



CONGREGATION KOL AMI

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A Reform Congregation

A dynamic, diverse and inclusive Reform 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.

To make reservations for Shabbat dinners or other events: Contact the office at (913) 642-9000 or office@kolamik.com. Office hours 9:00 a.m. —1:00 p.m.

KOL AMI EVENTS

Friday, January 4: 6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. Catered Shabbat Dinner. 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Celebration.

Saturday, January 12: 7:00 p.m. Movie Night.

Friday, January 18: 7:30 p.m. Annual Martin Luther King Day sermon to be delivered by Dr. Emanuel Cleaver III.

Sunday, January 20: 10:00 a.m. Busy Buddies, 12:15 p.m. Children's Choir.

Saturday, February 2: 7:30 p.m. *The Jews of Tin Pan Alley* featuring Lil' Rev and Michael Oshiver.

See the calendar for more information.

ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING SERMON

Shabbat Celebration: January 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Emanuel Cleaver III, Pastor of Centennial United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Missouri, will be delivering Congregation Kol Ami's Annual Martin Luther King Sermon.

Dr. Emanuel Cleaver III is the oldest of four children born to Dianne and Reverend Emanuel Cleaver II. The accomplished graduate of Philander Smith College received his B.A. in political science; accepted his calling into the ministry in 1995; and is now an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. Following the completion of his Master's of Divinity at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio in May of 1999, Cleaver served as pastor of Longview for three years and was then appointed to St. Andrew, both United Methodist Churches in Kansas City. It was at St. Andrew that Pastor Cleaver started a weekly radio ministry, a prayer team, and a monthly healing service. Dr. Cleaver currently serves as the proud pastor of Centennial United Methodist Church. During his tenure at this historic congregation, he received his doctorate of ministry from Saint Paul School of Theology. Under his leadership this great church, located in the historic 18th & Vine Jazz District of Kansas City, Missouri, celebrated its 100th Anniversary.

The dynamic clergyman is involved in several organizations and has served on numerous boards in Kansas City including the Methodist Minister's Fellowship, and the Concerned Clergy Coalition where he serves as vice-president. Dr. Cleaver is also a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry for the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church. In addition to numerous preaching, teaching, and lecturing engagements each year he has also had poems and articles published in such magazines as "Unity" and "Circuit Rider". Dr. Cleaver was recently asked to give pastoral insight on the themes of friendship, true greatness, disappointment, and thanksgiving for the forthcoming "Wesley Study Bible".

THE JEWS OF TIN PAN ALLEY FEATURING LIL' REV WITH MICHAEL OSHIVER ON HARP

Saturday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m.
At Congregation Kol Ami

Congregation Kol Ami invites you and other members of the community to enjoy the music of Lil' Rev in an evening of story and songs celebrating Jewish family and traditional values entitled "The Jews of Tin Pan Alley."

The legendary American folk music singer/songwriter Pete Seeger, says: "Lil' Rev is great! Rev brings the rare combination of in-depth knowledge of folk music in an inspirational and an interactive performance that creates an instant rapport with the audiences— young and old alike. He infuses the audience's musical experience with an unforgettable connection to their creative and beautiful heritage."

Lil' Rev is an award winning folk artist not to be missed. Michael Oshiver, who opens the show, is one of our newest members.

This is the one of three performances in the area. Other performances will be at Village



Shalom and the Lawrence Jewish Community Center.

This will also be the first in a series of Jewish cultural arts events to be held at Congregation Kol Ami.

Tickets are \$15.00 and will benefit the Kol Ami Musical Enhancement Fund. To purchase tickets send your payment to:

Congregation Kol Ami
Attn: Lil Rev
7501 Belinder Ave.
Prairie Village, KS 66208

For more information about Lil' Rev see his website at www.lilrev.com

CELEBRATE ISRAEL@ 60 TRUMAN MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

Sunday, February 17

Tickets: \$4.50 for members. \$ 7.00 for non members. Includes a guided tour of museum exhibits followed by a press conference with former President Truman (as played by Neil Johnson). If you are interested in car pooling, contact Alyson at (913) 642-9000 or office@kolamik.com. More information will be available in the February Newsletter.

DECEMBER DONATIONS

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Philip Engel
Yahrzeit of William Engelberg
Yahrzeit of Leah Malkin Rosenthal

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Nelson Abraham
Yahrzeit of Sara Lee Abraham and in appreciation of Kol Ami
Jerome & Sandra Bernstein
Yahrzeit of Lillian Landman
Florence Shurin
In Memory of Frances Taylor
Yahrzeit of Nate Shurin

GARDENING FUND

Dorothy Solomon
Yahrzeit of Sam Altman
Yahrzeit of Henry Changar
Roberta Solomon
In honor of Dorothy Solomon

GENERAL FUND

Martin Altman & Carolyn McKeone
In appreciation of honors bestowed by Kol Ami
Rick Breinin Family & Edith Compton
Yahrzeit of Tommy Compton
Judy & Allan Cinnamon
In memory of Nathan Jagoda
Philip Engel
Yahrzeit of Leah Malkin Rosenthal
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Fliasher
In memory of Nathan Jagoda
Ron & Marleen Gold
In memory of Nathan Jagoda
Dr. & Mrs. Charles Gorodetzky
In memory of Reeva Stempleman
Seymour & Harriet Greenwald
In appreciate of a delightful Hanukkah celebration
Sylvan & Merna Siegler
In memory of Nathan Jagoda
Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Weingarten
In memory of Larry Goldberg

ONEG SHABBAT FUND

Dr. & Mrs. Charles Gorodetzky
In honor of November Anniversaries & Birthdays

SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND

Sheila Goldberg
Yahrzeit of Ruth Litvien
Carl & Bonnie Schulkin
In honor of marriage of Scott & Jessica Shuchart

MUSIC ENHANCEMENT FUND

Dr. Arnie & Diane Balanoff
In memory of Reeva Stempleman
In honor of birth of grandchild of Jenny & Alan Stempleman
Morris & Reeva Balanoff
In memory of John Pavlove
Maggie Chase
In honor of Dr. Arnie & Diane Balanoff's Hanukkah

Thank You



MAZEL TOV!

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Marshall Weingarten
- 3 Julie Schuman
- 5 Steve Rothstein
- 6 Sheila Goldberg
- 7 Louise Laster
- 8 Mickey Lieberman
- 8 Joseph Posnanski
- 8 Janice Shopmaker
- 9 Rachel Werner
- 11 Sandra Bernstein
- 11 Marion Breinin
- 12 Paul Sexton
- 13 Deborah Speert
- 18 Joseph Greene
- 18 Harold Mallin
- 19 Alan Stempleman

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS, CON'T.

- 19 Jeffrey Agron
- 21 Rick Breinin
- 22 Trudie Goldberg
- 25 Sheryl Kretchmer
- 26 David Nicol
- 27 John Cullom
- 28 Phillip Engel

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Bruce & Alyson Rawitch
- 5 Harry & Janice Shopmaker
- 16 Brian & Lisa Greenwald
- 24 Jeffrey & Renay Agron
- 24 Vance & Linda Andreas
- 26 Lenny & Leah Bassin

If you are incorrectly listed or omitted, or you know someone who should be on the list, please call (913) 642-9000 or email: office@kolamik.com.

Drawing of Dr. Martin Luther King submitted by Matthew Speert. (Crayon on computer paper.)

Children may submit artwork, short stories or poems for publication to office@kolamik.com or leave them in the folder on the office door.



WORD SEARCH

F A I T H Q X Y R P D H H R
B M T M S O K C F L F U N Y
M J M H O J T I R C X Y L R
G E Z X M L R Y A I V Y P O
E I D K R M A N Y O T S K T
L B L E S S D H R P C D O S
S M D Z P L I I S O A N L H
E H V I E L T S K K N E G A
D G O M E K I H B O T I N R
B Q P A S V O A B I O R I O
S O R X H B N B P J R F S T
I N A Q F F F B F L S G B K
G G Y Y L I M A F Y H I D D
W C O M G C U T T K N J K R

Words: Bless, Candle, Cantor, Faith, Family, Friends, Fun, Kol, Ami, Learn, Pray, Shalom, Shabbat, Sing, Story, Torah, Tradition

FAMILY K'VELLING JOYOUS MOMENTS

On December 11, 2007, **Zaley Zavelo Nelson and her husband Beau** welcomed daughter, Ada Sorell Nelson, into the world. Ada weighed in at 8 lbs, 4oz. Congratulations to Zaley and Beau as well as grandparents Kim and Scott Zavelo and great-grandparents Donna and Sam Zavelo.

Mazel Tov to **Michael Rawitch** who received an Actives and Academics scholarship from Kansas State University for the 2007/08 school year.

Congratulations to **Cantor Silbersher** who was recently commissioned as a Chaplain for the Overland Park Police Department.

Congregation Kol Ami wants to join you in celebrating your family's successes. K'velling news and announcements should be sent to office@kolamikc.com.

DAVID NASTER LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

David Naster, son of Louise and Howard Naster, was recently featured in the 435 *South Magazine*. David is founder of a local comedy club and has worked with many well recognized names in the business. He has also performed on cruise ships and other venues world-wide. David has been a motivational speaker for thousands of educators, paramedics, firefighters, police officers as well as the FBI and CIA. You may ask what a Kansas City comedian has to offer the FBI and CIA. Well, that's simple. David (who was both a theatre and psychology major at the University of Kansas) believes that people use humor to replace fear. He says, "learning to incorporate humor into the way you think is therapeutic. A deep laugh releases all kinds of emotions and improves all parts of your physical anatomy." David's 2007 book You Just Have to Laugh Through Tough Times won the Best Humor Award from the Associate of Applied Therapeutic Humor.



MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, January 12 - 7:00 p.m.
At Congregation Kol Ami

The Frisco Kid (PG), directed by Robert Aldrich. The movie is a Western comedy featuring Gene Wilder as Avram Belinski, a Polish rabbi who is traveling to San Francisco, and Harrison Ford as a bank robber who befriends him. Children's movie: Walt Disney's *Bambi*.

No charge. One attendee will receive a door prize. Snacks available for a small fee. Please RSVP to office@kolamikc.com or call (913) 642-9000.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Congregants who have family members hospitalized or ill and homebound and would like Cantor Silbersher to visit them should report their name, hospital and circumstances to Alyson at the synagogue office by calling 913-642-9000 or emailing office@kolamikc.com.

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 or call him at (913) 897-2792 (home) or (816) 520-8690 (cell).



DAVID NASTER KOL AMI INTERVIEW

ALYSON: Why did you become a comedian?

DAVID: I always loved the idea of making people laugh. I also love to be on stage – it's how I deal with my control issues.

ALYSON: What did your parents think of this career choice?

DAVID: My dad thought I should get a theater degree to have something to fall back on. I told him I had no intentions of falling back. Mom would say, "As long as you're happy honey."

ALYSON: What is the best thing about being a performer?

DAVID: Seeing and being with people when they are at their best.

ALYSON: What inspired you to write You Just Have to Laugh Through Tough Times?

DAVID: The continuum of people telling me their true funny stories. I figured out that's what I am suppose to be doing here – helping people through tough times.

ALYSON: Who is the most inspirational person you know and why?

DAVID: God. Why? Because it's God silly

ALYSON: Of all the performances you have given, which was your favorite and why?

DAVID: The one at Kol Ami of course.

ALYSON: How can an organization like Kol Ami use laughter to contribute to our success?

DAVID: Think funny. Do it every day. LIVE IT. Enjoy whatever task you are doing. Understand that emotions are not facts.

REMEMBER TO BRING CANNED GOODS

Please continue to bring non-perishable items for our food collection bins. Remember that many children benefit from subsidized school breakfast and lunch programs. When school is not in session greater demand is placed on food banks for breakfast and lunch items.

ONEG BAKED GOODS NEEDED



The Hospitality Committee is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in making new friends or simply helping out contact either Louise Naster at (913) 888-8083 or Sherel Sands at (913) 649-4233.

KOL AMI SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

JANUARY:

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

Thursday	3	Torah Study , 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Moderated by Cantor Silbersher. Topic of study: Torah portion of the week.
Friday	4	Family Shabbat , 6:00 p.m. Children with January birthdays will receive a special blessing. Shabbat Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Catered Dinner. Salisbury steak, rice pilaf, salad, rolls. Adults - \$8.50, Youth ages 5 - 12 \$4.50, Children 4 and under - Free. RSVP by January 2. Let Alyson know how many adults, youth and children will attend at (913) 642-9000 or office@kolamikc.com. Shabbat Celebration , 7:30 p.m. Conducted by Cantor Silbersher. Members with January anniversaries will be honored. Oneg Shabbat to follow.
Sunday	6	Religious School , 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.: Family Learning. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Student Learning. 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.: Adult Education with Barry Speert. 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew with Robert Sokol. 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	10	Torah Study , 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Moderated by Cantor Silbersher. Topic of study: Torah portion of the week.
Friday	11	Shabbat Celebration , 7:30 p.m. Conducted by Cantor Silbersher. Members with January birthdays will be honored. Oneg Shabbat to follow.
Saturday	12	Family Movie Night , 7:00 p.m. <i>The Frisco Kid</i> (PG), Children's movie <i>Bambi</i> . No charge. Please RSVP to office@kolamikc.com or call (913)642-9000. One attendee will receive a door prize. Snacks available for a small fee.
Sunday	13	Religious School , 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.: Family Learning. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Student Learning. 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.: Adult Education with Barry Speert. 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew with Robert Sokol.
Thursday	17	Torah Study , 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Moderated by Cantor Silbersher. Topic of study: Torah portion of the week.
Friday	18	Shabbat Celebration , 7:30 p.m. Conducted by Cantor Silbersher. Oneg Shabbat to follow.
Sunday	20	Religious School , 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.: Family Learning. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Student Learning. 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.: Adult Education with Barry Speert. 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. 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	24	Torah Study , 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Moderated by Cantor Silbersher. Topic of study: Torah portion of the week.
Friday	25	Shabbat Celebration , 7:30 p.m. Conducted by Cantor Silbersher. Oneg Shabbat to follow.
Sunday	27	Religious School , 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.: Family Learning. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Student Learning. 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.: Adult Education with Barry Speert. 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew with Robert Sokol.
Thursday	31	Torah Study , 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Moderated by Cantor Silbersher. Topic of study: Torah portion of the week.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Congregation Kol Ami
New Office Hours
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Kol Ami is delighted to welcome new members:
Nelson Abraham and Lynn Kaufman
Be sure to introduce yourselves to Nelson and Lynn at the next congregational gathering.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Saturday, February 2 The Jews of Tin Pan Alley featuring Lil' Rev and Kol Ami member, Michael Oshiver.
Sunday, February 17 Field Trip to the Truman Museum
Wednesday, February 27 Guest Lecture: Dr. Frances Sternberg "The Holocaust and the State of Israel."
Saturday, March 1 Annual Chili Cook-Off



REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE

Remember that recycling at Kol Ami not only helps the environment, but is a fund raiser. Place used computer printer cartridges in the bin in the lobby. A paper recycling bin is located in the east parking lot.