The Monarch Montessori School has leased our downstairs garden room. They have started construction to remodel the space and plan to be ready for their students the first part of March.

The Autism/Day care school has indicated they will be moving in a few months. Their space is being marketed by Block & Company, which expects to find a new tenant for us in the not too distant future. If any of you know of an organization needing space in our very convenient location please give me a call.

**Warm wishes,
Constance Bernstein**

Memory & Honor Donations

MUSIC ENHANCEMENT FUND

Jerome & Sandra Bernstein

In memory of Yahrzeits of
Jacob Bernstein & Emel Wegerer

Rita Roth Poisner

In memory of Yahrzeit of
Adolph Roth

ONEG SHABBAT FUND

Marvin & Sheila Goldberg

In honor of birth of grandson
Brady Richard Goldberg

Sam & Donna Zavelo

In memory of Yahrzeit of
Sam Zavelo, Sr.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Philip Engel

In memory of Yahrzeit of
Dr. David E. Rosenthal

Ben & Gina Silk

In memory of Yahrzeit of
Lester Silk

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Dr. Barry & Shea Gordon Festoff

In memory of Yahrzeit of
Cecil Ruth Stein Festoff

Gary & Sheryl Kretchmer

In memory of Yahrzeit of
Leon Kretchmer

GARDENING FUND

Dorothy Solomon

In memory of Yahrzeit of
Theresa Altman

Larry & Evelyn Gelb

In memory of Yahrzeit of
Beam Crockett

GENERAL FUND

Marge Rabin Brodtkin

In memory of Yahrzeits of
Dr. Julius & Leah Rabin

SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND

Susan Lawrence

In memory of Yahrzeit of
Sidney Lawrence

BIRTHDAYS

Jenny Stempleman
Steve Sackin
Jerome Kaplan
June Pisciotta
Robert Milgrim
Anita Hampshire
Edward Quick
Edward Minktskovsky
Shea Gordon Festoff
Michael Sands
Carla Strauss
William Meiners
Marilyn Rubin

ANNIVERSARIES

Patty and Mike Boresow
Desiree and Joe Greene
Billie and Ken Grayam

Chili Cook-Off/with prizes

March 6th—5:30 p.m.

Looking for a Youth Division for both our Chili cook-off and also for our upcoming Kol Ami cookbook. Anyone under 17 can be part of either or both. Kids like to cook and it would be fun to have them cook some chili for this event. For the cookbook, they can submit their favorite food recipes. Contact Mike Boresow, MBoresow@sbcglobal.net —Cell: 816-520-8690. Flyers in lobby



NOTE:

POTLUCK DINNER—FEBRUARY 5TH—6:30 P.M.

A-L - MEAT

M-R - VEGETABLES/POTATOES

S-Z - SALAD/FRUIT

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD.

Congregant's Corner

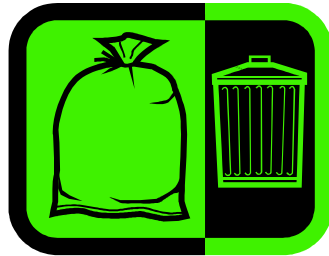
Every month, we will be featuring a Kol Ami family member, in the congregant's corner. Our very first person in this feature is:

NORM KING.

Norm has been with Kol Ami since our inception. He currently sits on the President's Advisory Committee and the Worship Committee. You can frequently find him at Shabbat services, with his wife Lee. He also has three children, four grandchildren, and a brother. Norm's work background is in Marketing, but he seems to be most proud of his Marine Corp veteran status. His favorite quote is "Semper Fi – Always Faithful."

In addition to Norm's strong ties at Kol Ami, he serves as the spiritual Shabbat service leader at Village Shalom in Overland Park. A couple of additional tidbits about Norm: His favorite color is aquamarine and his favorite foods are rib eye steak, potatoes, and seafood. Please take the time to say hello next time you see him in the hallways of Kol Ami!

(If you know of someone who should SHINE in the Congregant's Corner, please contact Julie Hirsch-Bohs 816-898-4846)



TRASH BAGS ARE BACK!!!

33 GALLON 100/CASE 1.5 MIL \$39.90

45 GALLON 100/CASE 1.5 MIL \$44.90

55 GALLON 100/CASE 1.5 MIL \$49.90

For each case sold Kol Ami will receive \$10.00.

Make checks payable to Boresow Chemical.

Contact Mike Boresow at 913-897-2792 (home) or MBoresow @sbcglobal.net

CITY BOOKS

We just received the new 2010 Enjoy the City Books.

We are selling them for \$20.00 again. We still have the free oil change from Firestone in the book, which means as soon as you use that one you get your money back immediately. There are lots of restaurants, dry cleaning coupons, etc. Let me know how many books you would like and I'll get them to you.

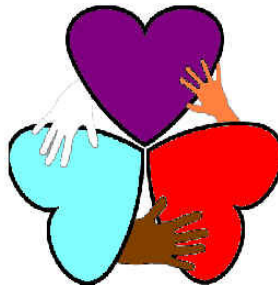
Mike Boresow, Fund Raising Chairman @MBoresow@sbcglobal.net
Cell: 816-520-8690.

“Torah and More”

Eli Wiesel v. Ben Stein and US Holocaust Memorial Museum (“Torah and More”

February’s Topic).

Individuals attending Congregation Kol Ami's "Torah & More" study group on 2/13 and 2/27 from 9:30am to 10:30am will have an opportunity to catch up on a dispute that has placed Eli Wiesel in opposition to Ben Stein and the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. The dispute centers around the question of linking Darwinian theory with Nazi ideology, such as is done in the USHMM "Deadly Medicine" exhibit that is scheduled to open soon in Kansas City. It is fitting that this exhibit come to Kansas City given that in recent years Wiesel chose to express his pro-Darwin views in a letter to the Kansas Board of Education and Stein chose to express his anti-Darwin views in an appearance at the Missouri statehouse. For more information contact Barry Speert at 913-677-2896 or SpeertOnReligion@aol.com.



KOL AMI KARES

Congregation Kol Ami really does care about each other ... They are even organized as a KARES committee to care for each other. Recently, as the KARES Chair, I learned how much your cards mean from one of our members.

We have a terrific KARES committee and whenever you or another member is ill or just needs “pepping up” please let me know and the committee will respond. Please E-mail me at evgelb@kc.rr.com or phone 816-942-4954. Thank you.

The saddest statement I, at times must say is "We did not know." Please let me know of your need.

If you would like to become a KARES committee member please E-mail me or phone.

Ev Gelb

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE’S WISH LIST:

The hospitality committee would like your help in full-filling our wish list:

Ginger Ale or Seven Up (2 liters)
Glass or Ceramic Platters for serving
Juice and baked or bought food items

These items will be used for the Oneg after Friday night or Saturday morning services. If you wish to help us with any of these items along with baked goods (bought or baked), please leave them in the office with your name on them.

Thank you, Robin Felman, Chairman of the Hospitality Committee.

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 7:00 p.m. Judaism 101	5 6:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner 7:30 p.m. Worship-/ Anniversary Blessing w/ Oneg	6 6:30 p. m. Auditions K.C. Opera
7 9:00 a.m. Chai School 10:15 a.m. Fund Raising Meeting 10:30 a.m. Hospitality Committee Meeting	8	9	10 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting	11 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 7:00 p.m. Judaism 101	12 7:30 p.m. Worship / Birthday Blessing w/ Oneg	13 9:30 a.m. "Torah and More" 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
14 9:00 a.m. Chai School	15	16 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting	17	18 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 7:00 p.m. Judaism 101	19 7:30 p.m. Worship/w Oneg	20
21 9:00 a.m. Chai School	22	23	24	25 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 7:00 p.m. Judaism 101	26 7:30 p.m. Worship/w Oneg	27 9:30 a.m. "Torah and More" 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Purim Event
28 9:00 am Chai School						

Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques

Thanks to the generosity of Cantor Silbersher, Kol Ami's Yahrzeit memorial plaque is now a reality. The primary purpose is to sanctify and honor the memory of family members and loved ones who came before us. The plaques also provide an opportunity for our descendants to continue the memorial process into the future. Equally important, this is an avenue to provide support for the future of Kol Ami.

We have a promising start. The first plaques have been dedicated, and it is vital for our financial stability that the support is ongoing. When you receive your yahrzeit notices, please take the opportunity to place your orders for memorial plaques to your loved ones. Contact the Kol Ami office for details. Request forms are also available in the lobby.

Tree of Life Plaques

Our Tree of Life honorarium plaque is now three years old. Honoring family, friends and fellow congregants has put many leaves on the tree. With spring on the way – eventually – we look forward to a “blossoming” of a new crop of leaves to enhance the foliage.

Celebrating births, weddings, anniversaries, b'nai mitzvahs and many other happy occasions are reasons to rejoice. Another happy circumstance is that these funds contribute to the financial well-being of Kol Ami's congregational home. Please include the dedication of a leaf in your plans to celebrate your joyous event, and help insure the financial stability and future of Kol Ami. Contact the Kol Ami office to order a plaque, or pick up an order form in the lobby.

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you a bartender? Want to be part of a fun evening that includes a Dixieland Band? We need volunteers to help out with Kol Ami's adult Purim party on Saturday, February 27th. Contact Judy Weingarten for details. judithkw@sbcglobal.net

Kol Ami is planning to host an organic Farmer's Market each Wednesday from May-October. We'll need two volunteers to be on site each week, for just a few hours at a time. This will not be a huge commitment of time...if we get enough people, you may only be asked to be present once or twice. Contact Constance Bernstein to volunteer.
scb@kc.rr.com.

Just a Reminder

In addition to contributions for Yahrzeits and bereavements, Marge Brodtkin, chair of the Kol Ami funds contribution, would like to remind you that contributions for happy occasions are very appropriate and appreciated. They don't have to cost much more than a fancy “Hallmark”. Please print the attached form and use it when needed. Thanks in advance.



Memorial and Tribute Form

Enclosed is a donation of \$ _____ to be placed in the Congregation Kol Ami fund checked:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art & Ritual Objects Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Education Scholarship Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Maintenance Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Oneg Shabbat Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cantor's Discretionary Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music Enhancement Fund | | |

In Honor of

In _Memory/_Yahrzeit of _____

Please notify:

Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

2. (If needed.) This contribution is:

In Honor of

In _Memory/_Yahrzeit of _____

Please notify:

Name _____

Given By _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Coed _____

Suggested Minimum Contribution is \$10 per notification.

Please make check payable to **Congregation Kol Ami**. Mail to:

Marge Brodtkin, Contributions Chair, 8415 Cambridge, Leawood, KS 66206

TREE OF LIFE
ORDER FORM
INSCRIPTION INSTRUCTIONS

The Tree of Life is designed to honor special people and happy occasions in our lives: it is not for memorials.

(Please Print)

1. _____

Name(s) of honoree(s)

2. _____

Name of event

3. _____

Name(s) of donor(s)

4. Color choice: _____ Brass _____ Pewter _____ Either color

Donor information:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please Note: Due to size and shape of the leaf, the arrangement of information will be determined by the length of the names and the amount of information to be included.

Orders will be placed upon receipt of payment. Please send payment of \$125.00 per leaf with this order form. Make checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami. Send order form and payment to Judith Weingarten, 12250 W. 105th Street, Overland Park, KS 66215. For questions, call 913-888-9613.

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Congregation Kol Ami's Purim Party!
Join us at
HAMAN'S SWINGING HANGOUT!



**Saturday, February 27, 2010
6 – 10 pm**

Congregation Kol Ami, 7501 Belinder, Prairie Village, KS

\$20/person in advance; \$25/person at the door

The evening includes dinner & drinks. Entertainment & dancing
with the **KC Dixieland Band**

Costumes welcome & encouraged!

Electronic invitation to follow soon!
RSVP by Saturday, February 20, 2010.
Seating is limited, RSVP early!

KAL (Kol Ami Library) banishes the blahs of Cabin Fever with a good book. Check it out. Brighten your mood and spice up your conversations.

