

CONNECTIONS

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THE RABBI TEACHES God's First Question to Us

By Rabbi Jennifer L. Frenkel

I remember being in high school, not long after deciding that I wanted to go to rabbinical school, and setting up a meeting with my rabbi to discuss a number of questions I had about God. We sat in his office for a while talking,

and, after sharing his thoughts in response to another one of my theological questions, he looked at me and said, "Just remember... the questions you are asking are way more important than the answers you'll find."

I didn't believe him. I was looking for certainty, not mystery. How frustrating to hear that the questions themselves were where sacredness and meaning were to be found!

So when I saw that the theme for this first *Connections* issue of the new year was about our personal connection to Judaism, I figured it would be a good opportunity to admit that my rabbi was right, even if I couldn't appreciate the message as a teenager.

Asking questions has always been a part of my connection to Judaism, just as it has always been a part of Jewish tradition. Our biblical ancestors asked questions of God, and God, in turn, asked questions of them. In fact, the shortest question ever asked is actually the first question God asks in Torah. Adam and Eve had just eaten some fruit from the forbidden tree and, sensing God's presence in the Garden of Eden, they hid among the bushes. While they were hiding, God asked Adam a one-word question. In Hebrew, the word is *ayeka?* In English it means, "Where are you?"

Now, reading this text literally, the question doesn't make a whole lot of sense. I mean, how could God who just created humanity, the garden, and everything in it really not know where Adam and Eve could be. On a more spiritual level, we might imagine that the question is really an opportunity, an invitation, for Adam and Eve to admit to what they've done. Taken a step further, perhaps there is an even deeper reason for God's question to Adam.

There's a story told by Martin Buber about Rabbi Shneur Zalman, a Hasidic Rabbi of Northern White Russia, who was imprisoned

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The Clergy, Staff & Leadership of Kol Ami wish you and your family a healthy, joyful & peaceful New Year. We look forward to sharing the beauty of the season with you.

SELICHOT Saturday, September 28

7:00 pm Speaker, Dessert & Service*

EREV ROSH HASHANAH Wednesday, October 2

7:30 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

ROSH HASHANAH Day 1 Thursday, October 3

9:00 am Mishpacha (Family) Service

11:00 am Congregational Service

2:00 pm Tot Service*

3:15 pm Tashlich Service at Lions Lake Park

ROSH HASHANAH Day 2 Friday, October 4

10:00 am Congregational Service*

EREV YOM KIPPUR/KOL NIDRE Friday, October 11

7:30 pm Kol Nidre Service

YOM KIPPUR Saturday, October 12

9:00 am Mishpacha (Family) Service

11:00 am Congregational Service

2:00 pm Adult Study Session

2:30 pm Tot Service*

4:00 pm Afternoon Service

4:30 pm Gathering for Recent Mourners

4:45 pm Yizkor*

5:30 pm N'eelah/Havdalah

EREV SUKKOT Wednesday, October 16

7:00 pm Erev Sukkot Service*

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH /SH'MINI ATZERET

Wednesday, October 23

7:00 pm Erev Simchat Torah & Consecration Service*

Thursday, October 24

10:00 am Simchat Torah/Yizkor Service*

**Open to the community.*

All High Holy Day services in our sanctuary will be livestreamed for our members:

www.kolaminj.org/hhd2024





FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Stephanie Zinn, Vice President

Science was my field of study and I chose a career teaching Biology, to which I devoted nearly 15 years. What drew me to science was its rationality, pattern-seeking

practices, and basis in question-asking. One can have an open mind about any phenomenon, develop a hypothesis, and apply a simple method to accept or reject an idea, assuming the experiment isn't flawed. It's satisfying to achieve results consistent with established theories, yet exciting to get unexpected data; if enough mysterious information accumulates, and new conclusions gain acceptance, paradigms shift and suddenly we understand the universe in deeper ways. For me, science – as both a body of information and a process – has always been synonymous with a sense of wonder.

This is precisely why Reform Judaism resonates with me. Like science, I cherish our religion for being simultaneously a noun and a verb.

A common goal of both pursuits is the noble idea of working toward bettering our world (aka *tikkun olam*). Our cyclic traditions and methods for observing holidays offer me feelings of comfort and predictability when life seems otherwise chaotic. Moreover, while there are widely agreed-upon laws and tenets, not only is there room for open-mindedness and questioning, this is actively encouraged. Reform Judaism is therefore alive and capable of evolving. What other faiths can boast that ability?

Sir Isaac Newton famously said, "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." When I think in particular about Kol Ami's impactful community leadership, I believe it is due to the collaborative vision of our clergy, senior staff, executive team, Board of Trustees, lay leaders, all the "doers" and, importantly, our rich history. I stand in wonderment of all we've done and all we've yet to do! *L'shanah tovah!*

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jennifer Stofman



From a young age, I always felt a deep connection to Judaism. I was bitten by the bug in a religious school classroom with wonderful teachers who took great joy in sharing their love of Judaism. They did this through Jewish music, art, games, and stories. I was mesmerized by the way they transported us back to biblical times to share the triumphs and wisdom of our ancestors. I loved religious school, and I loved being a part of my synagogue.

Yet, it was not until I attended Jewish summer camp that this budding love truly began to flourish, shaping my spiritual journey in ways I could have never imagined. That opportunity came when I attended Camp Ramah in the Poconos the summer after fifth grade. From the moment I got off the bus, I knew I was in a special place. The campgrounds were filled with the sounds of laughter, the scent of nature, and the sight of Hebrew on every building. At camp, Jewish learning was woven seamlessly into everyday activities. We began each day with morning prayers, swam in the lake after discussing Bible stories, and ended the day whispering to our friends when we should have been going to sleep. Our counselors, who were like older siblings, led by example, showing us how Judaism could be lived with joy, authenticity, and a deep sense of purpose.

What made camp transformative was the sense of community it fostered. I was surrounded by peers who shared my heritage and values. We celebrated Shabbat together and learned the importance of *tikkun olam* through social action projects that instilled in us a sense of responsibility to make the world a better place.

The friendships I made at camp were rooted in our love of Judaism. Together, we explored what it meant to be Jewish in the modern world, asking questions, seeking answers, and supporting each other on our individual journeys. These relationships, built on a Jewish shared experience, have lasted long beyond our camp years.

Jewish summer camp didn't just deepen my connection to Judaism – it laid the foundation for a lifelong spiritual journey. The experiences I had, the lessons I learned, and the memories I made at camp continue to influence my life. They guide me as I navigate the challenges of adulthood, parenthood, and a career as a Jewish professional. I am constantly reminded of the importance of community, tradition, and faith.

Jewish summer camp was more than just a fun summer experience – it was the place where my love of Judaism was nurtured and allowed to grow. It taught me that Judaism is not just a religion or a set of rituals, but a vibrant, living tradition that can bring meaning, joy, and purpose to our lives. For that, I am eternally grateful.

Years later, I strive to pass on a love of Judaism to the next generation, just as it was passed on to me. Whether creating engaging Jewish experiences, mentoring Jewish leaders, or simply sharing the stories and songs I learned at camp with my own children, I hope to inspire others to explore and cherish their Jewish heritage – a rich tapestry of history, faith, and culture.

HELLO
MY NAME IS

VOLUNTEER USHER

We need volunteers to usher during each High Holy Day service. Contact Sue Fenick at sepress@hotmail.com to volunteer or for more information.

THE RABBI TEACHES

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because the opponents of the Hasidim had betrayed him to the Tsarist police.

The great rabbi was asked by an inquisitive and biblically literate jailer, "How are we to understand that God, the all-knowing, said to Adam: 'Where are you?'" The rabbi answered the jailer, "Do you believe that the Scriptures are eternal and that every era, every generation, and every man is included in them?" "I believe this," answered the jailer. "Well then," said Rabbi Shneur Zalman, "in every era, God asks every person, 'Where are you in your world? So many years and days of those allotted to you have passed, and how far have you gotten in your world?' God says something like this, 'You have lived forty-six years. How far along are you?'"

Perhaps God didn't ask Adam the question for God's own benefit or knowledge, but because Adam needed to hear it, because Adam needed to be asked. It is this question, *ayeka?*, that I come back to each and every year as we approach the High Holy Day season, this question that really is addressed to each and every one of us.

What a year it has been...not only on a global level, but on an individual level too. What joys and celebrations filled our days? What unanticipated events brought excitement and happiness to this time in our lives? On the flip side, what losses have we sustained? What are we grieving? Who are we missing? How have we been changed while journeying through this past year? What have we accomplished? Where have we fallen short? What can we do better? What relationships need our attention and care? Have we taken good enough care of ourselves? What have we done to make our world a little better? *Ayekah?* Where are you in this season of your life?

Every year, as our *N'eelah* (concluding) service ends, I leave the sanctuary thinking about the fact that this year to come will leave its mark on us too, just as we seek to leave our mark on the world. And I am left with more questions than answers as I wonder what the year will hold in store, how we will respond to it, and how we will answer that ever-reverberating question, *ayeka?* where are you? when we sit back here next Rosh Hashanah. *Shanah tovah!*



FROM THE EDITOR Marlene Dworkin

I have mentioned before that my parents were founding members of the Reform synagogue that I was raised in. It was the ONLY temple in our town for quite some time. We went to Shabbat services frequently, especially after my sister and I joined the choir when I was fourteen.

In high school I joined BBYO and JFTY (Jersey Federation of Temple Youth) to make sure I had Jewish friends. As an adult, I moved to a new area and joined a Jewish women's organization. We enrolled our children in a Jewish preschool, then joined a synagogue.

Being Jewish is who I am and how I describe myself; it's how I identify.

As I plan the daily/weekly/monthly activities that make up my life, I consult the calendar to see when the holidays are. Erev Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Passover are not "printed" on my iPhone calendar but they come up when Googled! (Google is the most used app on my phone.)

Looking back, some of my fondest memories revolve around family and Jewish holidays, all of the opportunities to gather and eat special holiday meals together.

On Yom Kippur, we would spend the whole day in synagogue. In between services we would sit outside in the courtyard visiting with friends and fellow congregants. No one wanted to go home because there was nothing to do there.

It was at one of these Yom Kippur afternoons when I was in high school that I first heard about what I was going to be when I grew up. My sister's best friend, who is like a second sister to me, told me about her career in market research. It was working in the business world, it was creative, it was talking to people, and was for me!

It has been one year since I became the editor of *Connections*. This is not something I had ever done before, other than helping with the proofreading. I really enjoy the chance to participate in something that hopefully you find informative, creative, and fun. We have had one year of issues with themes. We hope you appreciate this opportunity to get to know our contributors better, in addition to finding out the details of upcoming events. We think it's these personal connections that set Congregation Kol Ami apart from other synagogues.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 11:45 am
in the Kol Ami parking lot

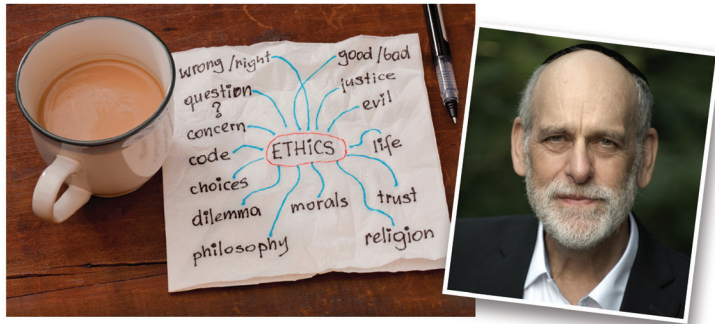


Blessing for all pets, prayers for pets in need of healing, and prayers for pets that have passed on. Bring well-socialized pets who enjoy being around other animals/people. All pets must be on leashes or otherwise restrained/contained.

KOL AMI Many Voices, One Community.

Why Be Ethical In An Unethical World?

Come learn with Mussar expert,
Dr. Alan Morinis, founder of The Mussar Institute



Sunday, September 29
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Bagels, Coffee, Learning Session, and Q&A with Dr. Alan Morinis
No cost for members, \$10 for non-members. Register: www.kolamini.org



BURKETT/ELITE: YOUR TICKET HOME

By Jayne Jacova Feld

When I graduated from Cherry Hill East way back in the late '80s, staying connected to my Jewish roots – or to my hometown synagogue – was the last thing on my mind. Looking back, I now see how much I lost by drifting away. For years, I struggled with a spiritual void that I couldn't quite fill. Returning to the Jewish community, and truly reconnecting with Kol Ami, has been a balm for my soul. The warmth and vibrancy of Kol Ami – through the clergy, the religious school, the camaraderie of fellow congregants, Sisterhood, or even our kosher pickleball crew – has given me the sense of belonging I didn't realize I desperately needed.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this journey has been working with the Burkett/ELITE committee. We are dedicated to providing young adults in our community with multiple avenues to stay connected as they navigate this challenging world. Leading alongside Alli Burkett-Cook, whose passion and organizational skills are invaluable, has been a true joy. The wisdom and warmth of our like-minded volunteers always enhance our efforts. Together, we focus on staying in touch with our Hebrew High graduates – whether they're in college, the workforce, even starting their own families – ensuring they know Kol Ami remains a home for them. Their 10-year free membership is more than just a ticket to High Holy Day services; it's a symbol of our ongoing commitment to their spiritual journey.

As we head into our second year, I'm proud of what we've accomplished and excited for what's ahead. This fall, we're planning a hayride on October 5, followed by a special Shabbat when our clergy will bless and recognize our graduates. And there's much more in store for 2025.

My hope is that every Burkett/ELITE graduate feels the deep connection to Kol Ami that I now cherish – that they know how much we care about them and that we are here to support them, wherever life takes them.

MAKING NEW MEMBERS FEEL AT HOME

By Mara Steele

As my son prepares to leave for college, this transition brings a mix of emotions, some sadness at his absence as well as pride in his accomplishments. Becoming an empty nester is a significant life change. This shift in our family dynamic invites reflection of my personal values, particularly through the lens of Judaism.

A fundamental aspect of Judaism is the concept of *chesed*, or loving kindness. This principle encourages acts of compassion and support toward others. With more time available, I am inspired to channel my energy to community involvement. The opportunity to chair the Welcoming Committee at Kol Ami couldn't have come at a more perfect time. Taking time to help people acclimate, inviting them to events, or simply being approachable and supportive gives me joy. Playing a part in making our congregants feel more comfortable while fostering a sense of trust and camaraderie is our charge. I'm looking forward to welcoming our new members and bringing them into our CKA family.

At Kol Ami, we believe that the essence of our community lies in the warmth and connection offered to every member. We are excited to invite you to join the Welcoming Committee, whose purpose is to help newcomers settle in and feel like part of the family.

Welcoming members is more than just a handshake and a smile. It's a chance to share your own experiences and to listen to the stories of others. It's a way to build lasting relationships, while fostering feelings of comfort and inclusion. We focus on making personal connections, whether through a friendly phone call, an invitation to Shabbat services, volunteer opportunities, social programs, introductions to new friends, or meeting for a cup of coffee. By joining our committee, you'll help those new faces get the warm welcome they deserve. We match people based on members' interests, life stage, professional affiliation or personality. You can even request to be matched with someone you know. Your efforts will make a big difference in helping people feel valued, integrated, and at ease, ensuring they feel a true sense of belonging at CKA.

If you have a passion for community building and a desire to make a difference, we would love for you to join our team. For more information or to get involved, please reach out to Mara Steele, Chair of the Welcoming Committee, at marasteele@gmail.com.

Let's work together to keep our synagogue a place where everyone feels they truly belong!

**Mark your calendars for New Member Shabbat
on Friday, November 15 at 7:00 pm.**

Upcoming Events

To register, or for more information on these and other programs, visit:
www.kolaminj.org/events

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day

Monday, September 2 – *Offices Closed*

Opening Your Heart with Psalm 27

Led by Rabbi Ariel Milan-Polisar

Wednesdays, September 4, 11 & 18,
10:30 am (Hybrid)

Men's Club Lunches

Wednesdays, September 4 & 18, 12:30 pm
(Off-site; contact allanpep@yahoo.com.)

First Friday & Leadership Room Dedication

Friday, September 6, 6:15 pm
Enjoy pre-service refreshments.

Shabbat Evening Service

Friday, September 6, 7:00 pm
We celebrate September anniversaries.

Adult Shabbaton: Focus on Our Families

Saturday, September 7, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

First Sunday of Religious School

Sunday, September 8, 9:15-11:30 am

Kol Ami Kick Off: Ruach Rally & Engagement Fair

Sunday, September 8, 10:00 am

Monthly Mussar Moments

Led by Rabbi Ariel Milan-Polisar

Monday, September 9, 12:00 pm (Zoom)

The Rosh Chodesh Experience

Led by Rabbi Ariel Milan-Polisar

Monday, September 9, 7:00 pm

Talmud Talks Mini Session: High Holy Days

Led by Rabbi Lewis John Eron, Ph.D.

Tuesdays, September 10, 17 & 24,
11:30 am (Zoom)

First Tuesday of Religious School

Tuesday, September 10

Hebrew School 4:15-6:15 pm

Hebrew High School 6:30-8:30 pm

Tot Shabbat

Friday, September 13

5:30 pm Tot Family Dinner

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat Service

Shabbat Evening Service

Friday, September 13, 7:00 pm

Torah Study

Saturdays, September 14, 21 & 28,
9:00 am (Hybrid)

Spice Up Your Judaism

Saturdays, September 14, 21 & 28,
10:15 am (Hybrid)

Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, September 14, 10:30 am
Bat Mitzvah of Noah Cagle

Shabbat Havdalah Service

Saturday, September 14, 5:45 pm
Bat Mitzvah of Ellie Snyder

Boomers Lunch: Kaminski's

Tuesday, September 17, 1:00 pm

Networking Group Happy Hour

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, September 18, 7:30 pm

Yiddish Shmooze Group

Thursday, September 19, 10:30 am (Zoom)

Golf & Pickleball Classic with Game Day!

Thursday, September 19, 1:15 pm
Little Mill Country Club

Shabbat Evening Service

Friday, September 20, 7:00 pm

Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, September 21, 10:30 am
Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Jacobs

Men's Club Brunch

Sunday, September 22, 9:30 am

Playground Dedication

Sunday, September 22, 12:00 pm

High Holy Day Food Drive

Monday, September 23 through
Monday, October 14

Sisterhood Ladies Night Out

Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 pm
(Off-site: Dooney's Pub, Voorhees)

Social Action at MANNA

Thursday, September 26, 10:00 am
(Off-site: Philadelphia)

Shabbat Mishpacha: First Grade Shabbat

Friday, September 27, 7:00 pm
We honor our First Graders and
celebrate September birthdays.

Selichot

Saturday, September 28

Selichot Speaker, Dessert & Service

Saturday, September 28, 7:00 pm

Why Be Ethical in an Unethical World?

Led by special guest Dr. Alan Morinis
Sunday, September 29, 10:00 am

Kickoff: KAFTY Jr. (Grades 6-8) & KAFTY Sr. (Grades 9-12)

Sunday, September 29, 11:30 am

OCTOBER

Men's Club Lunches

Wednesdays, October 2 & 16, 12:30 pm
(Off-site; contact allanpep@yahoo.com.)

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, October 2 (*Offices close early.*)
7:30 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Rosh Hashanah: Day 1

Thursday, October 3

See full HHD schedule on page 1.

Rosh Hashanah: Day 2

Friday, October 4, 10:00 am

Shabbat Evening Service

Friday, October 4, 7:00 pm

We celebrate October anniversaries.

Torah Study

Saturdays, October 5, 19 & 26,
9:00 am (Hybrid)

Spice Up Your Judaism

Saturdays, October 5, 19 & 26,
10:15 am (Hybrid)

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Burkett/ELITE Hayride

Saturday, October 5, 6:00 pm (Off-site)

Caring Community Blankets of Hope

Sunday, October 6, 10:00 am

Days of Paw

with Rabbi Ariel Milan-Polisar & pup Lucy

October 8, 5:00-6:30 pm (Croft Farm)

October 9, 5:00-6:30 pm (Connolly Park)

Erev Yom Kippur

Friday, October 11 (Offices close early.)

7:30 pm Kol Nidre Service

Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 12

See full HHD schedule on page 1.

Boomers Walking Tour of Haddonfield

Sunday, October 13, 2:00 pm (Off-site)

Monthly Mussar Moments

Led by Rabbi Ariel Milan-Polisar

Monday, October 14, 12:00 pm (Zoom)

Men's Club: Sukkah Build

Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 pm

Decorate the Sukkah

Wednesday, October 16, 10:00 am

Boomers Potluck in the Sukkah

Wednesday, October 16, 5:00 pm

Erev Sukkot Service

Wednesday, October 16, 7:00 pm

First Day of Sukkot

Thursday, October 17 (Offices Closed)

Wine & Cheese

Pre-Shabbat Oneg

Friday, October 18, 6:15 pm

Shabbat Evening Service

Friday, October 18, 7:00 pm

Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, October 19, 10:30 am

Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Baron

Shabbat Havdalah Service

Saturday, October 19, 5:45 pm

Bat Mitzvah of Elise Tarasov

Shake It Up in the Sukkah

Saturday, October 19, 6:00 pm

KAFTY Pizza in the Hut

Sunday, October 20, 11:30 am

Men's Club Scotch & Steak in the Sukkah

Sunday, October 20, 5:00 pm

Sisterhood in the Sukkah

Monday, October 21, 6:30 pm

Talmud Talks

Tuesdays, October 22 & 29,

11:30 am (Zoom)

Seniors Brown Bag Lunch

Wednesday, October 23, 1:00 pm

Erev Simchat Torah Service & Kindergarten Consecration

Wednesday, October 23, 7:00 pm

Our Kindergarteners are called to the study of Torah. We dance with the Torahs to music from our Klezmer band.

Simchat Torah/Sh'mini Atzeret

Thursday, October 24 (Offices Closed)

Simchat Torah Service with Yizkor

Thursday, October 24, 10:00 am

Shabbat Evening Service

Friday, October 25, 7:00 pm

We celebrate October birthdays.

Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, October 26, 10:30 am

Bat Mitzvah of Alana Friedenthal

Young Family Havdalah Hayride

Saturday, October 26, 5:30 pm

(Off-site: Indian Acres Tree Farm)

KAFTY Sr. Event (Grades 9-12)

Saturday, October 26, 7:00 pm (Off-site)

Club K'ton: Pizza Picassos

Sunday, October 27, 11:30 am

Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, October 30, 7:30 pm

 = Sukkot Programming

Mazal Tov to...

Rebecca & William Davis

on the birth of their son,
Benjamin Archer Davis

Sheila Lever

on the engagement of her grandson,
Matt Lever, to Nicolette Gill

Debbie & Don Mitchell

on the birth of their grandson,
Benjamin Archer Davis

We Mourn...

Sally Alexander

mother-in-law of Deborah Kahn
grandmother of Andrea Fau

Doreen Freedner

mother of Scott (Beth) Freedner

Mary-Kay Gamel

sister of John (Beth) Gamel
aunt of Meredith Gamel

Jerry Kaplan

father of Wendi (Jaret) Lyons
grandfather of Brandon Lyons

Ira Silverman

brother of Stacey Gladstein

Lori Ann Webb

sister of Scott (Debbie) Jeffreys

Lists are inclusive from the last issue of Connections through August 10, 2024.

At The Well
 A program for adults (targeting 55+) that will promote renewal, health, and wellbeing of mind, body, and spirit through a Jewish lens.

Sunday, November 3
10:00 am

Special Guest: Dr. Betsy Stone
 will speak about **Post-Traumatic Growth**

More information and registration coming soon:
www.kolaminj.org

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BOOMERS SOCIAL GROUP

By Lynn Branfman & Judy Lubetkin, Co-Chairs

Judy's reflection: If you talk with most baby boomers, they'll probably tell you that they spent their early years distancing themselves from their parents' religious identities, values and ideals, spending their later years trying desperately to reclaim them as their own. That certainly is my story.

I couldn't imagine that in my 70's I could find my place in a new community. But I have. My synagogue life is enriching, warm, exciting, and very loving. One of the greatest attributes of the Jewish people is their ability to adapt to new communities, countries, and situations. My connection to Judaism is my identity, and my ability to adapt is one of my Jewish traits.

Lynn's reflection: As a member of Kol Ami, my adult Jewish learning continues, helped by the dedication and the heartfelt enthusiasm of our clergy, which resonate within me, and by the Boomers' activities.

Connection to the Jewish calendar drives our days, weeks, and years. The calendar colors and highlights memories of seasons past, present and future. Even in the warm haze of summer, I'm thinking about what I'll wear to the High Holy Day services that start with Selichot.

Here's how our Boomers forge *even more* connections to Judaism!

At all our events, a lovely prayer is offered, that we may thank God for each day, and enjoy the gift of taking part in the Boomers' activity. These special prayers make for a beautiful, holy moment.

Meanwhile, the Boomers have been busy planning the following activities:

Kol Ami's Ruach Rally & Engagement Fair – September 8, 10:00 am

Lunch at Kaminski's – September 17, 1:00 pm. *Please sign up quickly.*

Dairy Potluck Dinner in the sukkah – October 16, 5:00 pm

Walking Tour of Haddonfield. October 13, 2:00 pm

We'll admire that great town's historic architecture and appreciate the colors of fall.

Book Discussion: One Hundred Saturdays by Michael Frank – October 27

Chanukah Lunch – December 10. *Save the date.*

Join us and expand both your Jewish learning, and your social and emotional connections to Judaism by joining in our Boomer's activities. All ages are welcome!

SHALOM FROM SISTERHOOD

By Amy Bodofsky

As the High Holy Days approach, I reflect on my upbringing in Buffalo, NY. I remember feeling connected to the Jewish community through groups at my synagogue that provided education, comfort and belonging even in times of unrest. Today, we encounter similar strife. Being a part of Congregation Kol Ami is priceless and needed more than ever!

Sisterhood is a place to have fun, share concerns, stay informed, and be with friends who share our values and optimism for the future.

On September 25 at 7:00 pm, Sisterhood will host a wonderful **Ladies Night Out** at Dooney's Pub in Voorhees. The first drink will be provided by Sisterhood for members.

October 21 will be our **Sisterhood in the Sukkah** program to show our gratitude to our amazing members. Please make sure to join Sisterhood prior to this event as it will be for members only and you won't want to miss it.

Bingo will be held on November 13. It will be full of fun and surprises. Look for details to come.

Save the date for our annual **Holiday Gift Bazaar & Café** on November 24. Want to be a vendor? Please contact us.

Kol Ami **Sisterhood Art Cards** will be available to purchase this fall. Our Kol Ami artists will be providing the art. Please support Sisterhood and enjoy these beautiful cards.

Thank you to the Sisterhood Board, volunteers and those who attend our events. Contact SisterhoodPresident@kolaminj.org with questions and ideas.

KOL AMI Sisterhood קול עמי

Ladies Night Out
 September 25 at 7:00 pm
 at Dooney's Pub, Voorhees
 1st Drink is on Sisterhood!!
 Food may be purchased separately.
 Open to Kol Ami members only. Must be 21+ to attend.

RSVP by 9/18/24 at www.kolaminj.org



Summer Smash Success...
 We celebrated Kol Ami families at our July 24 parking lot party that included dinner, games, a giant water slide, and synagogue friends.



Cool Off Moments...
 Our second summer of iced coffee mornings and ice cream nights with the clergy was a real treat for our members.



Camp Fun... Whether at JCC Camps at Medford or ECC Camp Sunshine in our building, Kol Ami children savored all the cool summer vibes.





Social Setting... The Boomers Social Group's summer calendar was packed with activities including lunch at Norma's (pictured above), a hike at Cooper River Park, and tours of Philadelphia's Kimmel Center and Mikveh Israel synagogue.



Summer Social... Sisterhood members celebrated summer with a splash happy gathering at the home of Stephanie Zinn on July 11.



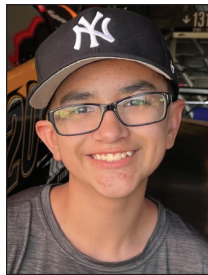
Postcard Party... On behalf of the Religious Action Center's nonpartisan "Every Voice Every Vote" campaign, members of our Social Action committee gathered at the home of Penny Jacoby to share pizza, write postcards, and relish the camaraderie.

Guy's Night Out... On July 31, Men's Club enjoyed the evening together at Ott's in Voorhees.



Pack-A-Sack... On August 15, Social Action Committee volunteers stuffed and delivered 68(!) backpacks for donation to Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council's Pack-A-Sack program.

September/October B'NAI MITZVAH



Noah Cagle

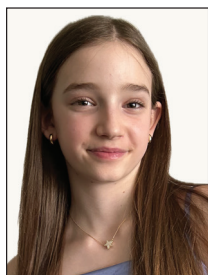
September 14

Son of Lina & Alan Cagle

Brother: Jacob

My name is Noah Cagle. My parents are Lina and Alan. I have a little brother, Jacob. We also have a dog name Coco. I'm in 8th grade and go to Eastampton Community School located in Eastampton,

NJ. I enjoy playing football and basketball and have fun in fantasy football. I also like playing video games and hanging out with my friends. For my Bar Mitzvah project, I chose to fundraise for the Burlington County Animal Shelter. I chose this non-profit organization because I cannot imagine my dog Coco without a home or without anyone loving her. I wanted to help animals who do not have anyone who cares for them, to have food, a warm bed, and toys. To me, becoming a Bar Mitzvah means being a responsible person, having principles and patience. It also means the understanding of Jewish traditions and passing them down from generation to generation.



Ellie Snyder

September 14

Daughter of Iris & Ben Snyder

Brother: Noah

My name is Ellie Snyder. My parents are Iris and Ben, and I have an older brother, Noah. I am an 8th grader at Beck Middle School. When I'm not in school, you can most likely find me at ZZ Dance, where

I am a member of the dance team. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I raised over \$2,500 to help bring 10 kids from Israel to Southern New Jersey this past July for 10 days. The kids are all from Kibbutz Zikim, which remains evacuated due to the attacks on October 7th. While they were here, the kids attended JCC Camps at Medford. This project was meaningful to me because I was able to share the magic of camp with kids that really needed to experience some fun. Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means a lot to me. It is important to carry on traditions and share this special day with family and friends.



Sophie Jacobs

September 21

Daughter of Gail & Dave Jacobs

My name is Sophie Jacobs and my parents are Dave and Gail Jacobs. I like to dance, listen to music, swim and play with my two dogs. I go to Voorhees Middle School and I am going into the 7th grade. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I volunteered

at the Voorhees Animal Welfare Association. I helped walk the dogs, read to them, and helped take care of them. I really enjoy doing it. Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means I am becoming a young Jewish adult. I worked really hard and am taking on more responsibilities.



Brandon Baron

October 19

Son of Lori & Rob Baron

Sister: Jenna

My name is Brandon Baron and I am a 7th grader at Voorhees Middle School. I love to play baseball, video games, spend time at the beach, hang out with my family and friends, and share useless and unknown

facts with whoever will listen. For my Bar Mitzvah project, I collected new and used baseball equipment for the Centerville Youth Athletic Association in the City of Camden. It is amazing to know that my project helped so many kids who couldn't afford baseball equipment to experience the love of baseball just as I do. Becoming a Bar Mitzvah means I am accepting more responsibility in my Jewish community and feel more connected to Judaism. I'm excited to continue my Jewish education at Kol Ami and share my experiences with my mom, dad, and sister.



Elise Tarasov

October 19

Daughter of Jamie & Glen Tarasov

Brother: Jared

I am an 8th grader at Beck Middle School. I enjoy playing volleyball and tennis, traveling and spending time with my friends and family. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I am collecting clothing and books for Cradles to

Crayons in Philadelphia. I chose this organization because I want to help children who are less fortunate than me. Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means that I am now an adult in the Jewish community and I will have new responsibilities. I'm proud of the work I have done to reach this milestone.



Alana Friedenthal

October 26

Daughter of Donielle & Mark Friedenthal

Sister: Alexa

I am a 7th grader at Moorestown Friends. I live in Voorhees with my mom, dad, sister and four guinea pigs. I enjoy playing on my school's soccer and tennis teams. I like to bake, sew, hang out with friends, and listen

to music. I have been in my school's theater productions for 4 years. For my Bat Mitzvah project I collected items to donate to the Animal Welfare Association (AWA). I also made homemade dog biscuits, DIY dog toys out of old t-shirts, cat toys out of pipe cleaners, and I spent time with the animals. I also volunteer for Sports Unity in Marlton where I am a peer buddy helping children with special needs participate in sports, an opportunity that many of us take for granted. Additionally, I am part of the *madrichim* program at Kol Ami. Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means taking on the responsibility of being a Jewish adult and carrying on a tradition in my family. In fact, my Torah portion is the same one as my grandfather's. *Bashert!*



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Sheri Greenblatt

Director of Education

Summertime always gives me a moment to relax, breathe, and think about the past year and why I do what I do. Being the Director of Education for Congregation Kol Ami has been very rewarding. Knowing we are making a difference in the lives of our Jewish students and

building a sense of community makes me proud. Nothing gives me more joy than seeing the kids come to school happy, engaged, and ready to make new friends. Here are some ways to make the transition back to religious school smooth:

Embrace the Fresh Start. Encourage students to approach this year with a sense of enthusiasm and curiosity. Religious school is not just about learning but also about connecting with their heritage and making lifelong friends.

Review the Essentials. It's helpful to review what was learned last year. This will not only refresh their memory but also boost their confidence as they enter the new school year.

Communicate with Teachers. Establish lines of communication with your child's teachers so you can stay informed about classroom activity and provide support at home.

Foster a Positive Attitude. Show enthusiasm and positivity about your child's religious school education and be supportive of their journey. When children see their parents valuing education, they are more likely to do the same.

Enjoy the Journey. Religious school is a journey of discovering one's identity, values, and heritage. Enjoy the learning process, and cherish the experiences that come with being part of this vibrant community.

Thank you for choosing Kol Ami's Religious School; we are honored to be a part of your child's educational journey. Shalom and welcome back!

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Laura Hoffman

Director of Early Childhood Education

"School is a building which has four walls with tomorrow inside." —Lon Watters

As we start a new school year, we look forward to all the "firsts" children may experience: First day in school, first friends, first Shabbat together. All of these firsts add up to a wonderful learning experience for everyone – children and teachers. As teachers, we learn as much from these children as they learn from us, every day.

With the start of a new school year comes the beginning of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. We hope for the best life for all of us – a life of peace and happiness, health and renewal. We eat apples with honey with the hope of starting our year, 5785, with sweetness. Wishing you a year of peace, blessings, and good health.

Mark Your Calendar: Back-to-School Nights: September 9 & 10
Playground Dedication: September 22




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young families

HAVDALAH HAYRIDE OCTOBER 26

INDIAN ACRES TREE FARM 5:30pm

HAYRIDE CORN MAZE DINNER HAVDALAH

\$18 per person - max \$72 per family - no charge for children 3 & under
Register by October 17: www.kolaminj.org

INTRODUCING ...

Charlotte Clemmens joins us as Kol Ami's new **Teen Advisor**. Currently a second grade teacher here at Kol Ami, Charlotte's "day job" is teaching middle school math at the Camden Forward School in Pennsauken. She worked with Jewish teens through BBYO, as a teen for four years and an advisor for three years. When she's not working, you can find Charlotte relaxing on the couch with her husband, Michael, and their two dogs, Lenni and Riley. Charlotte is excited to bring a fresh light to KAFTY Jr. (Grades 6-8) & KAFTY Sr. (Grades 9-12) and to help teens find a connection to their synagogue home!



Kammy Heffernan is excited to be the **Youth Advisor** for Club K'ton (Grades K-2) and Club Noar (Grades 3-5). Kammy has been teaching religious school (K-2) for the past nine years, and is currently a second grade teacher here at Kol Ami. Kammy resides in Mullica Hill with her husband, Terrence, her daughter Emily and her son Brady. Kammy has lots of new and exciting events planned for this year and can't wait to get started!



Kammy (Youth@kolaminj.org) and Charlotte (Teens@kolaminj.org) look forward to getting to know you and your children. If you have any questions, please reach out to them.

For a schedule of events, visit www.kolaminj.org/youthgroups.

ADULT EDUCATION

Are you curious?

Do you enjoy sharing stories with others?

Are you looking for a welcoming community of adults?

Kol Ami is known for our vast Adult Education offerings for all, no matter how you came to Judaism. Throughout the week, we learn from and with our amazing clergy, talented fellow congregants plus rabbis and other experts from around the globe. There is bound to be something for everyone included in our presentations.

All adults of any age are welcome to participate. You can pick topics of interest or teachers from whom you want to learn. Many of our weekday classes are recorded and available on the Kol Ami website, so you can access them on your schedule.

There are **NO PREREQUISITES or FEES** (for regular courses)! This is one of the benefits of membership! Just come with an open mind and spirit and you will soon find yourself part of one of Kol Ami's collection of communities within the larger Kol Ami community.

Look through the offerings listed in this edition of Connections to see what's happening now, beginning with our **Shabbaton on September 7, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**, as we kick off the new year with an all-day program for adults.

Questions? Contact Gail Donner, Ira Miller, or Mark Pinzur at AdultEd@kolaminj.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Shabbaton: Saturday, September 7, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Adult Ed. Committee Meetings:

Thursdays, September 19 & October 17, 7:30 pm (Zoom)

First Thursday: How Jewish Music Became Mainstream:

Thursday, November 7, 7:30 pm

For testimonials and all Adult Education information, visit the Kol Ami website.

WANTED: A Few Good Voices

Koleinu, our adult volunteer choir, is actively looking for a few tenor and bass voices to add to our ensemble. Please contact Koleinu co-chair, Ira Miller, at iramiller@kolaminj.org.

Kol Ami Professional Networking Group

*Networking
Happy Hour*

An opportunity
connect with other
professionals within
the Kol Ami community.

**Tuesday
September 17
6:30 pm**

No fee to
attend.

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Have you noticed that our Kol Ami Annual Commitment Form includes an option for paying dues from a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)? Donor-Advised Funds have become an increasingly popular vehicle for philanthropy in recent years, offering a flexible and tax-efficient way for individuals and families to manage their charitable giving.

A DAF is a philanthropic giving vehicle that allows donors to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax deduction, and recommend grants to their favorite charities over time. DAFs are typically managed by public charities, including community foundations, financial institutions, or specialized DAF providers. The Jewish Community Foundation is one such provider.

DAFs can be a powerful tool for individuals and families who are committed to philanthropy and seek a flexible, tax-efficient way to manage their giving. Before establishing a DAF, it's advisable to consult with a financial advisor or tax professional to ensure it aligns with your overall financial and philanthropic goals.

For further information about DAFs, you can contact the synagogue office.

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In times of happiness or sadness, Congregation Kol Ami offers a variety of ways to share your wishes and thoughts with others. Contributions may be sent to the synagogue office as well as completed online. For a complete list of funds and tzedakah opportunities, visit www.kolaminj.org.

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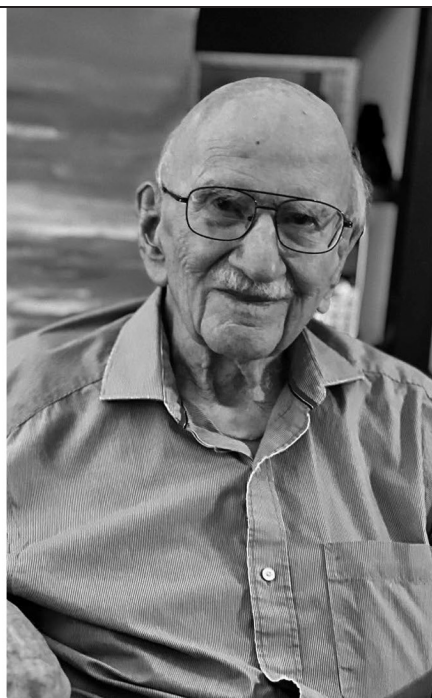

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

See your Kol Ami friends and plan to get involved!
 Find out about committees and social groups!
 Get a taste of what's to come this year!

The Rosh Chodesh Experience

A SERIES FOR WOMEN CELEBRATING
 THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW JEWISH MONTH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
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Elul
 AN EVENING OF
 REFLECTION
 RETURNING
 NEW
 BEGINNINGS

THIS EVENING WE WILL BE CREATING VISION BOARDS FOR THE NEW YEAR,
 AND DOING SOME PRE-HIGH HOLY DAY LEARNING AND REFLECTION.
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