



# CONGREGATION KOL AMI

7501 Belinder Avenue    Prairie Village, KS 66208    (913) 642-9000

*A dynamic, diverse and inclusive 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 [office@kolamik.com](mailto:office@kolamik.com).

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

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, December 5  
6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat  
Brown Bag Dinner follow by  
Songs of Rose Sing-a-Long.

Sunday, December 14  
10:00 a.m. - Noon Gift Shop  
Sale. 10% off.

Friday, December 19  
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Gift Shop  
Sale. 20 - 25% off.  
6:30 p.m. Chanukah Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Night of Lights  
Chanukah Celebration.

Sunday, December 21 & 28  
No Religious School

Thursday, December 25  
Afternoon Matinee Movie  
Chinese Dinner to Follow  
More Details Available Soon

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER

CANTOR PAUL C. SILBERSHER

Dear Family,

Belated greetings for the most American of Holidays and the most family oriented holiday for most Americans of all religious persuasions. The most traveled of days when airports are jammed and highways filled with family members finding their ways back to their roots. When we gather, what kind of family will we find? Will we, discover that the years have made us more appreciative of what we have and more determined to share what we have with others? More affectionate, more willing to listen? Any more glad to see each other and not wanting to wait so long to be in touch again?



Or, will we be looking over our shoulders at the latest Dow Jones report, the Bail-Out, the Unemployment rate, the War in Iraq, or the Deficit etc. to get ourselves ready for a good case of indigestion? How did we get to this place? Why are we experiencing what some are calling "an economic Tsunami?" Regardless of what shape it takes or from what direction it comes, the culprits are selfishness and greed. We don't need to pretend that we are surprised that this could happen in America... "where the streets are paved with gold" and whose resources are therefore, inexhaustible. Even a person with a billion dollars, but with a debt of a billion and one will be impoverished. How much is enough? And what will one be willing to do to get it? Because the holders of the power of economic leverage were not subject to either self-regulation or Government regulations, selfishness and greed overwhelmed time-honored and sound financial practices and just about anything went...if it could make a buck, even in the face of acting for the sake of the "Common Good."

We, at Kol Ami, now find that the ripples of the "economic Tsunami" are reaching our shores and beaches, our members...and we need to let each other know that we must be prepared to help in whatever way we can.

Our Congregation is based on the premise that we are a Family...and what does a Family do when...? To begin with... if you are able to help... make a contribution to the Cantor's Discretionary Fund, this will help to provide direct modest temporary aid to Congregants who need it...

Additionally, we are prepared to accept resumes of those needing employment opportunities through the generosity of Sam Matier who has a website called the JEN, Jewish Employment Network or to offer some moderate temporary financial assistance, referrals to other sources of help or perhaps...just a time to talk.

Together, with God's help and with yours, we will find the way...back to the Common Good, beginning with now.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Sending Love,



## DONATIONS

### **BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND**

Norm and Lee King  
In memory of Yahrzeit of Benjamin Petipas  
Charles Klopper  
In memory of Yahrzeit of William Klopper  
Paul and Marie Sexton  
In memory of Richard Carman

### **CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Harold and Betty Mallin and Family  
In memory of Yahrzeit of William Klopper

### **Education Scholarship Fund**

Mrs. Samuel (Marge) Brodtkin  
In honor of Bar Mitzvah of Grant Laster  
In memory of Yahrzeit of Sady A. Levin  
Rowena Jacobs  
In memory of Yahrzeit of Anna Richolson  
Bruce and Alyson Rawitch and Family  
In honor of Bar Mitzvah of Grant Laster

### **GARDENING FUND**

Susan Lawrence  
In memory of Yahrzeit of Anne Lawrence

### **GENERAL FUND**

Mrs. Samuel (Marge) Brodtkin  
In memory of Mark Hernandez  
Bob and Helen Bushman and Robyn Shopmaker  
In honor of recovery of Bob Goldstein  
Kevin and Karen Flattery  
In memory of Yahrzeit of William Klopper  
In honor of birth of Oliver (grandson of  
John and Stevie Shuchart)  
Joseph Shopmaker B'nai Tzedek Fund of the  
Jewish Community Foundation of Greater KC  
In honor of Congregation Kol Ami  
Rachel Cantor B'nai Tzedek Fund of the  
Jewish Community Foundation of Greater KC  
In honor of Congregation Kol Ami  
Evelyn Young  
In memory of Jackie Yukon

### **ONEG SHABBAT FUND**

Howard and Nadine Agron  
In honor of Anniversary of Harold and Betty Mallin  
In memory of Yahrzeit of William Klopper  
Alan and Jenny Stempleman  
In honor of birthday of Judy Weingarten  
In honor of Bar Mitzvah of Grant Laster  
In honor of recovery of Nancy Petru  
In memory of Janet Cohen

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND**

Ronald Einbender  
In memory of Yahrzeit of Michael Irl Einbender  
Marvin and Sheila Goldberg and Lisa Levine  
In memory of Wes Dolginoff

## ***MAZEL TOV!***

*Kol Ami sends best wishes to our  
family members who have a birthday  
or anniversary this month.*

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Nelson Abraham  
Deborah Scott  
Bob Goldstein  
Sherel Sands  
Karen Agron Flattery  
Valerie Bielsker  
Cindy Kleiner  
Susan Lawrence  
David Bamburger  
Kevin Flattery  
Lee Fenwick  
Lindsey Bassin  
Judith Weingarten  
Harriet Boresow  
Allen Rawitch

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Phil and June Pisciotta  
Carla and Mickey Lieberman  
David and Carol Freirich  
Trudie and Greg Goldberg



*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@kolamikc.com](mailto:office@kolamikc.com).*

## **MAKING DONATIONS**

Kol Ami provides numerous funds for members to choose from when making donations to the congregation. Donations can be made in memory of an individual, in honor of a special event, as a thank you, or even as a Chanukah gift.

For each donation a thank you note is sent to the donor. If appropriate, an acknowledgement letter is sent to the specific individual being honored.

Donations can be made in any size and are sincerely appreciated. Kol Ami leadership knows that many smaller donations added together create as much benefit to the congregation as a single large donation. As the year 2008 reaches its end, don't forget that your donations to Kol Ami are tax deductible.

- ◆ Art & Ritual Objects Fund
- ◆ Building Maintenance Fund
- ◆ Cantor's Discretionary Fund
- ◆ Education Scholarship Fund
- ◆ Gardening Fund
- ◆ General Fund
- ◆ Music Enhancement Fund
- ◆ Library Fund
- ◆ Oneg Shabbat Fund
- ◆ Social Justice Fund

***Thank you for remembering Kol Ami!***



## KOL AMI KARES SOMEONE *DOES* READ IT

Yes, that's right. And I can prove it too. There was an article on the JFS JET EXPRESS in the November Newsletter and questions were to be sent to me. I received a question from a congregant on November 7th! And I could even answer her question that was "Can the Jet Express pick me up to attend Shabbat services?" How difficult it was to tell her ... NOT YET! However, one of these days the JFS will be able to offer this service and I hope it is soon, don't you?

She was so happy to read the article and the price of the JET Express was a surprise (affordable) to her. We had a great conversation and as soon as she needs a ride in the day (after she joins the JET Express group and is accepted) ... off she goes on her chauffeur-driven ride.

The qualifications were outlined in last month's Newsletter and I won't repeat them this month. But I shall elaborate the qualifications just for my special reader.

- ◆ Service is door-to-door for adults 65 years of age and older
- ◆ Rider does not have readily transportation available
- ◆ Non-wheelchair bound (if you can get into the car under your own power ... your wheelchair can be put into the trunk) and that is acceptable.
- ◆ Charge is \$2.50 each way
- ◆ Rides need to be scheduled five (5) days in advance
- ◆ Limited to one ride per week
- ◆ Must become a member of JET Express (no dues)

Rides can be scheduled for medical appointments, going to the hairdresser/barber, grocery store, library, shopping, and etc.

You will have to fill out some forms that will be mailed to you... like a Consent to Services, etc. This JET Express service plans to offer evening rides (like Shabbat rides) as soon as more drivers are available.

This caring service for the community was launched by the Jewish Family Services on September 2, 2008. If you have questions or wish to become a JET Express member, please call me (Ev Gelb) at 816-942-4954 and I will help you.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

Kol Ami collected 25 coats for the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. Additionally approximately 20 boxes of items were collected for C.O.P.P.



Thank you to the volunteers who contributed time at C.O.P.P. Michael, Sarah and Bruce Rawitch; Jane Quick along with Marley and Ethan as well as Rose Kenneally.

## VILLAGE SHALOM'S 4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Front Lobby

5500 West 123<sup>rd</sup> Street, Overland Park

Shop for exciting new gifts for the holidays! Come and shop and browse a great selection of personalized embroidered gift items & fleece accessories, children's books, arts & crafts, hand crafted jewelry & mosaics, clothing & accessories, home baked challah, allergy free baked goods and much more!

Featured Vendors:

Becca's Heavenly Home Baked Challah, Bubbie's Bundles, DJ Designs, Elemeno Cookies, Ella Klara, Jewels by Wendy & Family and Crazy Krafter

For more information contact

Becca Wexler, Village Shalom Volunteer Coordinator

913.266.8310 or [bwexler@villageshalom.org](mailto:bwexler@villageshalom.org).

### FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE



Many thanks to everyone who has contributed either goodies or funds for Oneg Shabbats. Our weekly gatherings would not be successful without your generosity.

Naturally more baked items are always needed. Please wrap items for freezing and write your name and the date on each donation.

### REMINDER

Congregation Kol Ami accepts Master Card and Visa. To make a donation, pay for a dinner reservation or pay other fees or dues using your credit card - simply call the office between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### WHAT IF KOL AMI HAD A PENNY FOR EVERY TIME YOU SEARCHED THE INTERNET?

Set [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) as your home page and Congregation Kol Ami will earn money every time you search the internet! Do your shopping online at one of the hundreds of Good Shop vendors to earn a percentage donation for Kol Ami. Today we received a check from Goodsearch. Thank you for patronizing this service.

**KOL AMI KIDS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND  
BETH TORAH'S YOUTH GROUP**

**7th & 8th Grade JYG**

Wednesday, December 3

6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Social Justice Projects and Pizza

Cost \$6

RSVP by December 1

**5th Grade TWYG**

Sunday, December 7

Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Pizza followed by

Swimming at the Matt Ross Community Center

Water Slide \* Lazy River \* Water Bucket

Cost \$10

**7th & 8th Grade JYG**

Sunday, December 14

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Power Play

Includes lunch and a 40 point Power Play Card

Cost \$20

RSVP by December 1

Contact or RSVP Jill Fine

Phone: (913) 681-6442

Email: fivefines@kc.rr.com



**FAMILY SHABBAT  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5  
6:00 P.M.  
KOL AMI SOCIAL HALL**

Bring a brown bag dinner and join family and friends for Songs of Rose interactive concert. Music will begin at about 6:15 p.m. Guests are welcome to attend this no charge event.

The wonderful this CD this program is upon won the Parent's Choice Award as well as the Children's Web Music Award. The CD is available through the Congregation's gift shop and includes narration by our own Cantor Silbersher.

The interactive program scheduled at Kol Ami is geared toward families with children ages 10 and below. Arranged by Jackie Silberg and Michael O. many of the pieces were originally written by the late Rose Levine, a legendary music teacher and choir director who served at Congregation Beth Shalom for well over 50 years.

Jackie Silberg is an internationally recognized authority on child development and children's song writer extraordinaire. Her talk show appearances include National Public Radio's "Parent's Journal" and "All Things Considered." Many adults who grew up in the area may remember Jackie from the children's television show "Tree House Lane."

Michael O is a classically trained pianist and harp player. He has coordinated music and educational programs throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

This unique opportunity has been made possible due to a grant from the Louis and Frances Swinken Supporting Foundation of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

**HAVDALAH HIKE**

Kol Ami members Steve Chernoff; Bob, Nancy, Jacob, Sarah and Labradoodle Chelsea Milgrim; Steve and Linda Sackin; Cole and Stan Strauss; as well as David Wheaton enjoyed a Havdalah Hike on November 8. Pictures below.

**FIRST ANNUAL  
PTO SPONSORED WINTER ACTIVITY  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25**



Afternoon matinee movie  
Followed by Chinese Dinner.

Mark Your Calendar.  
More details available soon.

Empty Nesters are welcome join the PTO Sponsored Party for either the movie, dinner or both.



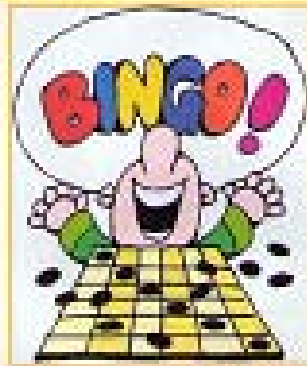
# BINGO Night

Saturday, December 13

7:00 p.m.

In the Congregation Kol Ami Social Hall  
7501 Belinder Ave. \* Prairie Village, Kansas

Last year over **\$2,000** in cash and prizes were awarded!



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## Prizes Donated By:

- \* Legends Theatres \* T-Bones Baseball \* Country Club Plaza Association \* Waldo Pizza \*
- \* Cactus Grill \* Lew's Bar & Grill \* Intercontinental Hotel \* The Incred-a-Bowl \*
- \* Nebraska Furniture Mart \* Coterie Theatre \* The Bank of Prairie Village \*
- \* Boresow Chemical \* American Heartland Theater \* Musication, Inc. \*
- \* Waids Restaurant \* Cash Donation from a Grateful Congregant \*
- \* KC Repertory Theatre \* Tivoli Theatres \*
- \* Unicorn Theatre \* Helberg Diamonds \*

Purchase a \$5 raffle ticket for a chance to win a  
Prize Package Valued at **\$500!**

*A few volunteers are needed! Contact Mike Boresow if you can help.*

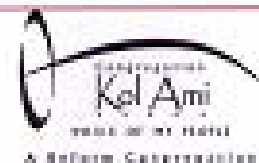
**Donations needed:** Canned Soda, Bottled Water, Desserts, Candy, Condiments,  
Individual Serving Chip Bags, Hot Dogs & Buns.

**For Kol Ami Kids of All Ages 1 - 99**

Cost: \$3.00 for Members  
\$5.00 for Non-Members  
\$1.00 per Bingo Card  
\$5.00 for Hot Dog or  
Deli Sandwich Dinner

Contact Mike Boresow for more information  
at 913-897-3793.

If you would like to donate a prize, contact  
Larry Gelb at 816-942-4934.



# Night of Light

A Congregation Kol Ami  
Early Chanukah Celebration

*Friday, December 19*



## **5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Judaica Shop Sale**

25% off all Chanukah items and 20% off all other purchases.

## **6:30 p.m. Chanukah Dinner**

Menu: BBQ Brisket, Latkes, Green bean Casserole, Salad and Rolls

Cost: \$8.50 - Adults, \$4.50 - Children ages 4 - 12, \$0 - Children 3 and under

Note: Please RSVP for dinner by Tues., Dec. 16 to 913-642-9000

## **7:30 p.m. Night of Lights Worship Celebration**

Bring your Chanukiah and join your Kol Ami family and friends in lighting candles to symbolize the first night of Chanukah. Candles and matches will be provided. The Chai Times Junior Choir will perform.

**An Oneg Shabbat will follow Worship**



## KOL AMI CALENDAR

<b>December</b>		
Thursday	4	10:30 a.m. Torah Study led by Cantor Silbersher, 7:00 p.m. Torah and More led by Barry Speert.
Friday	5	6:00 p.m. Special Family Shabbat - Brown bag dinner followed by the Songs of Rose Sing Interactive Concert. 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Celebration. Members with December Anniversaries will be honored. An Oneg Shabbat will follow.
Sunday	7	9:00 a.m. Religious School, 10:00 a.m. Adult Education led by Cantor Silbersher, Busy Buddies and Fundraising Committee Meeting. 12:15 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Training, Chai Times Junior Choir.
Tuesday	9	7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting at the Balanoff Home
Thursday	11	10:30 a.m. Torah Study led by Cantor Silbersher, 7:00 p.m. Torah and More led by Barry Speert.
Friday	12	7:30 p.m. Worship Celebration. Members with December birthdays will be honored. An Oneg Shabbat will follow.
Saturday	13	7:00 p.m. BINGO Night! Awesome fun, fabulous prizes, dinner available, friends and more. See page 5 for details.
Sunday	14	9:00 a.m. Chai Family Times, 10:00 a.m. Religious School and Adult Education led by Cantor Silbersher, Events Committee meeting, 12:15 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Training. 10% off Kol Ami Gift Shop purchases.
Tuesday	16	7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday	18	10:30 a.m. Torah Study led by Cantor Silbersher, 7:00 p.m. Torah and More led by Barry Speert. Both classes are free and open to the community.
Friday	19	6:30 p.m. Chanukah Dinner. 7:30 p.m. Night of Light. Chai Times Junior Choir will sing. Religious School enrollees are encouraged to attend. See page 6 for details.
Sunday	21	No Religious School.
Thursday	25	PTO Sponsored winter activity. More info available soon.
Friday	26	7:30 p.m. Worship Celebration An Oneg Shabbat will follow.
Sunday	28	No Religious School.
Monday	29	Newsletter submission deadline.
<b>January</b>		
Friday	2	6:30 p.m. Potluck Shabbat Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Worship Celebration, Members with January Anniversaries will be honored. An Oneg Shabbat will follow.
Sunday	3	No Religious School.

### KOL AMI SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

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

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

See the bulletin board in the sunroom and/or the display table in the lobby for information about community events.

### WWW.KOLAMIKC.COM

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Another Kol Ami Win-Win



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- \$37 1/2 page
- \$70 full page

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and acquaintances  
know how they can  
patronize your  
business.**

Newsletter deadline: Print ready ads are due by the five business prior to the end of the month for the following months newsletter.

Directory deadline: Print ready ads are due by Monday, December 8.

**Place Your  
Ad Here**



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