

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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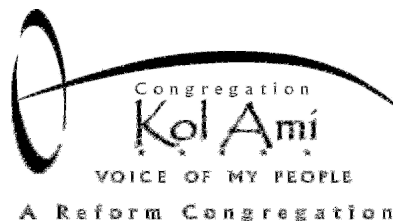
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Interested in joining our Kol Ami Family? Contact Rick Breinin at 816-524-4589 or rbreinin@kc.rr.com.

To make a contribution: Contact Marge Brodtkin at 913-642-8984 or marge623@juno.com or mail your contribution to her, 8415 Cambridge, Leawood, KS 66206.

To make reservations for events: Contact the office.

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Dear Family of Kol Ami,

As you know, I will be retiring as Kol Ami's Spiritual Leader on July 1, 2011. It will represent a decade of early discussion, energetic meetings, "The Coalition," all culminating in the purchase and activation of our "new" and beautiful building at 7501 Belinder Avenue, in Prairie Village. While the building was almost in move-in condition, there have been a number of challenges with certain aspects of older equipment which have required unexpected amounts of time and money. We have two wonderful tenants and want to do everything that we can to continue our relationship with them.

Let's turn from our concerns for our physical space...to our reason for being, in the first place: our Love of God, doing God's work...and our relationship with each other. In the nine months between now and the day I retire, I am planning to see to it (in the best way possible), that my successor will have a new program of viable and working ideas in order to take us to the next level...which is new growth in membership along with viable funding sources and an even more involved level of serious participation from leadership AND membership. To that end, we will renew existing programs such as: "Jewish Meditation," (every 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at the Temple), "Torah Study Class" (every Thursday Morning 10:30AM-12:00 Noon), "Judaism 101" (a basic approach to Jewish holidays, history, Hebrew and relevant ideas today...beginners welcome), and "Adult Education" (Sunday Mornings, in the Board Room from 10-11AM).

We are also awaiting Board Approval for a new program called "Chavurah." Some of you may be in a previously formed Chavurah and know the joy of belonging to a small Jewish group which values learning and living Judaism. A Chavurah is a chance to meet new friends, study the Jewish story, have unique holiday celebrations, take field trips, exchange recipes, volunteer at Temple etc.

Another program is our newly formed volunteer choir which sang at Shabbat Services and also debuted at our recent High Holy Day Services (and very beautifully, I might add). But your ideas are welcome. Do you like to play bridge, exercise with "Pilates," volunteer at a "Bingo" game? Are you an idea person who has a suggestion that could further enhance the life of Kol Ami but have been too shy to bring it to our attention?...now is the time and Kol Ami is the place.

We are diligently conducting a search for my successor. If you are aware of a candidate whom you know and respect, please forward their resume to our President, Constance Bernstein.

This is a time of change...with lots of thoughts and feelings about the future and questions about what will happen. While I will be finished with my official duties, I will not be far away from helping Kol Ami in any way that I am able. May that be our theme and goal from now to July 1, 2011...full speed ahead.

So much Love....Paul

President's Message

A few weeks ago, after making the announcement from the *bimah* on Shabbat, I asked for congregants to write and tell me what Kol Ami means to them.

The very first note received was from Dorothy Solomon. With her permission, I would like to share her thoughts.

"Five years ago when I moved to KC from St. Louis, I knew it would be quite a challenge. Coming from an active Jewish community where I was very involved and also working for the Jewish Light newspaper presented me with a quandary. The people I first met in KC were friends of my daughter, Roberta. Question: where could I meet people on my own? After my first month here, I attended a Shabbat service at Kol Ami at the 99th Street location. I was amazed at the warm welcome I received. People were so friendly. I came to Friday night services on a regular basis. The next thing, I was asked to do the *aliyot* calls, then to be on the fund-raising committee. I was in on the beginning of the present Kol Ami location. Now I am involved in lots of interesting things including God's Garden class. I have met some great people along the way! It has been a blessing to me. I sit on Friday evening and look at the *bimah* and say, Thank God I am here". Thanks to all of you at Kol Ami."

Many of us agree with Dorothy when she expresses her thanks for being at Kol Ami. We must continue to grow and share our blessing with others.

By now, you should have received an invitation regarding two meetings we are having to share the vision, "Moving Forward and Future Plans for Kol Ami". I look forward to seeing all of you then.

Constance

MOVING FORWARD WITH THE FUTURE OF KOL AMI

Please Plan to Attend:

Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m.
 or Sunday, October 17 at noon.



JUDAISM 101

The new term of Judaism 101 at Kol Ami will be held on Thursday evenings in the Board Room from 7:00-8:30 PM, beginning on October 21st. Cantor Silbersher will be the instructor. This course is designed for those who either have had little or no formal instruction in Judaism, or who may want to brush up previously learned instruction. Each class is separate and attendees who can attend weekly can be joined by those whose schedule may only allow them to drop in. History, Holidays, Hebrew, Life Cycle, Intro to Jewish Texts...along with Question and Answer Sessions will be among the subject matters offered. There is no charge, but contributions to Kol Ami are welcomed.

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

ART & RITUAL OBJECTS FUND

Gloria Schlossenberg

"To all you dear ones who called and sent cards when I was in the hospital, I thank you."

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Ron Einbender

In memory of Yahrzeit of Lester Einbender

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Gary & Sheryl Kretchmer

In memory of Yahrzeit of Pearl Kretchmer Spector

Mike & Joyce Shanin

In memory of Yahrzeit of Al Shanin

GARDENING FUND

Dr. Steven & Louise Laster

In memory of Yahrzeit of Oliver Laster

GENERAL FUND

Leah Bassin

In memory of Yahrzeit of Wilbur Fulkerson

Marge Brodtkin

In memory of Yahrzeits of Geraldine Levin & Rae Winograd

Nadine Gordon

In memory of Anne Baum

In memory of Mr. Panknin

Dr. & Mrs. Charles Gorodetzky

In memory of Yahrzeit of Anna Labovich

In memory of Yahrzeit of Theodore Labovich

MUSIC ENHANCEMENT FUND

Allan & Nancy Reichman

In honor of anniversary of Alan & Jenny Stempleman

ONEG SHABBAT FUND

Manuel & Lois Baraban

In memory of Yahrzeit of Eiran Abramof

Dan & Lara Steinel

In memory of Yahrzeit of Esther Woolf

Marshall & Judy Weingarten

In honor of anniversary of Alan & Jenny Stempleman

SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND

Marvin & Sheila Goldberg

In honor of their 34th anniversary

Marvin & Sheila Goldberg

In memory of Yahrzeit of Morris Litvien

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Anita and Ty Hampshire
- 8 Sharon and Ron Scrogam
- 14 Harriet and Don Boresow
- 18 Julie Hirsch-Bohs and Shawn Bohs
- 18 Louise and Dr. Steve Laster
- 24 Robin and Al Felman
- 25 Lisbeth Lurey and Mark Titus
- 27 Carolyn McKeone and Martin Altman
- 29 Sandra and Robert Reynolds
- 30 Linda and Steve Sackin
- 31 Sheryl and Rod Siegele

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 John Hoffman
- 5 Barbara Gorodetzky
- 7 Vance Andreas
- 7 Greg Goldberg
- 11 Brian McAree
- 13 Zachary Bassin
- 18 Rod Siegele
- 19 Jan Gratch
- 22 Sandra Rothberg
- 23 Barry Speert
- 24 Tony Levinson
- 25 Monica Terry
- 29 Dr. Steve Laster
- 31 Michael Shopmaker
- 31 Gary Kretchmer
- 31 Jan Sokol

NEW MEMBERS

(SINCE JUNE 2009)

Chris and Debbie Folkers

Jerry and Robynn Nevins

Sawyer - son

Scarlett - daughter

Hildy and Jesse Troncoso

Jessica - daughter

Adam - son

Dan and Geri Weinbaum

Asher - son

For information concerning any of the Congregational funds, please contact Marge Brodtkin at marge623@gmail.com or at 913-642-8984.

Yahrzeit Donations

Donor

Paul Silbersher
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Mike Boresow
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Judith and Marshall Weingarten
Philip Engel
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Manuel and Lois Baraban
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Mike Boresow
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Robin and Al Felman
Louise and Dr. Steven Laster
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In Memory of

Rose Silbersher
Louis Silbersher
Mark David Boresow
Dennis Craig Boresow
David Kaufman
Leah Malkin Rosenthal
Dr. David E. Rosenthal
Estelle M. Pursel
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Rae Vile Block
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Eiran Abramoff
Rose Weingarten
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Mark H. Weingarten
Sol Felman
Oliver Laster
Myron Samuel Jacobs

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Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques

Thanks to the generosity of Cantor Silbersher, Kol Ami's Yahrzeit memorial plaque is now a reality. The primary purpose is to sanctify and honor the memory of family members and loved ones who came before us. The plaques also provide an opportunity for our descendants to continue the memorial process into the future. Equally important, this is an avenue to provide support for the future of Kol Ami.

The first plaques have been dedicated, a number have been added over time, and it is vital for our financial stability that the support is ongoing. When you receive your Yahrzeit notices, please take the opportunity to place your orders for memorial plaques for your loved ones.

Order forms for Yahrzeit Memorial plaques can be found with the handouts in the Temple lobby. For more information, contact Judy Weingarten at judithkw@sbcglobal.net or 913-888-9613.

TREE OF LIFE DONATIONS

DONOR

Hospitality Committee
The Bassin Family
Linda Sackin
Constance and Sheldon Bernstein
Sheryl and Gary Kretchmer
The Flacks Family

IN HONOR OF

Howard and Louise Naster
Birth of Judah Michael Bassin
The Children of Kol Ami
Cantor Silbersher's 80th Birthday
The Singers & Musicians of Kol Ami
Marge Brodkin's 85th Birthday

TREE OF LIFE PLAQUES

Our Tree of Life honorarium plaque needs to continue to grow. Honoring family, friends and fellow congregants has put many leaves on the tree. Fall is associated with the dropping of leaves from the trees, but for our Tree of Life we look forward to a “blossoming” of a new crop of leaves to enhance the foliage.

Celebrating births, weddings, anniversaries, B'nai mitzvahs, and many other happy occasions are reasons to rejoice. Another happy circumstance is that these funds contribute to the financial well-being of Kol Ami's congregational home. Please include the dedication of a leaf in your plans to celebrate your joyous event and help insure the financial stability and future of Kol Ami.

Order forms for Tree of Life honorarium plaques can be found with the handouts in the Temple lobby. For more information, contact Judy Weingarten at judithkw@sbcglobal.net or 913-888-9613.

UPDATES

KARES COMMITTEE

The KARES Committee is active and ready to respond to your request. We send cards to people needing a remembrance when sick or recovering to let them know they are missed and that Kol Ami cares. We respond when there is a death in the family with cards, phone messages, and help in setting up a light meal after the funeral. We will call you if you live alone and need someone to talk with. Please call the Chairperson for information: Nadine Gordon 816-333-5056 Email: NGordon438@aol.com

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education continues on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. with Barry Speert .

OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CONGREGANTS

With the impending retirement during the summer of 2011 of Cantor Silbersher as our Spiritual Leader, each of you will have the opportunity (Mitzvah) to be a reader on Friday nights and help conduct a service with the Cantor. If you are interested, please contact Gary Kretchmer at gkretch@hotmail.com or 913-851-0528.

HARVESTERS FOOD DRIVE

The theme for October is **Peanut, Peanut Butter... and Jelly**. Please drop a non-glass jar of peanut butter and/or jelly in the bins when you come to Temple. Of course, any boxed or canned goods are welcome. No glass please. Our goal is to fill 15 barrels by June.

FUND RAISING

ENJOY THE CITY BOOKS: Enjoy the City Books for sale at \$10.00 each until they are gone.

TRASH BAGS: Buy your trash bags and help out Kol Ami. There are 3 sizes to choose from and Kol Ami gets \$10.00 for each case of liners sold. Price: 33 gallon liners \$39.90, 45 gallon liners \$44.90, 55 gallon liners \$49.90.

BINGO: We can use donations of canned soft drinks and bottled water. We also need desserts to sell for Bingo. They can be either brownies, cookies, or a cake.

COOKBOOKS: The Kol Ami Fundraising Committee has created a wonderful and useful cookbook to benefit our Temple. Please support Kol Ami by purchasing one or more of these books. They make great gifts too. Books will be ready to be picked up in the gift shop or by telephone order beginning on Sunday, November 7th. Prices are 1 book \$15 or 2 books \$27. Chanukah is early this year, so keep these lovely books in mind. Please contact either Anita Hampshire at 816-833-0673 or Felice Baumgarten at 913-829-1917 with orders or questions.

If you are interested in helping the Fund Raising Committee, please contact Mike Boresow at 816-520-8690 or MBoresow@sbcglobal.net.

SUICIDE IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

Will be the topic of an important subject presented at Congregation Kol Ami by Bonnie Swade on Friday evening October 15th at 7:30pm. As part of the Jewish Mental Health Initiative, which has been recently renewed, Ms. Swade will bring a much needed message about a subject, little talked about, and seldom dealt with. Suicide occurs at all ages and has life long consequences for everyone concerned. Swade, has taught for 30 years and been a counselor in the Olathe School District for 10 years. She has given presentations in schools, religious organizations, health care facilities, domestic violence shelters etc. and will share her extensive knowledge about how to recognize some of the signs of Suicidal Behavior for those who are not professionals. Such knowledge could save a life. The public is invited and an Oneg Shabbat will follow...All are welcome.



CHARLOTTE'S WEB—THE FAMILY OPERA

Saturday, October 23rd, 7:30pm and Sunday, October 24th, 4:00pm at Kol Ami.

KC Metro Opera presents a concert production of E.B. White's beloved story, "Charlotte's Web – The Family Opera," adapted by Joseph Robinette. Free admission, donations appreciated. Kol Ami member and KC Metro Opera President [Patrick Buckley](#) will conduct the performances which feature Siarah Cunningham, Roberta Solomon and other Kol Ami members as well. For more information, call 816-361-9658, visit www.kcmetroopera.com or email kcMetroOpera@kcMetroOpera.com.

JEWISH MEDITATION GROUP

NEXT SESSION: October 25, 7:00-8:15 p.m. at Kol Ami

"Meditative practices have been deeply rooted in Judaism for thousands of years. Simple meditation practices of sitting quietly, chanting a few words in repetition, or singing to God while focused on thoughts of loving-kindness, forgiveness, gratitude or generosity are within the repertoire of Judaism. And these meditation techniques provide a new opportunity for modern practitioners to connect with tradition." --Rabbi David Cooper. Congregation Kol Ami is pleased to host a Jewish meditation practice group on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

The group is facilitated by Joel Krichiver, who has led Jewish meditation practice in Kansas City for many years. Mr. Krichiver completed his Jewish Meditation Advanced Training Certification from the Elat Chayim Center for Jewish Spirituality, and has studied with esteemed teachers including Rabbi David Cooper and Shoshana Cooper, Rabbi Jeff Roth and the late Rabbi Alan Lew, in addition to Rabbi Joseph Schultz, formerly of Kansas City.

The group is open to beginners and experienced meditators alike. There is no charge to participate, but donations to offset expenses are appreciated. For information, please contact the Kol Ami office at 913-642-9000 or email events@kolamikc.com.

KRISTALLNACHT

November 9, 2010, 7:30 p.m., Lewis and Shirley White Theatre, Jewish Community Campus

The Midwest Center for Holocaust Education, in partnership with the University of Missouri-Kansas City conservatory of Music presents *Different Trains*, a multi-media concert to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of *Kristallnacht*. *Different Trains* is a Grammy award winning musical composition created by noted minimalist composer Steve Reich and performed by an ensemble from the conservatory. It is a deeply personal work, evoking the contrast between the trains of the composer's childhood in 1940s America and the very "different trains" that carried European Jews to the death camps during the same period. A "conductor's talk" about the genesis and creation of the musical piece as well as readings from first-person accounts focusing on the rise of Hitler and the Nazis in Germany (1933-1939) will precede the performance.

The event is free and open to the public.

Bingo Night At Kol Ami



Saturday, October 16, 2010

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for dinner

Bingo from 7 to 9 p.m.

\$5.00 admission for all.

\$1.00 for each Bingo card you wish to play.

Dinner available at a nominal price.

Last Year Kol Ami Awarded \$2,500 In Prizes!

Seventy participants enjoyed a fabulous night of Fun, Games and Food.

Invite your friends.

Some of the many Bingo prize donors are:

Village Flower Co., Trapp Florists, Unicorn Theatre, Dogwood Hills Golf Club, Lakeview Resort, Gaslight Grill (donated by Mike Shanin), Bob Jones Shoes, Kansas City Symphony, Waldo Pizza, Tivoli Theatre, Tower Cleaners, Stanford & Sons Comedy Club, Lew's Grill & Bar, Bed Bath & Beyond, Sheraton Suites Hotel, Hereford House, and Nebraska Furniture Mart

AND

a few surprises, like BONUS BINGO with a prize of a \$250 Gift Certificate to the Gift Shop donated by Cantor Silbersher. As you all know, we have many wonderful cooks that furnish surprises for our Onegs, and one of them, Sheila Goldberg, is offering a "Pastry of the Month" (3 months) to the winner of one of the Bingo games.

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

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11	12 7:00 p.m. Moving Forward With The Future of Kol Ami	13 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting	14 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 7:00 p.m. Kol Ami Choir Rehearsal Judaism 101	15 7:30 p.m. Worship & Oneg, Bon- nie Swade- Speaker	16 6:00 p.m. Bingo
17 9:00 a.m. Chai School 10:00 a.m. Adult Ed. 11:00 a.m. Social Justice Committee 12:00 p.m. Moving For- ward With The Future of Kol Ami	18 6:30 p.m. K.C. Opera Rehearsal	19 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting	20	21 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 7:00 p.m. Kol Ami Choir Rehearsal Judaism 101	22 7:30 p.m. Worship & Oneg	23 7:30 p.m. Charlotte's Web KC Metro Opera
24 9:00 a.m. Chai School 10:00 a.m. Adult Ed. 4:00 p.m. Charlotte's Web KC Metro Opera	25 6:00 p.m. City of Foun- tains Chorus Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Jewish Meditation	26	27	28 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 7:00 p.m. Kol Ami Choir Rehearsal Judaism 101	29 7:30 p.m. Worship & Oneg	30
31 9:00 a.m. Chai School 10:00 a.m. Adult Ed.	1 6:00 p.m. City of Foun- tains Chorus Rehearsal	2 Election Day	3	4 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 7:00 p.m. Kol Ami Choir Rehearsal Judaism 101	5 6:30 p.m. Pot Luck Din- ner 7:30 p.m. Worship & Oneg, Anni- versary Blessings	6
7 9:00 a.m. Chai School 10:00 am Adult Ed.	8 6:00 p.m. City of Foun- tains Chorus Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Jewish Meditation	9 7:30 p.m. KRISTALL- NACHT Lewis and Shirley White Theatre, Jewish Community Campus	10	11 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 7:00 p.m. Kol Ami Choir Rehearsal Judaism 101	12 7:30 p.m. Worship & Oneg, Birth- day Bless- ings	13 8:00 p.m. City of Foun- tains Chorus Concert