



Congregation Kol Ami
Religious School
CHAI TIMES

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Chai Family Time

It was good to see everyone after the break. We enjoyed visiting while knoshing on a delicious breakfast prepared by Debbie Speert, Sherel Sands, and Robin Felman. We voted on making canned vegetables our next item to collect for Harvesters, and Elizabeth Rosin secured a date for us to volunteer at Harvesters. Hopefully, more people will sign up for the fun! We had a Purim letter/number puzzle to figure out, and as a group, we answered all of them. We heard a story about 2 brothers who loved each other so much that they selflessly gave part of their portion of the family crop to each other because they wanted to make sure they were taken care of. It left us all with the sentiment that no matter what obstacles Kol Ami faces, we are all in this together. Our morning ended on a wonderful note with the help of Patrick leading us in song. Everyone was reminded to stay for the important meeting at 12:30pm to vote on offering Doug Alpert a position at Kol Ami as our part-time rabbi.

K-1 with Stan Strauss

The K-1 class reviewed the story of Moses. It had been awhile since we last met and I wanted to see what the kids could remember from the time Moses was born and put in the Nile to the time he led the Jews out of bondage. Putting all of our collective heads together, the story was retold. We talked about the parting of the Red Sea and then traveling to Mt. Sinai. Then, Moses was summoned by God to climb the mountain to receive his word. At age 80, this was no easy feat and it would take time. The people, who were always whining and complaining, it seemed, decided that Moses had forgotten them and forced brother Aaron to make the Golden Calf. In the meantime back on the mountaintop, Moses was getting the Ten Commandments to take back. God instructed Moses to hurry back to the people because they were doing bad bad things down there. When Moses saw what was happening, he got mad and broke the tablets that were given to him by God. The people settled down and Moses went back up to make new tablets and with God's help to rewrite the Ten Commandments. We read and translated into kid friendly

language all Ten Commandments. We then made our own little Moses to take home and maybe to be placed on the family Seder table.



2-3 with Annette Carlson

In the 2/3 class today, we learned why we eat matzo during passover and throughout the year. We discussed the fact that the Hebrews had to leave in a hurry and the bread didn't have time to rise.

Our activity was indeed making matzo from scratch. It was a lot of fun kneading, rolling, and baking the matzo. The best part was eating it afterwards with chocolate syrup, jelly, peanut butter and regular butter.



5-8 with Steve and Linda Sackin

Just after Hebrew with Patrick, we reviewed what we have done so far this year. I pointed out that we have 3 tasks remaining: plant garden, complete mosaic and conceive final presentation on our work to the congregation. Class time was primarily devoted to work on the mosaic. As far as our final presentation goes, do we do it the last day of school? At Havdalah? On a Shabbat?

Music with Patrick Buckley



Hebrew with Patrick Buckley



Confirmation with Cantor Silbersher

Adult Education with Barry Speert

With regard to Korach, the subject of the D'var Torah given at last Sunday's congregational meeting, URJ staffer Louis Bordman has said "all of us can have a relationship with God, Torah, and the Jewish people as long as none of us regards differing ideas, differing views, and differing relationships as rebellions." Bordman makes a case in this article (see link below) for the kind of tolerance that "leads to communication among and understanding for all of the Jewish people."

[Click here: Korach, 5761 - URJ](#)

Adult education participants on 04/03 at 10:00 will have an opportunity to delve deeper into the biblical story of Korach and discuss ways in which communications at Congregation Kol Ami can be further improved. Board members are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information contact Barry Speert at 913-677-2896.

Further Things of Importance:

SUNDAY, APRIL 3 POT LUCK BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

****SUNDAY, APRIL 17...PASSOVER CELEBRATION!!! **BUSY BUDDIES****

MONDAY, APRIL 18...PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNDOWN

TUESDAY, APRIL 19...SECOND NIGHT OF PASSOVER

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 POT LUCK BREAKFAST

TUESDAY, APRIL 26...LAST NIGHT OF PASSOVER

SUNDAY, MAY 1...YOM HA'SHOAH (HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY) TBA