



CONGREGATION KOL AMI

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A dynamic, diverse and inclusive congregational family



QUICK NOTES

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Interested in joining our Kol Ami family:

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, September 4

7:30 p.m. Worship Celebration. Anniversary Blessing.

Sunday, September 6

10:15 a.m. Fund Raising

Tuesday, September 8

7:00 p.m. Committee Chairs

Wednesday, September 9

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Friday, September 11

7:30 p.m. Worship Celebration
Birthday Blessings.

Tuesday, September 15

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

Thursday, September 17

7:30 p.m. Conversion Class

Friday, September 18

7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 19

9:30 a.m. Children's Service
10:30 a.m. Morning Service

Thursday, September 24

7:00 p.m. Conversion Class

Friday, September 25

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Shuvah

Sunday, September 27

7:30 p.m. Erev Yom Kippur

Monday, September 28

9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Yom Kippur

Dear Family,

Do the High Holy Days ever come at the proper time? The conversation either goes: "The Holidays are early this year...or they are late." This is because the Jewish calendar is lunar-based, comprised of 354 1/2 days. In order to match up to the solar calendar, there are seven times in a nineteen-year-cycle that an extra month (Adar II) is added so we do not end up celebrating Passover in the winter.

Whether early or late, the High Holy Days call us to embrace the "Highest that we know and the Highest that we can do." On Sunday morning August 23, some 30 Kol Ami family members committed themselves to the concept of Mitzvah Day. Kol Ami president Constance Bernstein observed, "Our members are amazing. They worked in the garden and yard, cleaned the storage room, kitchen, social hall, windows and even the art work. Others scrubbed and vacuumed floors and polished the pews and the ark. They sorted books and stained outdoor furniture. Our home looks wonderful!"

The work of repairing the world has begun at Kol Ami. May all of us now fill our beautiful "new home" with our prayers, hugs, learning, meetings and endless good will and love.

Shana Tova,

Cantor Paul Silbersher

President's Message

Preparations for the High Holy Days continued beyond the Mitzvah Day that Cantor Silbersher described above. Gary Kretchmer, worship committee chair, and his committee organized, assembled and mailed the packets for tickets. If you have not yet received your packet, please contact Donna Lou at the Kol Ami office.

Last week, I listened to our ensemble rehearsing the music we'll be hearing in a few weeks. It was glorious. Their voices blend so beautifully and they sing with true spiritual emotion. We were fortunate to find our director, Chad and eight professional singers including our own Lara Steinel and Marie Lerner-Sexton. We are known throughout the community for our warm welcome and our music. This year promises to be our best.

Our events committee, led by Judy Weingarten, met a few weeks ago. Someone recalled how much they had enjoyed a special dessert at their favorite aunt's house after Rosh Hashanah services. Robin Felman, hospitality chair, proposed a special oneg after Erev Rosh Hashanah services. Please see the announcement on page 3 if you can help by baking for this very special oneg.

I wish all of you a very healthy and sweet New Year. L'shana Tovah!

Constance Bernstein

MEMORY & HONOR DONATIONS

Art & Ritual Objects Fund

Marshall & Judith Weingarten

In memory of Mark Boresow

Building Maintenance Fund

Norman King

In memory of Yahrzeit of George King

Ben & Gina Silk

In memory of Yahrzeit of Grace Silk

Irv & Gloria Schlossberg

In memory of Mark Boresow

In honor of anniversary of

Mr. and Mrs. John Shuchart

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Arvin Pfefer

In memory of Yahrzeit
of Elaine Pfefer

Gardening Fund

Don & Harriet Boresow

In memory of Mark Boresow

General Fund

Howard & Nadine Agron

In memory of Mark Boresow

Dore & Lisa Binder

In memory of Albert Bassin

Marge Brodtkin

In memory of Mark Boresow

Kevin & Karen Flattery

In memory of Mark Boresow

Samuel & Margaret Gurian

In memory of Albert Bassin

Norm & Lee King

In memory of Mark Boresow

Roberta Solomon

In honor of Congregation Kol Ami

Rhoda Weber

In memory of Albert Bassin

David Wheaton

In memory of Yahrzeit
of Tom Stade

In memory of Verna Stade

Music Enhancement Fund

Evelyn Young

In memory of Gerry Silvers

Oneg Shabbat Fund

Lenny & Leah Bassin

In memory of Mark Boresow

Gary & Sheryl Kretchmer

In memory of Yahrzeit of Ruth Litwack

Sam & Donna Zavelo

In memory of Mark Boresow

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Rick Baumgarten
- 2 Lara Steinel
- 3 Stan Strauss
- 4 Lois Baraban
- 4 Robert Sokol
- 7 Rick Katz
- 9 Elizabeth Gnora Kontras
- 10 Al Felman
- 11 Shirley Kanter
- 13 Leah Bassin
- 13 Billie Grayam
- 13 Harry Shopmaker
- 20 Michael Panknin
- 20 Phillip Pisciotta
- 20 Evelyn Young
- 21 Megan Grossman
- 23 Arvin Pfefer
- 26 Reni Karanovich
- 27 Michael Shanin



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Lois and Manuel Baraban
- 4 Eileen and Bruce Kershenbaum
- 11 Megan Kraus and Charlie Truitt
- 19 Sheila and Marvin Goldberg
- 20 Patty and Spencer Schere
- 21 Elizabeth and David Bamberger

TREE OF LIFE

The High Holy Days are almost here.

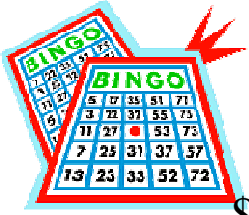
This is the time of year to reflect
and count our blessings.

Please think about those you love,
those who touch your life in a special way,
those who touch your life every day.

The Tree of Life is the perfect way to
honor loved ones.

Order forms are available in the lobby.

Thank You



Bingo Night At Kol Ami
Saturday, October 17th, 2009

\$3.00 for members - \$5.00 for non-members
\$1.00 for each Bingo card you wish to play

Social Hall at Congregation Kol Ami
7501 Belinder Avenue
Prairie Village, Kansas

Last year twenty-seven donors distributed
\$2,100 in Prizes
Eighty participants enjoyed a fabulous night of
Fun, Games and Food

Put the date on your calendar.
More information coming.
Invite your friends and relatives.

October 17th, 2009
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for food
Bingo from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

**Apple Anything
(what's your specialty?)
We need contributions of bakery items for our special
Rosh Hashanah Oneg.**

Please bring all labeled bakery items to the Kol Ami kitchen by 7:00 p.m.
on September 18 or earlier. Place in the freezer. Please label items
"For 9/18 Oneg"

Hospitality Committee

JET Express needs volunteers

JET Express, the JFS volunteer driver program, needs volunteers!

JET Express provides low-cost, door-to-door transportation for older adults who no longer drive or do not have readily available transportation. Participants may use JET Express to be transported to doctor and dental appointments, the hairdresser, grocery shopping or any activity that helps older adults remain active and independent.

Volunteers must be 21 and hold a valid driver's license, have current auto insurance coverage and the ability to use their own vehicle. Drivers go through a training program, as well. JET training sessions are set for **Wednesday evening, Aug. 26, 7-8:30 p.m.** and **Friday morning, Aug. 28, 10-11:30 a.m.** Both sessions will be held in Conference Room A at the Jewish Community Campus. To volunteer, call Adrienne Kizer at (913) 327-8257 or visit JFS' website, www.jfskc.org/volunteer.htm.

New riders must complete a simple application to become part to the JET Express program. To enroll, call Dawn Herbet, Older Adult Initiatives director at JFS, (913) 327-8239.

Emergency aid available

- In these tough times, more and more people are confronting situations they never dreamed imaginable including financial difficulties. The Jewish Federation, in partnership with Jewish Family Services, offers three assistance funds to help members of the community meet emergency and long-term needs: **Gesher Fund**: short-term emergency assistance subject to a cap. May be given on an ongoing basis

Gesher XL Fund: for those with immediate needs that are beyond the scope of the Gesher fund. Short-term emergency fund only.

Chesed Fund: available to Jewish clients to address a certified chronic situation. These situations are for medium and long-term assistance.

If you need assistance but do not qualify for these funds, JFS has access to other funds as well. For more information on these funds, contact the JFS helpline at (913) 327-8293.