



# CONGREGATION KOL AMI

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*A Reform Congregation*

*A dynamic, diverse and inclusive Reform congregational family*

## QUICK NOTES

**Spiritual Leader:** Cantor Paul Silbersher. Contact him at (913) 642-9000 (office), (913) 681-3440, (home), or (913) 221-2313 (cell), or [Paulsilbersher2@aol.com](mailto:Paulsilbersher2@aol.com).

**Questions, compliments or concerns:** Contact Steve Chernoff, President at (913) 238-1779 or [schernoff@chernoff.com](mailto:schernoff@chernoff.com).

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

**To make a contribution:** Contact Marge Brodtkin at (913) 642-8984 or [marge623@juno.com](mailto: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 [lorraine@kolamik.com](mailto:lorraine@kolamik.com).

**Kol Ami Website:**  
[www.kolamik.com](http://www.kolamik.com)

## A "NIGHT OF LIGHT" TO CELEBRATE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

### ONE OF THREE GREAT ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER

Kol Ami has three great activities planned for December, beginning with Hanukkah.

#### The catered Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner

kicks things off at **6:30 p.m.** on **Friday, December 7.** (Note: there will be no separate Family Shabbat service at 6:00 p.m.) Join your Kol Ami friends for a catered meal of smoked brisket, carrots, green beans, salad and latkes.

**Prices:** Adults \$8.50; children 12-5 \$4.50; children under 5 free. Reservations must be received by **December 5.** Call **(913) 642-9000** or email [lorraine@kolamik.com](mailto:lorraine@kolamik.com).

Dinner is followed by the **Night of Light Shabbat Celebration**, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Bring your menorah and candles and join us as we commemorate the Maccabees and the first fight for religious freedom. Kol Ami will have a holiday surprise for each family in attendance.

This combined service serves as the Religious School section for this week. No Religious School will be held on Sunday, December 9.

Children with December birthdays and members with December anniversaries will be honored on December 7. An Oneg Shabbat will follow.



Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 p.m. Kol Ami will dedicate its new piano with a concert featuring the Klausner/Cass Duo (see below for more information).

Then on **Saturday, December 15** join us for **Family Game Night at 7:00 p.m.** We'll play everything from Bridge, Mahjong and penny Texas Hold 'Em, to Monopoly and Chutes and Ladders.

You can buy raffle tickets for \$1 each for a chance to win fun prizes for attendees of all ages. Popcorn and beverages will be served.

**Cost:** \$3 for Kol Ami adults, \$2 for Kol Ami kids ages 4 and up, with \$1 additional for non members. Reserve your seats by Wednesday, December 12 at [lorraine@kolamik.com](mailto:lorraine@kolamik.com) or **(913) 642-9000**. See the flyer on page three or contact Alyson Rawitch at **(913) 681-5706** for more information.

## KOL AMI EVENTS

**December 7: Night of Light Hanukkah Celebration**, 7:30 p.m. See top of page for more.

**December 9: Kol Ami Piano Dedication Concert**, 3:00 p.m. See box at right for more information.

**December 15: Family Game Night**, 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. See pg. 3 for more information.

**December 16: Busy Buddies Playgroup**, 10:00 a.m.

**December 16: Children's Choir**, 12:00 p.m.

## DEDICATION CONCERT WILL FEATURE KLAUSNER/CASS DUO

### Kol Ami Piano Dedication Concert

**3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 9**



Congregation Kol Ami will dedicate its new Baldwin concert grand piano by presenting a special dedicatory concert.

Guest artists will be the **Klausner/Cass Duo**, who will perform three movements of the *Baal Shem* Suite for piano and violin, by Ernest Bloch and Hebrew Melody by Achron.

Mr. Cass will also play piano works by Chopin. After the intermission the Kol Ami Singers will perform a variety of sacred and secular Jewish musical selections. A light reception will follow.

The Kol Ami piano is donated to the Congregation by Marie Kraus Lerner-Sexton, her mother, Norma Kraus and uncle, Paul Kraus in memory of Kraus family members who perished in Auschwitz in 1944. It is the only memorial to these Holocaust victims.

## NOVEMBER DONATIONS

**Thank you,** Kol Ami family members and friends, for your generous contributions:

### ARTS AND RITUAL OBJECTS FUND

#### Marshall and Judy Weingarten

▶ In memory of Reeva Stempleman

### BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

#### Charles Klopper

▶ In memory of Yahrzeit of William Klopper

### CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

#### Charlene Bielsker

▶ In appreciation

#### Ron Einbender

▶ In memory of Yahrzeit of Michael Irl Einbender

#### Rick Katz

▶ In memory of Yahrzeit of David Katz

#### Jeff and Susan Kivett

▶ In memory of Reeva Stempleman

### EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

#### Rowena Jacobs

▶ In memory of Yahrzeit of Anna Richolson

### GARDENING FUND

#### Susan Lawrence

▶ In memory of Yahrzeit of Anne Lawrence

#### Harry and Janice Shopmaker

▶ In memory of Yahrzeit of Mary Shopmaker

### GENERAL FUND

#### Marge Brodtkin

▶ In memory of Yahrzeit of Sady A. Levin

#### Don and Martha Fitzhugh

▶ In memory of Reeva Stempleman

#### Jay and Symie Menitove

▶ In memory of Reeva Stempleman

#### Ben and Gina Silk

▶ In memory of Reeva Stempleman

#### Harold and Carrie Singer

▶ In memory of Reeva Stempleman

#### Esther and Chuck Udell

▶ In memory of Reeva Stempleman

#### Sam and Donna Zavelo

▶ In honor of recovery of John Shuchart

### ONEG SHABBAT FUND

#### Howard and Nadine Agron

▶ In memory of Reeva Stempleman

▶ In honor of birthday (85) of Harold Mallin



## MAZEL TOV!

Kol Ami sends best wishes to our family members who have a birthday or anniversary in December.

If you are incorrectly listed or omitted, or you know someone who should be on the list, please contact Lorraine Gehring at (913) 642-9000 or email her at [lorraine@kolamik.com](mailto:lorraine@kolamik.com).

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Deborah Scott
- 2 Bob Goldstein
- 3 Sherel Sands
- 6 Karen Flattery
- 9 Valerie Bielsker
- 9 Cindy Kleiner
- 10 Susan Lawrence
- 13 David Bamurger
- 13 Kevin Flattery
- 15 Lee Fenwick
- 22 Lindsey Bassin

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS, CON'T.

- 26 Judy Weingarten
- 28 Harriet Boresow
- 29 Allen Rawitch

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Phillip and June Pisciotta
- 26 Carla and Mickey Lieberman
- 28 Lori Levens and Harold Steinhardt
- 29 David and Carol Freirich
- 30 Trudie and Greg Goldberg

### GET A KOL AMI GIFT CERTIFICATE

Now you can buy gift certificates from the Kol Ami gift shop. They're the ideal gift for b'nai mitzvahs, confirmations, birthdays, weddings and other life-cycle events. Contact Louise Laster to purchase gift certificates.

### HOSPITAL VISITS

Congregants who have family members hospitalized or ill and home-bound and would like Cantor Silbersher to visit them should report their name, hospital and circumstances to Lorraine at the synagogue office by calling 913-642-9000.

## NOVEMBER DONATIONS, CONTINUED

### ONEG SHABBAT FUND, CONTINUED

#### Marie Lerner-Sexton

▶ In memory of Yahrzeit of Richard Carman

#### Evelyn Young

▶ In memory of Reeva Stempleman

### SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND

#### Joel and Annette Fish

▶ In honor of marriage of Scott and Jessica Shuchart

#### Bob and Eve Goldstein

▶ In memory of Reeva Stempleman

#### John and Stevie Shuchart

▶ In memory of Reeva Stempleman

### OUR CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Patrick Buckley and Lee Fenwick. Lee's brother, Michael Fenwick, passed away in November.

## FAMILY K'VELLING – JOYOUS MOMENTS

**Sarrah Cantrell** has been very busy. She auditioned for and earned a place in Symphonic Band for SM South High School (Percussion) and District Band (Timpani for Symphonic Band). Well over a thousand students auditioned for a spot in orchestral, symphonic and jazz bands. Sarrah will go on to audition for State Band in February.

Last, but not least, she has been chosen for Master Works. This is a prestigious honor, as only one senior can be chosen to perform from each band. Sarrah will perform a solo piece on the mirimba, with the Symphonic Band as back up.

**Hannah Cantrell**, Sarrah's sister, has been busy, too. She won a spot in Indian Woods Middle School's orchestra as first chair violinist, and a spot as fourth chair with the Kansas City Youth Symphony.

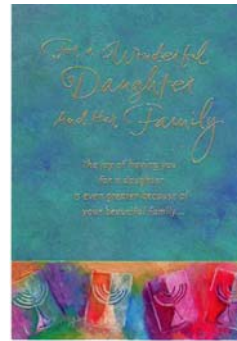
With the Rosin Dusters (a middle school strolling strings group), Hannah participated in a performance at the American Royal for some of our country's real cowboys, and through the Kansas City Youth Symphony she performed for an after-school program in Kansas City, Mo.

The Cantrell parents are very proud of both girls.

**Yitz Sokol** has won first place in the Blue Valley Recreational Chess Tournament. He really enjoys competitive-chess and will be entering even more tournaments as the year progresses. Yitz practices chess about 30 to 40 minutes a day. He will represent his school, Pleasant Ridge Middle School, in upcoming matches. His favorite opening is the "Ray Lopez."

Congratulations to **Scott Shuchart**, son of **John and Stevie Shuchart**, on his wedding to **Jessica Sebeok** in New York. The couple met at Yale, where they both studied law. Jessica (who is keeping her last name) is a law fellow in the office of the vice president and general counsel at Yale. Scott is a litigation associate at the law firm of Boies, Schiller & Flexner in New York. The couple lives in Norwalk, Connecticut.

Congratulations to **Leigh Rosenberg Earnest**, whose Jewish-themed artwork is featured in two new Hallmark Cards. The cards are available at local Hallmark stores. Leigh also has designed a line of Jewish-themed artwork based on the Hebrew alphabet. This artwork is available for sale from her studio.



Family K'velling news and announcements should be sent to [lorraine@kolamikc.com](mailto:lorraine@kolamikc.com).

### HELP RAKE IN CASH FOR KOL AMI

Kol Ami is selling trash bags (see below). You can clean up your yard and help your synagogue at the same time.

Want to help more? See the Kol Ami website for Five Ways to Help Kol Ami (<http://www.kolamikc.com/fundraising.htm>).

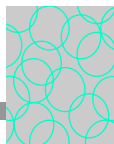
Kol Ami is selling trash bags as a fundraiser. We are selling them in three sizes:

- 33 gallon – 100/case (1.3 mil) for \$39.
- 45 gallon – 100/case (1.5 mil) for \$44.
- 55 gallon – 100/case (1.5 mil) for \$49.

Kol Ami will receive \$10 back on each case bought.

Contact Mike Boresow at [MBoresow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:MBoresow@sbcglobal.net) or call him at (913) 897-2792 (home) or (816) 520-8690 (cell).

## Fun & Games for Kids From 1 to 99



### Games

- Texas Hold 'Em
- Trivial Pursult
- Scrabble
- Dominos
- Checkers
- Candy Land
- Sorry

*Note: Games are subject to change*

### Children's Movie

*Bambi*

### Raffle

- Tickets 15 for \$5 or .50 each.
- Prizes Valued from \$5 - \$15 (Frames, pedometer, desk set, toys, sports radio and more...)
- Winners announced every 30 minutes

### Snacks

- Free popcorn
- Drinks and snacks for sale

### Congregation Kol Ami Game Night

Saturday, December 15  
7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

In the Kol Ami Social Hall

Cost \$3 for adults \$2 for children

Mail reservations to:  
Congregation Kol Ami  
Attn: "Fun & Games"  
7501 Belinder Avenue  
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Reservations must be received by December 12. A additional \$1 per person will be charged for late reservations

Supervised movie available for kids too young to play games all evening. Reserve space by December 12.

*Fun for the entire family!*

## KOL AMI SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Unless otherwise noted, all services will be held at Kol Ami, *childcare will be provided during Shabbat celebrations*, and an Oneg Shabbat will follow all Shabbat Celebrations.

### December 2007

- Wednesday 5 **Hanukkah begins.**
- Thursday 6 **Torah Study**, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Moderated by Cantor Silbersher. Topic of study: Book of Job.
- Friday 7 **Catered Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner**, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a catered meal of smoked brisket, carrots, green beans, salad and latkes with your Kol Ami family. Adults: \$8.50; children 12-5: \$4.50; children under 5: free. **Note:** This is a change from the potluck previously listed.
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- Night of Light Shabbat Celebration**, 7:30 p.m. Conducted by Cantor Silbersher. Bring your menorah and candles and join us as we commemorate the Maccabees and the first fight for religious freedom. Kol Ami will have a holiday surprise for each family in attendance.
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- Piano Dedication Concert**, 3:00 p.m. Join Kol Ami for this dedicatory concert. See page one for details.
- Thursday 13 **Torah Study**, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Moderated by Cantor Silbersher. Topic of study: Book of Job.
- Friday 14 **Shabbat Celebration**, 7:30 p.m. Conducted by Cantor Silbersher. Members with December birthdays will be honored.
- Saturday 15 **Family Game Night**, 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Join us for everything from penny Texas Hold 'Em, to Checkers and Candy Land. Raffle with fun prizes for attendees of all ages. (Raffle Tickets: \$1 each.) Popcorn and beverages will be served.
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- Sunday 16 **Religious School**. 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.: Family Learning. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Student Learning. 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew with Robert Sokol.
- Busy Buddies Preschool Playgroup** for ages 5 and younger, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Adult Education** 10:15 at Ohev Shalom. The topic will be "Moses Speert, Exodus 1947 and Israel Independence." All members of the community are invited. Kol Ami will be offering a similar program during the summer of 2008.
- Children's Choir Practice**. 12:00 p.m. to 12:15 p.m.: Lunch. 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal.
- Thursday 20 **Torah Study**, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Moderated by Cantor Silbersher. Topic of study: Book of Job.
- Friday 21 **Shabbat Celebration**, 7:30 p.m. Conducted by Cantor Silbersher.
- Sunday 23 **No Religious School.**
- Thursday 27 **Torah Study**, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Moderated by Cantor Silbersher. Topic of study: Book of Job.
- Friday 28 **Shabbat Celebration**, 7:30 p.m. Conducted by Cantor Silbersher.
- Sunday 30 **No Religious School.**

### NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 9

The December Family Shabbat Service will be combined with the regular service on Friday, December 7 in celebration of Hanukkah. See page one for more information. Religious School will not be held on December 23 and 30, either.