

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

and

HAPPY CHANUKAH

CONGREGATION KOL AMI

2010

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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To add a name to the Mischeberach or Yahrzeit listing: Contact Judith Weingarten at 913-888-9613 or judithkw@sbcglobal.net.

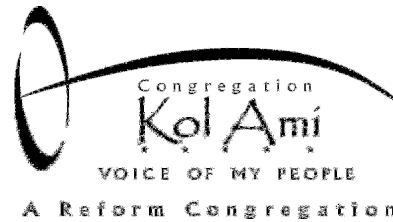
Interested in joining our Kol Ami Family? Contact Rick Breinin at 816-524-4589 or rbreinin@kc.rr.com.

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Dear Family...

November is the month of Thanksgiving and also Veteran's Day (aka Armistice Day).

Both of these occasions remind me of the need to celebrate family, and remember the many who made supreme sacrifices which allow us to have our traditional Thanksgiving gatherings.



Life in general is very much in need of close personal relationships. That is why I want to talk to you about Kol Ami's *Chavurah* Initiative.

On October 24, 12 people gathered at the home of Anita and Ty Hampshire to form our very first Kol Ami *Chavurah*. They each made a commitment to meet at least once a month with rotating places and convener.

Activities could be as broad as the group wished. They could include: study, dinner out, attending a movie, play or concert, volunteering at the Temple, game night with cards or trivial pursuit, Bingo at Temple, attending Shabbat services together, supporting a blood bank, activities for families who have young children, or helping Harvesters or Habitat for Humanity.

A beauty of the October 24th gathering was that they got together on their own, without being asked. I left that meeting feeling a great sense of warmth and optimism about the future of Kol Ami.

The (as yet unnamed) group's first planned activity was on a Friday night, when they attended Shabbat services en masse. What a sight!

In the next few weeks, you will be receiving an application form to join a *Chavurah*. If you wish to join a group, please fill it out and return it to the Temple in care of Cantor Silbersher. Or just send me a note, let me know of your interest, and I'll help you get the ball rolling.

I am so pleased to be able to announce this initiative which I believe will bring new enthusiasm, purpose, and commitment to Kol Ami.

Welcome from the Family...and Happy Thanksgiving to you and your Family!

So much love,

Paul

President's Message,

Fire, flood, hail damage, break-ins, theft, security issues, continual major breakdowns in our old equipment, carbon dioxide and gas leakage, etc. We have experienced all of this and more over the past year and one-half.

At our recent congregational meeting, we mentioned the increased costs Kol Ami had for building repairs and maintenance over this past year and one-half. It continues. Recently, we have replaced a valve in our social hall room furnace, the timer on our main furnace for the sanctuary and the other rooms on the main level, the furnace/ac in the Garden Room, the ignition system on the furnace in Cantor's office, the blower motor in of one the classrooms, and the line thermostats in the library. In addition, the furnace/ac has gone out in the Board Room and has yet to be repaired. With winter upon us we can expect snow. Our expenses for snow removal are large. This is an old building and does require continual repair.

Kol Ami has not escaped the challenges that face most synagogues across our country. Yes, we have declining membership, lower enrollment in our Chai School. Even with all of those obstacles we have managed to continue to move ahead. While we have lost some members, we have gained more.

Dues alone do not support a synagogue budget. We need to rely on fundraisers, rents, and increased contributions to our Tree of Life, Yahrzeit Plaque and other gifts to honor our friends and family. We also have a Rabbi Fund established. You can help. The money you donate to all of these enables us to continue with all of the music programs we all enjoy plus the other salaries and expenses we incur daily. Not every congregant is able to donate due to the economic slowdown. For those of us that are able to contribute Kol Ami needs your support now.

We know we can continue to grow and move ahead with your help. It is important to assure our future generations can enjoy what we are building.

Constance

**DOUG ALPERT
SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE
AT KOL AMI**

Friday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. and
Sunday, December 12 at 9:00 a.m.

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**CHANUKAH DINNER, SERVICE, AND
MENORAHS LIGHTING AT KOL AMI**

Friday, December 3rd. Pot Luck Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite family dish to share. Kol Ami will furnish the main dish. At 7:30 p.m., our annual Chanukah service will be held and includes the lighting of all of your **Chanukiah** with our families. This is such a special event that you won't want to miss sharing the evening with your Kol Ami friends and family. An Oneg will follow the service. Please make your reservations for dinner to the office no later than November 29th. **If you can help set up the tables or help with the clean-up after the dinner please contact the office.**

CONTRIBUTIONS

ART AND RITUAL OBJECTS FUND

Steven Earnest in memory of Yahrzeit of Alice Master Rosenberg

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Sherel Sands in memory of Don Tate

GARDENING FUND

Susan Lawrence in memory of Yahrzeit of Anne Lawrence

GENERAL FUND

Breinin Family
In memory of Yahrzeit of Marvin Hirschman

Marge Brodtkin
In honor of birthday (94) Charlotte Gilbert
In Memory of Yahrzeit of Sady Levin (babe)

Norman King
In memory of Yahrzeit of Benjamin Petitpas

Janice Panknin
In memory of Linden Panknin
In memory of Yahrzeit of Karl Klein

Ben and Gina Silk
In memory of Yahrzeit of Benjamin Nahum Silk

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

BIRTHDAYS

Desiree Greene	November 3
Steven Earnest	November 5
Robyn Shopmaker	November 5
Lee King	November 8
Vicki Block	November 10
Derek Cunningham	November 12
Roseanne Jackson	November 14
Donald Boresow	November 15
Charles Klopfer	November 16
Morris Soltz	November 17
Linda Fritz	November 19
Rivka Hogan	November 19
Spencer Schere	November 20
Constance Bernstein	November 22
Janice Panknin	November 26
Phyllis Hansen	November 26
Karen Rothstein	November 27
Carol Freirich	November 28
Sherrie Kaplan	November 30
Nelson Abraham	December 1
Daniel Hogan	December 1
Daniel Weinbaum	December 2
Sherel Sands	December 3
Susan Lawrence	December 10
David Bamburger	December 13
Lee Fenwick	December 15
Lindsey Bassin	December 22
Judith Weingarten	December 26
Harriet Boresow	December 28
Larry Poisner	December 29

ANNIVERSARIES

Rick and Felice Baumgarten	November 5
Jan and Robert Sokol	November 9
Marilyn and Murray Rubin	November 10
Zach and Lindsay Bassin	November 12
Jane and Edward Quick	November 19
Lee and Norm King	November 30
David and Carol Freirich	December 29
Trudie and Greg Goldberg	December 30

Yahrzeit Donations

Donor

Paul Silbersher
Paul Silbersher
Mike Boresow
Mike Boresow
Judith and Marshall Weingarten
Philip Engel
Philip Engel
Constance and Sheldon Bernstein
Constance and Sheldon Bernstein
Larry Poisner
Larry Poisner
David Block
David Block
David Block
Judith and Marshall Weingarten
Judith and Marshall Weingarten
Manuel and Lois Baraban
Judith and Marshall Weingarten
Mike Boresow
Judith and Marshall Weingarten
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
Gladys I. Buckhout
Helen S. Poisner
Benjamin Poisner
James Block
Rae Vile Block
Hy Vile
Rose Kaufman
Harold Weingarten
Eiran Abramoff
Rose Weingarten
Abigail Verna Glaser
Mark H. Weingarten
Sol Felman
Oliver Laster
Myron Samuel Jacobs

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 Brodtkin'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. 4

NEW MEMBERS

(SINCE JUNE 2009)

Mike and Brandi Addadi

Derek and Megan Cunningham

Siarah – daughter

Tyler - son

Marsha deGarcia

Phyllis Hansen

Roseanne Jackson

Chris and Debbie Folkers

Jerry and Robynn Nevins

Sawyer - son

Scarlett - daughter

Jerry Shapiro

Owen Sherman

Bob and Sandy Reynolds

Hildy and Jesse Troncoso

Jessica - daughter

Adam - son

Robert Vile

Dan and Geri Weinbaum

Asher - son

Erika Zeitz

DOUG ALPERT, SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE AT KOL AMI

Friday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 12 at 9:00 a.m. Doug Alpert currently serves as Rabbinic Intern at Congregation Ohev Shalom while completing his studies at The Academy of Jewish Religion. He will be ordained in May, 2011. He also is an instructor in the Melton Adult Jewish Education Program.

Doug received his Master of Arts in Judaic Studies in Cleveland at the Siegal College of Judaic Studies. Prior to that, he received his Juris Doctor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. He was an attorney in private practice and an Adjunct Professor at Webster University.

He has served in numerous extra curricular activities locally: Jewish Federation of Greater KC, Interfaith Council of Greater KC, Helzberg Initiative for Adult Jewish Leadership, Jewish Community Relations Bureau of Greater K.C. and many more. Doug lives in KC with his wife Fay and his three sons.

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

For November and December, the theme is **Protein Power**. Think cans of tuna or beans, chili or soup, or even more peanut butter. Get in the habit of bringing a can or box every time you come to temple. Let's fill some more barrels!

JEWISH MEDITATION GROUP

"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 at 7:00 p.m.

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.



COOKBOOKS ARE IN – FUNDRAISING!

Delicious recipes from our Congregational Family. Proceeds benefit Kol Ami. 1 book - \$15, 2 books - \$27, 3 or more books - \$12 each. Please contact Anita Hampshire at 816-833-0673, Felice Baumgarten at 913-829-1917, or Mike Boresow at 816-520-8690 to get yours today.

Trash Bags: 3 sizes to choose from and Kol Ami gets \$10.00 for each case of liners sold. 33 gallon liners - \$39.90, 45 gallon liners - \$44.90, 55 gallon liners - \$49.90. 100 trashbags per case.

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

December 2010

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