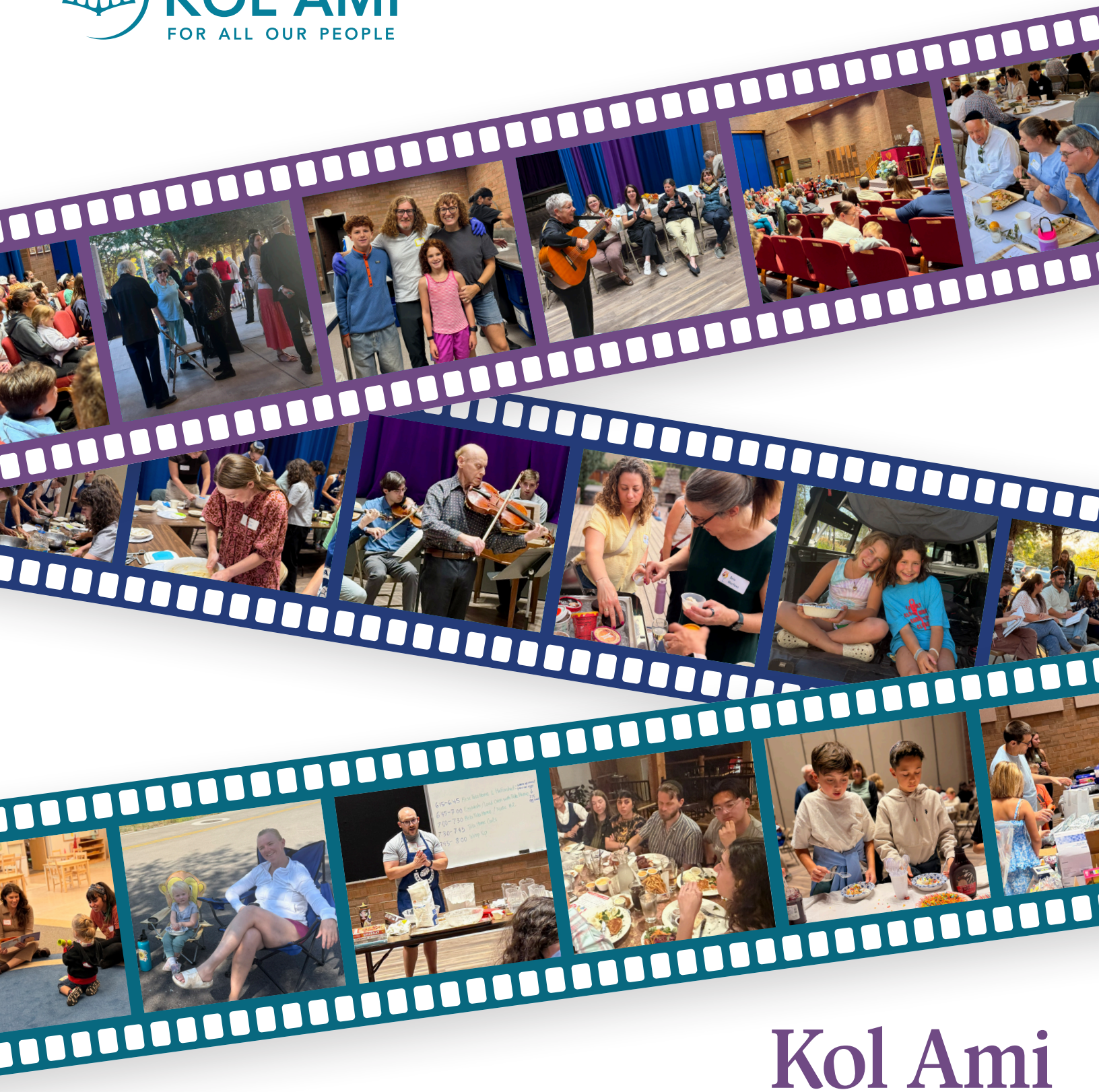
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Shabbat Service Schedule

DATE	PARSHA	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct. 2 – 3	Sh'mini Atzeret	**6:00pm** Sip into Shabbat **6:30pm** Erev Shabbat Service	**9:30am** Sh'mini Atzeret, Yizkor, & Shabbat Morning Service
Oct. 9 – 10	Bereishit	**6:00pm** Sip into Shabbat **6:30pm** Erev Shabbat Service	**9:30am** Shabbat Morning Service
Oct. 16 – 17	Noach	**6:00pm** Sip into Shabbat **6:30pm** Erev Shabbat Service	**9:30am** Shabbat Morning Service
Oct. 23 – 24	Lech-Lecha	**6:00pm** Sip into Shabbat **6:30pm** Erev Shabbat Service	**9:30am** Shabbat Morning Service
Oct. 30 – 31	Vayera	**6:00pm** Sip into Shabbat **6:30pm** Erev Shabbat Service	**9:30am** Shabbat Morning Service
Nov. 6 –7	Chayei Sarah	**6:00pm** Sip into Shabbat **6:30pm** Erev Shabbat Service	**9:30am** Shabbat Morning Service
Nov. 13 – 14	Toldot	**5:00pm** Tot Shabbat **6:00pm** Sip into Shabbat **6:30pm** Erev Shabbat Service	**9:30am** Henry Schaefer's Bar Mitzvah Service
Nov. 20 – 21	Vayeitzei	**6:00pm** Sip into Shabbat **6:30pm** Erev Shabbat Service	**9:30am** Shabbat Morning Service **2:00pm** Avigail Houpe's Mincha Bat Mitzvah Service
Nov. 27 – 28	Vayishlach	**6:00pm** Sip into Shabbat **6:30pm** Erev Shabbat Service	**9:30am** Shabbat Morning Service
Dec. 4 – 5	Chanukah Vayeishev	**5:00pm** Tot Shabbat **5:30pm** Family Shabbat Dinner **6:30pm** Consecration & Erev Shabbat Service	**9:30am** Shabbat Morning Service
Dec. 11 – 12	Chanukah Miketz	**6:00pm** Sip into Shabbat **6:30pm** Erev Shabbat Service	**9:30am** Shabbat Morning Service
Dec. 18 – 19	Vayigash	**6:00pm** Sip into Shabbat **6:30pm** Erev Shabbat Service	**9:30am** Shabbat Morning Service
Dec. 25 – 26	Vayechi	**6:00pm** Sip into Shabbat **6:30pm** Erev Shabbat Service	**9:30am** Shabbat & Sukkot Morning Service

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Our Rabbi

Samuel L. Spector



Unlocking the Beauty of Jewish Prayer

I love to pray. Prayer gives me the opportunity to be alone with my own thoughts at times, connect with those in my community at others, and even be linked to the entirety of the Jewish people and beyond at other moments. Prayer allows the one doing the praying not only the opportunity to think of what they are grateful for, but to reflect on the world as it is and envision, instead, what the world could be.

However, I have gotten feedback from some that they do not attend services because they do not fully understand Jewish prayer. What many do not realize is that Jewish prayer is set up like a play; there are different parts to it that are supposed to elicit different emotions, all leading up to a pinnacle part. Unlike how friends from other faiths pray, which is often spontaneous, Jewish prayer is highly structured and contains a certain flow. Once a person becomes familiar with the order of Jewish prayer and what each section is trying to accomplish, not only can they more deeply connect with prayer and the *kavannah*, the Jewish intention of that section, but they will be versed enough to be able to walk into any Shabbat service in any synagogue in the world and know by just hearing the prayer where they are in the service.

To help give others this experience and breakdown intimidating barriers to entry, I am now teaching a monthly class that will be only half an hour long, from 9:00am to 9:30am on a Saturday morning prior to services. Additionally, I will pepper into our service a little teaching on that part of the service that we covered that month in class.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks *z"l* said, *"Prayer is to the soul what exercise is to the body. You can live without exercise but it will not be a healthy life. You can live without prayer, but whole areas of human experience will be closed to you. Prayer changes the world because it changes us, opening our eyes to the radiance of G-d's world, our ears to the still small voice of G-d's word."* Come learn more about Jewish prayer with me, and then experience for the new year ahead a change in your life and in the world by becoming more engaged and knowledgeable in the beauty of our sacred traditions.

Our Board President

Faye Lincoln



Rosh Hashanah is a time of renewal

Our world is changing before our eyes. Wars are endemic in the Middle East and Ukraine. Antisemitism is rising, not spontaneously, but in an organized fashion both in Europe and America. Fossil fuels are taking us to the edge of climate change and inflation is rising with little end in sight. Economics is a catalyst for prosperity, but it is also dominating societal goals.

Digital technology, scientific advancements, and artificial intelligence are growing at an exponential pace, without legislative guardrails or a guiding hand to develop human-centered solutions. Instead, we find ourselves battling over social media, tiring of digital ads, and protesting AI data centers. Technology is driving society and its direction is still uncertain.

The prophets of the Tanakh had a clear message. **It is time for a paradigm shift; it is time for change.** What better way to begin thinking about that transition than during this period of renewal on Rosh Hashanah. While our conservative traditions encourage us to preserve our faith, our reform practices allow us to question and explore needed change within the framework of Judaism. We can search the Torah for the evolutionary spiral of values that will guide us in confronting today's growing problems.

Some might say that ancient Torah is not a model for our times. I say, "look deeply." Renewal comes from how we read and interpret these Books, to discover the values from within, adapted for our times. These values can center us to find greater meaning and purpose in this unpredictable world. If it does not start with Judaism, we create a spiritual void that allows economics and technology to steer humankind to a place of conflict and harm.

Now, more than ever, the evolution of values is critical for directing our lives and to stand together in a blistering time of world conflict. These values might be represented as follows:

Co-Creativity Driven by Compassion

- **Compassion:** seeking human-centered solutions to our challenges aligned with economics and technology; a higher purpose linked to Hillel's teachings of the golden rule (Leviticus 19:18);
- **Creativity:** generating creative solutions within the boundaries of accountability, similar to Abraham using free will and responsibility to create a better life; and
- **Collaboration (Co-):** working together by listening and thinking more deeply, generating less conflict while balancing competition, just as we learned to live in social harmony when we wandered the desert for forty years before entering the land of Israel.

The Jewish story is a great one. Our shared history is profound. Our joyful faith is inspiring. Regardless of the period we live in, we can always find lessons to be learned from our ancient texts, reshaped and redirected as transcendent teachings for our times.

This New Year, let us transform our relationship with Judaism by the way we create goodness and purpose in this world. Let these values drive both our faith and our actions to create aspirational solutions for the challenges we face in our everyday lives.

L'Shanah Tovah!

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Join Us for Congregation Kol Ami's

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, November 15th
9am Breakfast | 9:30am Call to Order

Members in good standing are entitled to attend, to vote at the Congregation Kol Ami Special Meeting, and may appoint a proxy to attend, speak, and, on a poll, vote in their stead. A member is in good standing if they have paid a minimum of 25% of current year dues or they have made other arrangements.

RSVP, download the proxy form, and more by scanning the QR code or visiting **bit.ly/2026-CKAAnnualMeeting**

Unable to attend the live meeting?

Completed proxy forms should be mailed to Congregation Kol Ami or emailed to director@conkolami.org. Proxies may be submitted to the Secretary up to the commencement of the meeting. If more than one eligible family member is voting by proxy, please complete a separate proxy form for each voting member.

Our Shaliach Tzibur

Mark Grosser



Lifting Our Voices Together

As we approach the High Holidays, I find myself reflecting on the power of our community, specifically the profound act of lifting our voices together. While these sacred days invite us to look inward, they also remind us that we do not undertake this journey of reflection, renewal, and hope in isolation.

This past year has brought both relief and heartbreak. We have celebrated the return of hostages to their loved ones and witnessed extraordinary acts of courage and resilience. Yet, we continue to carry the grief and lingering wounds of October 7 and the difficult years that followed. We have felt the impact of rising antisemitism both here and abroad, and we have navigated challenging disagreements within the Jewish community.

Amid these struggles, I am continually inspired by the enduring strength of the Jewish people. Our tradition teaches us that unity does not require uniformity, and that disagreement need not prevent belonging. We are bound together by a shared story, a shared responsibility, and a collective commitment to bringing holiness into the world.

In times like these, our prayers and songs take on special significance. The melodies of the High Holidays connect us to generations of Jews who sought meaning, comfort, and hope during these same sacred days. When we pray together, we affirm that none of us stands alone. I look forward to welcoming you and joining my voice with yours as we seek meaning, connection, and healing together during the Yamim Nora'im. Your voice is an essential part of our collective choir.

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah. May the coming year bring peace, healing, and blessing to our congregation and to Jewish people around the world.

READY TO GET IN ON THE PURIM FUN?

We're looking for performers and backstage helpers to be part of this year's Purim Spiel!

Interested? Contact Mark Grosser at cantor@conkolami.org.



THANK YOU

TO OUR HIGH HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERS



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Breana Allegrini
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Lennea Bower-Engel
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Jared Cohen
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Paul Thompson
Arnie Tran
Tessa Vaschel
Blair Williams
Ean Woodbury

Please forgive us if anyone was left off!

Our Executive Director

Danny Burman



Radical Amazement & Deep Gratitude

Each year, as I immerse myself in the High Holiday season at Congregation Kol Ami, I am filled with radical amazement at the energy, passion, and *ruach* (spirit) of our clergy, staff, volunteers, members, guests, and students. I am continually reminded that what makes our holidays so meaningful is not simply the beauty of our services, but the extraordinary people who come together to create this sacred community.

Behind every service and gathering are months of planning, meetings, spreadsheets, and attention to seemingly endless details. When the holidays arrive, our staff—Jewish and not alike—are all hands on deck, setting up the sanctuary, welcoming congregants, preparing meals and kiddushim, and serving as ushers, spotters, and gabbaim. Rabbi Spector's extraordinary dedication to preparing honors, organizing services, and crafting his sermons was especially remarkable this year as he navigated health challenges. I also marvel at our Shaliach Tzibor, Mark Grosser, who stepped into his role with only two months to prepare for the many services from Selichot through Simchat Torah, alongside our choir and accompanists. All of this is a labor of love, offered so that each of us can experience meaningful and spiritually enriching holidays.

My amazement becomes profound gratitude for our volunteers, who greeted and ushered, baked honey cakes, chopped apples, prepared meals, arranged machzorim and programs, built the sukkah, blew the shofars, and helped with countless setup and cleanup tasks. Every contribution, large and small, helped create a welcoming and meaningful experience. Thank you for your generosity and dedication!

From the moving Selichot service, which began our cheshbon hanefesh—accounting of our souls—to the meaningful Rosh Hashanah services, our welcoming luncheons, and beautiful Tashlich, each moment enriched our communal journey. We gathered again for Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur, remembering loved ones during Yizkor, including David Litvack's moving memorial to his mother, Susan Litvack, of blessed memory. Throughout the holidays, we watched children enjoying services and had thought-provoking Yom Kippur breakout sessions. As Ne'ilah drew to a close, our children's Havdalah glowstick parade brought a joyful light to the evening. Finally, we shared the season of our joy through Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

Perhaps what touched me most was seeing longtime members greeting and praying alongside newer members, younger families, and children. In those moments, I saw the living heart of Kol Ami: a community that honors its past while embracing its future. We also mourned the loss of longtime, dedicated members, reminding us of life's fragility and the enduring legacy of those who helped build our congregation. Throughout the season, I felt deep pride, connection to our past, and hope for our future.

This was the last High Holiday season I will experience from the perspective of my role as Executive Director. After a decade or two of witnessing Kol Ami's holidays grow and evolve, I feel profoundly grateful to have been part of this journey. I have had the privilege of seeing the dedication behind the scenes and the countless acts of kindness that sustain our community.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel taught us that our goal should be to live with radical amazement—to greet each day without taking anything for granted, to recognize the extraordinary within the ordinary, and to approach life with a sense of wonder. As Heschel reminds us, *"To be spiritual is to be amazed!"*

Congregation Kol Ami is more than a place where we gather to pray; it is a community we build, a legacy we nurture, and a blessing we pass on to future generations.

Kol Ami is thriving, and it will always hold a special place in my heart. I am deeply grateful to be part of this amazing and holy community.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR 5787 ANNUAL APPEAL!

Your generosity helps sustain our congregation and ensures that we can continue to serve our community with warmth, inclusivity, and meaningful Jewish experiences.

Membership dues and religious school tuition cover only about 50% of our annual operating budget. We intentionally keep dues and tuition as affordable as possible so that Kol Ami remains accessible to all who wish to belong.

Your High Holiday gift is truly a mitzvah. It helps make membership possible for families in need, supports the Jewish education of our children, and strengthens the programs and services that enrich our entire community.

Every gift, no matter the amount, makes a meaningful difference and is deeply appreciated. You may make your donation in a single payment or spread your pledge over multiple payments through December 2026.

Please consider making your High Holiday donation today.

Thank you for your generosity and your continued commitment to support of Congregation Kol Ami. We wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and sweet new year.

L'shanah Tovah Tikatevu!
May you and your loved ones be inscribed for a good year.

From the Board of Trustees, Clergy, and Staff of Congregation Kol Ami

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The Tree of Life Donor Program

A new initiative honoring those who uplift and sustain our sacred community.

About the Etz Chaim Society

Etz Chaim—the Tree of Life—is a timeless symbol of growth, strength, and continuity. The Etz Chaim Society recognizes generous donors who nourish the roots and branches of our synagogue through meaningful contributions. Every contribution strengthens our community and creates meaningful Jewish experiences for generations to come—from vibrant youth programs and Shabbat dinners to educational events, holiday celebrations, and spiritual growth.

As a member of the Etz Chaim Society, your name will be honored on our beautiful new Donor Recognition Wall, located on the eastern wall windows of the main lobby for as long as you remain a member of our Etz Chaim Society as a tribute to your support.

All donor levels and benefits are in recognition of your annual giving.

Want to Learn More?

View our donor levels and benefits by scanning the QR code or visiting conkolami.org/etz-chaim-society

Ready to Join?

Please contact Danny Burman, Executive Director, at director@conkolami.org or 801-484-1501 to pledge your support.

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Our Office & Membership Director

Lisa Kaufman



Your Jewish Home, Now and Always

As we welcome the new year, many of us are thinking about renewal, not just of our calendars, but of our commitments, our relationships, and our sense of purpose. The High Holy Days ask us to look inward and ask: who do I want to be this year, and what communities do I want to help build?

I want to talk about one of those communities: this one, Kol Ami.

Every year, our membership makes possible so much of what defines us as a Jewish home, the Rabbi's counsel during life's hardest moments, the warmth of a Shabbat service, the tzedakah that reaches families in need, the Hebrew school classroom where our children learn who they are. None of it happens by accident. It happens because people choose, year after year, to say: *I am part of this, this is mine to help sustain.*

That choice is really at the heart of what it means to be Jewish.

Ours is a tradition built on the idea that community isn't something we consume, it's something we co-create. We don't wait until we need a Shiva minyan to show up for one; we show up so that a Shiva minyan is there when someone needs it. We give Tzedakah not only when we hear of a need, but especially when there is not, so that those who are can be held. That's not an old-fashioned obligation; it's one of the most beautiful and radical ideas Judaism has ever offered the world: that we are responsible for one another.

I know life gets full. Careers, young children, aging parents, a hundred things pulling at our time. I understand, truly, why membership sometimes falls down the list. But I want you to know that your membership isn't just a fee for services rendered. It's your stake in something larger than any one of us: a Jewish future, sustained by all of us together, for all of us together.

This year, I want Kol Ami to be more than a place you visit for the holidays. I want it to be your home. A place that shows up for you when you need it, because you and so many others showed up for it when you didn't. A place where your children see, not just hear, what it means to be part of a caring, committed Jewish community.

Whether you're a longtime member, someone who excitedly just joined our community, or a family in a season where full involvement feels out of reach, I hope you'll reach out. We're building new ways to stay connected at every stage of life and every level of involvement, because our goal isn't just to fill seats. It's to make sure that every Jewish family who wants a home has one here.

Shanah tovah! May this be a year of renewal, connection, and belonging, for each of us and for all of us together.

Welcome to our New & Returning Members

David Banks

Robin Barth

Claire Doctorman & Clark Maxfield

Sam Doctorman

Ben Frank

Mari Freedberg & Christopher Fest

Alexis & Brian Gentry

David Goldstein & Claire McIntyre

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Sarah Myers

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Jon Propper

David Sachs

Joel Winter & Maura Rodriguez

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David Wilson

Daniel Youkilis

Please Welcome

The Masters Family



Hi! We are the Masters family. We moved from the Baltimore/ Annapolis area to Salt Lake City five years ago.

We currently reside in Sandy. Jessica is a nurse working at an urgent care and Brian is a pharmacist working for a pharmaceutical company.

We have three girls ages 9, 7, and almost 5. They are involved in a lot of activities, so we are always on the go. But we look forward to meeting new families and getting involved in the Jewish community.

Please Welcome

The Gentry Family



Brian and Alexis Gentry join us from Anacortes, WA with their children Bella, Shiloh, and Paxton.

Bella is a junior in college at Chico State in northern California majoring in Psychology, Shiloh is a junior at Morgan High School, and Paxton is a seventh grader at Mountain Green Middle School.

Brian comes from a background in homebuilding and real estate development, while Alexis is an Interior Designer. Shiloh spent her summer playing softball tournaments, and Paxton is enjoying fall baseball and soccer here in Utah.

They moved to Mountain Green this August and are looking forward to bluebird skies during the winter, and a fabulous ski season!

Our Program & Engagement Director

Galit Livne



As the weather cools down and the autumn leaves begin to fall, we are reflecting on a beautiful season of being together.

As we journey further into 5787, we look forward to sharing many more meaningful moments and sacred spaces together at Kol Ami!

A LOOK BACK: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON

- **Shabbaton Camping Trip:** Thank you to Rachel Lemieux and Cheyenne Brown for planning an incredible weekend under the stars, filled with nature, great company, and plenty of fun!
- **Backyard Shabbat & Rosh Hashanah Luncheons:** Our deepest gratitude goes out to all the wonderful hosts who opened their homes for both our Backyard Shabbat Services and Rosh Hashanah Luncheons! Your incredible hospitality and warmth brought our community together to share food, holidays, and unforgettable connections.
- **Summer Concert:** The Paradigm Trio was a resounding success with Joel Rosenberg and the Rosborough-Bowman family!
- **Rosh Chodesh Women's Group:** Our women's group kicked off the year with a sweet Ice Cream Social, hosted by Bria Mertens. Over Sukkot, distinguished professor Jackie Osherow graciously joined us to share her expertise. In October Jill Tatz led us through an adaptation of her nationally renowned program, *Having Fun Together–Music and Movement for All*.
- **Mitzvah Day:** Thank you to Pam Silberman and Lauren Fredman for coordinating this meaningful day! Volunteers cooked meals, packed hygiene kits, and distributed them downtown to neighbors in need.
- **Challah Baking Class:** A big thank you to Jared Cohen for leading our hands-on Jewish baking experience! Everyone took home a fresh loaf of challah and a Kol Ami apron.
- **Elul Walk & Reverse Tashlich:** Rabbi Spector led a meaningful watershed cleanup, putting repentance into action! We enjoyed nature while clearing litter to beautify our community for the New Year.
- **High Holidays 101:** Rabbi Spector led an engaging class, helping congregants get for the holidays by learning the prayers and rituals.
- **Selichot:** Rabbi Spector and violist Joel Rosenberg led a powerful evening of reflection and music.
- **Tashlich:** On the second day of Rosh Hashanah we gathered at the home of Rabbi & Jill Spector for our annual Tashlich ritual.
- **Sukkot:** We celebrated with highly attended events for all ages, including Kol Amigos, Rosh Chodesh, Lunch & Learn, KAJY's Pizza in the Hut, and Sake & Sushi! Each gathering was packed with learning, community, and festive fun.

COMING SOON: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Sip into Shabbat:** Start your Shabbat with a smile by dropping in before services for our pre-service Oneg. Schmooze, enjoy light refreshments, and connect with friends–all are welcome!
- **The Nosh Club:** Join us for our Big Schmear Bagel Making class on October 20th! The delicious fun continues into the fall and winter with upcoming sessions on November 20th and in December. Stay tuned for details!
- **Rosh Chodesh Women's Group:** Connect with us this fall! Nancy Strahinic will lead a creative art project on Nov. 17th and our Chanukah gift exchange is on Dec. 1st.
- **Kol Amigos Men's Group:** The Kol Amigos are planning a special community service event at the Ronald McDonald House on Nov.10th. Come lend a helping hand!
- **Fry-Day Night Lights:** Come learn to make delicious sufganiyot and latkes in our next edition of The Nosh Club cooking classes.
- **The Courage of Joy:** We have the honor of hosting Neshama Carlebach and Rabbi Menachem Creditor on Dec. 3rd. Join us for a deeply moving and inspiring presentation you won't want to miss.
- **Chanukah & Consecration Shabbat:** Celebrate with the community on Dec. 4th! Join us for a special Shabbat with Neshama Carlebach as we honor our consecrants and light the very first candle of Chanukkah.
- **Neshama Carlebach in Concert:** The music comes alive on Dec. 5th! Experience an extraordinary night of melody and soul featuring Neshama Carlebach and her full ensemble.
- **3rd Night Candle Lighting:** Join KAJY for ice skating, hot chocolate, and donuts! Celebrate the festival of lights with a special menorah lighting alongside Rabbi Spector and Millcreek Mayor Cheri Jackson.
- **4th Night Candle Lighting:** Young adults, ages 21–40, are invited to a festive evening featuring Vodka and Latkes! Celebrate the festival of lights with great drinks, delicious food, and wonderful company.
- **5th Night Candle Lighting:** Join us as Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall hosts our community once again at City Hall! Keep the festival energy going as we light up the night and celebrate with delicious donuts and latkes.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REGISTER AHEAD OF TIME FOR EVENTS!

If you have fun ideas for future events, please reach out to me at programming@conkolami.org. I would love to hear from you!

Save the Dates!

Join Us for a Weekend with Neshama Carlebach



One of today's best-selling Jewish artists, Neshama has been a cornerstone of major Jewish music festivals across the U.S. and globally, performing in front of thousands at countless concerts and gatherings for audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

Dec. 4th: A Musical Chanukah Family Shabbat & Consecration

Dec. 5th: Believe: In the Light Concert

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Our Religious School Director

Tamara Kipper



Now that High Holidays are over, **The Rafi Schwartz Religious School will officially open its doors on Sunday, October 11th**! We will start the day off with an assembly in the Social Hall welcoming the 5787 school year with an introduction of all the teachers and TAs, and what classes your child(ren) will be in. After the first day of classes please join us for an **ice cream social** outside on the patio to socialize with old and new friends for the coming year! The 7th grade Saturday Shabbat class will start on Saturday, October 10th at 9:30am.

Peer mentors, led by David Asman, will start on Wednesday, October 21st right after religious school from 6:15pm – 7:15pm. We will not be doing dinners this year and instead providing a light snack. If you have any questions, please reach out to David at davidasman54@gmail.com.

The first Family Shabbat of the 5787 school year will be on Friday, November 13th. This Shabbat will honor all the volunteers that have helped out at Kol Ami over the past year. Thank you all for your time and dedication! All are welcome to come and please join us for the next one on **Friday, December 4th for Consecration and Chanukah**! Don't forget to bring your menorahs to light up the sanctuary for the first night of Chanukah! Consecration marks the beginning of the formal Jewish education for all Kindergarten students and anyone new to the RSRS up through 2nd grade. If you have a student that will be welcomed that night, please save the date on **Sunday, November 1st to secretly attend religious school after drop off to decorate a Torah scroll for your child**.

December will be a busy festive month with our annual **RSRS and KAJY Chanukah party on Sunday, December 6th**.

Don't miss our **Chanukah Pop Up Shop on Wednesday, December 2nd, and Sunday, December 6th during RSRS hours in the West Foyer**. We will have everything that you need to decorate your home, or gifts for Chanukah. All proceeds will go to the RSRS.

Kol Ami Jewish Youth (KAJY) is under new leadership this year. I want to welcome Madi Kortzbart as its new Director! Madi is also our new Religious School Assistant and will be teaching Hebrew. Madi is excited to bring in new engaging events for the students in 3rd through 7th grade.

KAJY will have their first lounge night of the year on Wednesday, October 14th. Lounge nights take place twice a month right after religious school. During lounge nights the students will have dinner, enjoy arts and crafts, get homework help, and the kids will get to socialize with their friends. Each lounge night will have a theme so make sure not to miss one!

Some of the other upcoming events to mark on your calendars are:

- The Fall Festival & Havdalah at Cross E Ranch on Saturday, October 24th at 4:30pm.
- Mini golf on Sunday, November 8th at 1:00pm
- And ice skating with a candle lighting for the third night of Chnaukah on Sunday, December 6th!

If want to learn more about KAJY or sign up your child, please contact Madi at kajy@conkolami.org.

Are you looking to get more involved in the religious school? Please contact me at rsdirector@conkolami.org.












RAFI SCHWARTZ
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah!



Henry Schaefer

Nov. 14th

Henry James Schaefer will be called to the Torah on November 14, 2026. He has worked extremely hard to master trope and to understand linkages between Jewish culture and religion in our times today. We are so excited to honor Henry on November 14 (which is also his birthday!).

Henry is smart and curious, as well as deeply loving and loyal. He enjoys all things sports, particularly hockey, mountain biking, climbing, and skiing. He also enjoys playing and competing in almost anything with his friends and sister. He has many friends and loves to meet new people. Henry greets the world with energy and enthusiasm every day.

We hope that you will join us to celebrate our wonderful boy becoming a Bar Mitzvah!



Avigail Houpe

Nov. 21st

Avigail Chaya Houpe loves to read, listen to music, and hang out with friends. She's a passionate student at Corner Canyon High school who enjoys arts and sciences. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA for many years in a row and plans to graduate with an honors diploma. She plays the viola in her school orchestra and loves to play for her concerts and competitions. Avigail finds importance in making the world a better place and hearing everyone's stories.

In becoming a Bat Mitzvah, Avigail has been able to study Torah, expand her Hebrew, and develop her Jewish Identity. Throughout her Bat Mitzvah service project, she has been able to see so many peoples perspectives and lives, as well as help them for the better.

Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah!



Emily Melman, *December 19th*

Emily was born in Boston, Massachusetts and moved to Utah when she was 18 months old. She is currently a 7th grade student at Clayton Middle School in Salt Lake City. Emily's favorite subjects are math and science.

Emily is passionate about animals and enjoys spending time volunteering. This past summer she volunteered in the Bunny House at the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab. Emily has continued her volunteer work at the Best Friends Shelter in Salt Lake City reading to the shelter dogs. In addition to volunteering with animals as part of her Mitzvah Project, Emily is working to set up a canned food drive to donate food to the Jewish Family Service Food Pantry.

Emily is an avid skier and mountain biker and is a member of the West Mountain Biking Team. She also enjoys playing volleyball and bouldering with her brother Daniel. In her free time, Emily also loves to draw, paint with water color, hang out with friends, and read.

Emily is a very special young woman, and we are thrilled and so proud to celebrate this simcha with our entire community.

KAJY

KOL AMI JEWISH YOUTH

KAJY (Kol Ami Jewish Youth) is a welcoming community for Congregation Kol Ami's 3rd–7th graders that fosters meaningful friendships, a strong sense of belonging, connection to Jewish life and values, and confident, compassionate leadership.

Get Involved!

Learn more by scanning the QR code, visiting conkolami.org/kajy, or contacting KAJY Director, Madi Korzbart, at kajy@conkolami.org

Lounge Nights | Jewish Identity | Youth Board | Outings & Events | Tikkun Olam

KAJY appreciates the support of Congregation Kol Ami and the United Jewish Federation of Utah

ROSH CHODESH

women's group

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JOIN THE WOMEN OF ROSH CHODESH!

Kol Ami's Rosh Chodesh Women's Group offers a warm and welcoming, intergenerational space for connection and community. Through meaningful conversations and engaging activities, we celebrate Jewish spirituality while fostering friendships and a sense of belonging.

Upcoming events:

Nov. 17th Make a Gift: Bulb Vases

Dec. 1st "My Favorite Things" Chanukah Gift Exchange

conkolami.org/rosh-chodesh















KOL AMIGOS

MEN'S GROUP

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JOIN THE KOL AMIGOS!

The Kol Amigos Men's Group offers a welcoming space for connection, camaraderie, and community. Through social gatherings, and shared experiences, participants build friendships, support one another, and strengthen their sense of belonging within our community.

Upcoming dates:
November 10th, January 19th

Learn more at
conkolami.org/kol-amigos

In-Person & Online

COURAGE & JOY: SPIRITUAL RESOURCES FOR OUR TIME

Thursday, December 3rd

6pm Dinner // **7pm** Program

Kol Ami + Online



No one is meant to carry life alone. Menachem and Neshama reflect on how they lend one another strength, how partnership can expand our capacity for courage, and how communities can become places of genuine spiritual support.

Join us beforehand for a complimentary light dinner at 6pm, followed by our program at 7pm.

Learn more and register at
bit.ly/vbm-dec3-2026

Cost: $18 // **FREE for Members**
Contact programming@conkolami.org for the promo code

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Neshama Is Joining Us All Weekend for Chanukah!

Friday, Dec. 4th
First Night of Chanukah
Shabbat Service

Saturday, Dec. 5th
Saturday Night Concert
at Kol Ami

A LEGACY IS FOREVER
CREATE YOURS TODAY

"As my parents planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who will come after me." —Talmud

As a community, we all hope that those places that create Jewish life and meaning in our lives will remain vibrant and strong into the future. Life & Legacy, an initiative of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, helps individuals and families create legacy gifts, providing a permanent source of support for the Jewish causes we care about. It is founded on the principle that all of us, regardless of age, wealth, or affiliation, can make an enduring impact. Your consideration of a legacy gift will ensure the continuation of our Utah Jewish community for future generations.

One of the key strategic goals of our synagogue is to establish a long-term plan for building assets that will support our ongoing financial needs and growth. Legacy Giving is a part of that overall plan.

The Life & Legacy Giving Program is part of a broader, collaborative effort led by the United Jewish Federation of Utah, and in conjunction with the Jewish Family Services of Utah. You may choose to commit a future donation to Kol Ami, or any combination of these organizations.

We discovered that many people in the past have already provided for a Legacy Donation in their will or estate plan, but Kol Ami is not aware of this action. We encourage you to contact us with this information. For those who have not yet joined, we ask for your support by naming Congregation Kol Ami in your estate plan. Again, we thank our generous donors. You have started us down the right path. Your gift, in the future, will help us grow stronger.

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Together, we're building community!

The individuals listed below have given us permission to identify their names through a Document of Commitment (DOC). The rest have chosen to remain anonymous.

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Together, we can make a difference. For more information, feel free to contact:

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Executive Director
385-388-8520

Faye Lincoln
Board President & Legacy Chair
801-518-6565

Gary Lapin
Board Member & Legacy Committee Member
801-943-7832

Our New Member Portal is Live!

We have a new member portal! Look for the email with the subject line "Kol Ami Members Portal: Log In Instructions." Make sure to login and update your account.

Feel free to contact the office with any questions at info@conkolami.org or 801-484-1501. We're happy to help!

THE KOL AMI MIKVEH

Our fully renovated, heated Mikveh is open and available for members to use. To book an appointment during office hours, please contact frontdesk@conkolami.org.



ORDER CHALLAH FOR SHABBAT!

Moshe Onwukeme's Heritage Bakeries is now selling challah (plain or raisin), bialys, and babka as a fundraiser for Kol Ami! All goods are baked right here in Kol Ami's kosher kitchen.

$8 per challah loaf
$8 for three (3) challah rolls
$8 for four (4) bialys
$10 per chocolate babka

Order at **conkolami.org/heritage-bakeries** by Wednesdays for pick up on Fridays at Kol Ami from 9am – 3pm.

HB HERITAGE BAKERIES

Sip into Shabbat

PRE-SHABBAT ONEG & SCHMOOZE

Fridays • 6:00pm
Congregation Kol Ami

Start your Shabbat with a smile! Join us for a pre-Shabbat Oneg and schmooze before services begin. Enjoy light refreshments and catch up with new and old friends. All are welcome to drop in and share in the blessing of community.

RSVP to let us know you're coming at **conkolami.org/sip**

Upcoming Dates:
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
November 6, 20, 27
December 11, 18

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TOT SHABBAT

FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

FRIDAYS | **5:00PM**

Join us for a fun, half-hour service of Shabbat songs and stories! This program is for children age 7 and younger and their families. This is a great way to engage your child with the traditions and meaning of Shabbat.

NOV 13 | DEC 4 | FEB 5 | APR 9 | MAY 7

FAMILY שבת

SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE



Fridays | **5:30pm** Dinner | **6:30pm** Service
Nov 13 | Dec 4 | Feb 5 | Apr 9

Join us for our family-friendly Shabbat dinner and service! This is a wonderful opportunity to slow down, celebrate Shabbat, and enjoy a meaningful evening as a community.

Grave Matters

By Carol Hochstadt



Basics for a New Year

There are many new members at Kol Ami who are not aware of the services provided by the Kol Ami Cemetery Association and have not been exposed to my bulletin-based Grave Matters articles in the past. Also, many older members have reached the chronological age where they are now more open to and interested in learning about 'grave matters.'

With both of these groups in mind, this article will provide an overview of resources available when people die and how to get information about them. Also, hopefully some understanding of how these resources are structured will help all to feel comfortable with planning for the inevitable, yet difficult, decisions that lie ahead.

Our Resources

We manage three cemeteries: B'nai Israel, Montefiore, and Shaare Tzedek, all located in Salt Lake City's Avenues neighborhood, and which serve the entire Utah Jewish community. While the land is deeded to Kol Ami, non-members are welcome and over the past few years approximately seventy-five percent of the burials have been for people who are not members of the synagogue.

There is an Irrevocable Trust, administered by six volunteer trustees, that controls the financial assets of the cemeteries, manages the cemeteries, and oversees the burials. These cemetery assets are reserved for maintaining the cemeteries in perpetuity and are never comingled with synagogue assets.

The trust maintains a large invested fund to ensure that we can maintain the cemeteries in a dignified manner, covering all expenses or improvement projects that cannot be paid from the current year's income. Recent examples included damage from wind storms and pine beetle infestations, broken sidewalks, and aging sprinkler systems.

Although the land is contiguous with the Salt Lake City Cemetery, the Salt Lake City government has absolutely no part in ownership or maintaining our cemeteries.

In Memoriam

Maurice Bornstein
Relative of Faye Lincoln

Su-Oak Choi
Su-Oak Choi

Howard Cohne
Brother of Bruce Cohne

Michael Fletcher
Kol Ami Member,
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Husband of Geri Siegel

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Local Jewish Person

May their memories be a blessing

JewishCemeteryUtah.org

Our three cemeteries collectively have approximately eighteen hundred burials and nearly three hundred paid reservations. Annually, the number of burials usually ranges from five to twenty. At a time when some cemeteries are running out of available space for new burials, we are blessed with enough space to meet our anticipated need for very far into the future.

Planning a Burial
Reserving a grave in advance is very smart because your family will not have this burden to deal with when they are also dealing with grieving your death. Also, while having the opportunity to choose your eternal location, you will lock in today's price, which reduces the future financial burden on your family.

But remember that having a plot is different from having a fully paid funeral. You or your family will still have to secure the services of a mortuary, which can be arranged and pre-paid before need and, later, the services of a monument company will be needed.

The people at the Wasatch Lawn Mortuary have been doing Jewish funerals since before 1900 (operating as Evans & Early until 2016). If you will have the ritual washing (tahara) done by our local Chevra Kadisha—and required for Montefiore and Shaare Tzedek—you must use Wasatch Lawn as your mortuary.

While you may use a different mortuary if not having tahara, we recommend using them because they have the knowledge and resources to plan and execute a Jewish burial promptly and will follow our customs.

All grave sites in our cemeteries are priced the same regardless of location (the view is the same from under the ground) but we do have both "member" and "pre-need" discounts available. In addition to helping you with the plot, our trustees can give you contact information that will help your planning with the mortuary and monument company.

Getting Information
Email: kolamicemetery@yahoo.com
Website: jewishcemeteryutah.org
Telephone: 385-388- 8574 or 801-484-1501 ext.4

Tree of Life Leaves & Memorial Plaques

	Member	Guests
Leaf (Small)	$180	$360
Leaf (Large) *Memorial / In Honor*	$300	$600
B'nai Mitzvah Leaf	$125	$300
Memorial Plaque	$475	$950
Move to the New Wall	$36	$72

To purchase, please scan the QR code, visit conkolami.org/memorial-plaques, or contact the office at info@conkolami.org or 801-484-1501.



SOCIAL ACTION

COMMUNITY SERVICE AT KOL AMI

The Social Action Committee Needs You!

Are you passionate about social justice? Do you have ideas about how Kol Ami can take action on homelessness, food insecurity, LGBTQ rights, climate change, or discrimination in our community? The Kol Ami Social Action Committee would love to hear your ideas and get you involved.

Reach out to Pamela Silberman at psilberman127@gmail.com to get involved!



Todah Rabbah
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These donations were received between June 16th and September 15th

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Janine Adler Parker & David Parker

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In honor of Bruce and Lynn Cohne's 60th wedding anniversary
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Todah Rabbah
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In appreciation of Faye Lincoln for being a leading source on antisemitism
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In honor of the Rabbi, thank you!
Anna Abramzon

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Sally Beesley

In appreciation of Rabbi Spector
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In thanks for the beautiful message Rabbi gave at Janet's funeral
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Rochelle Kaplan & Art Lipson

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Lois Spiegel

In loving memory of Edna's parents, Ralph & Shirley Tannenbaum
Edna Tannenbaum Elkins

In loving memory of Edna's Uncle, Ira Tannenbaum
Edna Tannenbaum Elkins

In loving memory of Rochelle Silverstein Wenger
Nancy Thomadsen

In loving memory of Richard's grandmother, Rose Nudelman
Richard & Heidi Weinsoft

In loving memory of Heidi's beloved father, Sam Shapiro
Richard & Heidi Weinsoft

Mazel Tov to Bruce & Lynn for their 60th anniversary with respect and love
Clifford & Nancy White

In loving memory of Lynne's sister, Gayle Ellen Wimmer
Lynne Wimmer

In loving memory of Lynne's father, Emanuel Wimmer
Lynne Wimmer

Kol Amigos Men's Group

In honor of the Kol Amigos Men's Group
Alec & Cassandra Baden

Mikveh Fund

In honor of the congregation
Melissa Jensen & Michael Weidner

Monte Carlo Fundraiser

In honor of the congregation
Daniel Shapiro & Donna Milavetz

Pepper Beit Midrash Fund

In loving memory of Phillip's mother, Fannie Neiditch Pepper
Phillip & Vicki Pepper

Todah Rabbah
Thank You

Rabbi Spector Discretionary Fund

In appreciation of Rabbi Spector's beautiful commemoration of the Aufruf of Michael Palmer and Jane Mintz
Cheryl Ann Palmer

Thank you for the wonderful wedding ceremony for our son Reed and his bride Meredith
Scott Seidel

Religious School Fund

In loving memory of Ben's father, Harry Doctorman
Ben J. & Alexandra Doctorman

In loving memory of Alexandra's grandmother, Tsivya Shimanovich
Ben J. & Alexandra Doctorman

In loving memory of Alexandra's grandmother, Khaya Cheklin
Ben J. & Alexandra Doctorman

In loving memory of Sol Kaplan, our father and grandfather
Neil Kaplan

Security Fund

In memory of Richard Evans
Lawrence & Laura Green

Social Action Fund

In loving memory of Rochelle and Fred Wenger. May their memory be for a blessing.
Craig & Ellen Mandel

Torah Fund

In loving memory of Andrea's grandmother, Jenny Pasternack
Michael & Andrea Skolkin

In honor of Andrea's father, Melvin Richtel
Michael & Andrea Skolkin

In loving memory of Ruth's father, Louis Ellenbogen
Ruth Ellenbogen Spiegel

In loving memory of Ruth's mother, Minnie Ellenbogen
Ruth Ellenbogen Spiegel

In loving memory of Richard C. Evans
The Winkler-Steinberg-Soria Family

Vision Kol Ami 2060

In honor of the congregation
Faye Lincoln



Help us give a warm welcome to our newest members!

Become a New Member Buddy! Share coffee, answer questions, and help new members build connections in our community. Contact info@conkolami.org to sign up!



Need a ride to synagogue? Visit while in the hospital? Need a meal delivered after you've had a baby or been too ill to cook?

Our Chesed Caring Committee is here to provide a helping hand! We are currently seeking volunteers to help out with this important service we provide to our community.

Interested? Contact the office at **info@conkolami.org**.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
October / November / December

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS
Adam Bunch
Alana Burman
Kristopher Colley
Martin Colman
Jake Copinga
Kathy Einhorn
Zachary Hartlyn
Neil Kaplan
Jody Katz
Tamara Kipper
Jane Kurtzman
Jesse Lapin
Debbie Leaman
Hannah Lewis
Gwen Lobell
Barry Markovitz
Claire McIntyre
Daniel Shapiro
Zach Shear
Christy Shemper
Susi Soria
Holly Spraker-Perlman
Josh Steinberg
David Steinberg

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
Barbara Arnovitz
Marsha Backels
Paul Bernstein
Eli Besser
Cheyenne Brown
Kristine Campbell
Carla Cantor
Matthew Chojnacki
Scott Cohen
Cathy Collins
Thomas Collins
Terry Crum
Judy Dahlquist
Aaron Elder
Lili Field
Andrew Finkelstein
Michael Fletcher
Adam Freedman
David Goldenberg
Laura Green
Mark Grosser
Andrew Gruber
Susan Horn
Danielle Housman
Samuel Huskey
Tom Jacobson
Amir Kalay
Michael King
Charlotte Kirkwood
Kristen Kropp
Paul LaHaye
Pamela Landes
Gary Lapin
Linda Lebovitz
Rob Lemieux
Art Lipson
Stefanie Marxreiter
Karen McArthur
Tracy Plotkin
Joshua Rogoff
Carol Rogoff
Ivan Rojas-Fuentes
Brett Ruben
Mathew Shechter
Tracine Smoot
Ellen Soffer
Barbara Spector
Lois Spiegel
Carla Stoddard
Alan Tatz
Thi Tessier
Jolene Treloar
David Weinstein
Carolyn Williams
Joel Winter
David Wood
Michael Zuhl

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS
William Abrams
Adam Bailin
Kelly Baron
Lori Berry
Daniel Burman
Trudy Cohen
Elinor Colman
Ben J. Doctorman
Hannah Dostal
Carol Dresner
Alysse Eisen Silk
Ron Essig
Claire Fausett
Benjamin Frank
Adrielle Gagon
Edward Ganellen
Carolina Gelen
Bryan Gibson
Isak Goodwin
Eric Hochstadt
Helen Hu
Alissa Jones
Joyce Kelen
Raymond Kesner
David Kliger
Rachel Lemieux
Susan Levin
Alyssa Levy
Sheryl Luskin Ginsberg
Danielle McGuire
Bria Mertens
Natalie Newman
Sivan Nizan
Julie O'Neill
Lindsey Perlman
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Barrie Rosenberg
Evan Sanders
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Steven Schwartz
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Lyna Tevenaz Jones
Kay Tran
Hannah Vaschel
Larry Vojtecky
Nancy White
Sydney Wiener
Debra Winkler
Samuel Winkler
Michael Winston

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES
Adam Bailin & Jannette Colon
Sasha Biletsky & Paul LaHaye
Ron & Toba Essig
Adam Freedman & Sarah Smith
Douglas & Irene Grossman
Aaron Tzvi Izaksonas-Smith & Allison Izaksonas
Dave & Barbara Kronenberg
Rachel Littman & Douglas Davis
Uri Loewenstein & Elizabeth Tashjian
Rebeca Magana-Aguilar & Jose Aguilar
Barrie & Brendan McAlister
Melissa Mendelson & Dan Richmond
John & JoAnne Newland
Frances Reagan Copinga & Jake Copinga
Robert & Deb Rothenberg
Evan & Lorraine Sanders
Alan & Jill Tatz
Joel & Patty Trachtenberg
Richard & Heidi Weinsoft
Samuel & Amy Winkler

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
Scott & Samantha Barnes
Scott & Kendall Dann
Jonathan Engel & Lennea Bower
Mari Freedberg & Christopher Fest
Malgorzata & Henryk Hecht
Debbie & Howard Leaman
Cheyenne & Tanner Light
Garrett & Sui Naeata
Dania Olson-Gokovski & Leo Gokovski
Rabbi Samuel & Jill Spector

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
Martin & Elinor Colman
Luis Alberto Guerrero Munoz & Maria Fabiola Rodriguez Hernandez
Melanie & Cooper Jenson
Shayna Kirsch-Rogers & Benjamin Rogers
Noah Turett & Johanna Gerstein
Betty & Frank Yanowitz

A Place Where We Can Talk

Family support group for all of us caring for and loving children with disabilities

The First Wednesday of the Month

7pm–8:30pm

Kol Ami

Join us as we share our journeys, our joys and frustrations, our highs and lows, and the laughter and tears that come with caring for and raising children with disabilities.

Open to parents, grandparents, siblings, and caregivers, this group is facilitated by Jill Tatz, BS, MA, who is also the parent of two children with disabilities.



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FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR BACKYARD SHABBAT HOSTS!

Judy Dahlquist
The I.J. & Jeanné Wagner Jewish Community Center
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Faye Lincoln
John & Bria Mertens
Rabbi Sam & Jill Spector
The Summer Shabbaton Camping Trip Committee
Kay & Arnie Tran

Interested in hosting next summer? Contact the office at info@conkolami.org or 801-484-1501.

Coffee & Community

SUNDAYS | 9:15AM
NOV. 1, JAN. 10, APR. 4



Grab a cup of coffee and get to know your fellow members!

Kol Ami + in Focus





SUMMER CAMPING SHABBATON

















CHALLAH BAKE







SUMMER CONCERT











ZION TO ZION

FROM THE WASATCH TO THE WESTERN WALL

MITZVAH DAY 2026

SERVE • CONNECT • MAKE AN IMPACT

Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported the **Kol Ami Social Action Committee's Mitzvah Day**,in collaboration with the **Food Justice Coalition**. Together, we made a meaningful difference:

215 MEALS SERVED

210 HYGIENE KITS DISTRIBUTED

48 MESSAGES OF HOPE SHARED

A special thank you to **Pam Silberman** and **Lauren Fredman** for making this day of service possible!















Introduction to Jewish Life

THURSDAYS
6:30PM – 8:30PM
in the Pepper Beit Midrash

Whether you are Jewish and interested in learning more about your heritage, or if you are not Jewish but interested in learning more—and possibly converting—this course, that you may join at any time, is ideal for you. Course topics will include an overview of Jewish holidays, practices, faith, and history.

Enroll now:
conkolami.org/introduction-to-jewish-life

KA Members: $150
Guests: $500, includes one HH ticket



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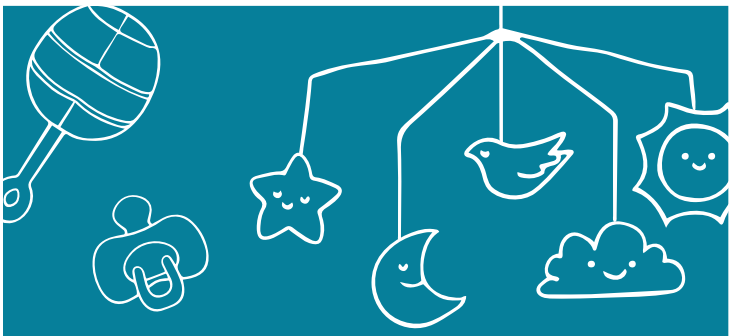
Preparing your Kosher food list?

Contact David Litvack at davidlitvack@hotmail.com to place your order or learn more.

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Mazel Tov!

Rebecca & Jared Zitnay welcomed
Jasper Dal Zitnay
on August 19, 2026

Brooke & Sydnee Mastroianni welcomed
Jude Pheo & Macabe Dean Mastroianni
on July 10, 2026 and July 16, 2026

David & Michelle Oelsner welcomed a new granddaughter
Layla Lorraine Oelsner
on October 14, 2026 to parents Joshua & Ariana Oelsner in Woodland Hills, California

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One Kind Act a Day

By taking the pledge you are joining our communities of kindness who are committed to performing one kind act every day. You're taking an important step toward better health, deeper relationships, and making the world a kinder, happier place.

To help we can send weekly email reminders, texts, and even a free starter kit of material to help remind you to do one kind act a day. Sign up at **thepowerofkind.org/pledge**.

Take the Kindness Pledge

Security Message

Notify staff or security if you see something unusual.

If someone outside is asking to enter but you do not know them personally, do not let them into the building. Contact a member of staff or a security officer to speak with them.. Please also share this message with your children. Let's work together to help keep our community safe!

Join Congregation Kol Ami at the Salt Lake Temple Celebration!



JUNE 22, 2027 | 9AM - 11AM

Experience the beauty of the Salt Lake Temple during a private tour for Congregation Kol Ami members. Join us for this unique opportunity to explore an iconic landmark in our community and learn more about its history and meaning.

Spots are limited! Reserve yours at
bit.ly/SLC-Temple-Celebration







Whoever you are you're welcome here.

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Mention that you are a member of Congregation Kol Ami and your registration fee is waived!

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All Kinds of Jewish







ABOUT HILLEL FOR UTAH

Hillel for Utah is committed to providing community for All Kinds of Jewish students on the Wasatch Front and across Utah. We are non-denominational, welcoming to students of all backgrounds, and believe there is no one way to be Jewish. We are a space for any student looking to freely explore what their Jewish identity means to them!

TYPES OF PROGRAMS WE OFFER

- Shabbat dinners
- Social Programs
- Outdoor Adventures
- Tikkun Olam Projects
- Holiday Celebrations
- Israel Programs
- Fellowships and Jewish learning courses

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Our Mission

Congregation Kol Ami's mission is to provide Jews by birth, Jews by choice, and K'rov Yisrael interfaith families a place to join together as we worship, learn, and celebrate Judaism in a dynamic and caring community. Every person counts and everyone is welcome.

Our Vision

Congregation Kol Ami pursues passionate Jewish engagement through Limmud Torah (Jewish education), Avodah (ritual), and Gemilut Hasadim (service to others).

CONGREGATION
KOL AMI
FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE

Join the Kol Ami Community!

We're so excited for the future of Kol Ami!
We'd love to have you as part of our community. We work hard to maintain a warm, inclusive atmosphere that makes Kol Ami a special place—a congregation for all our people. Every person counts and everyone is welcome. Learn more at **conkolami.org/joinus** or contact the office at 801-484-1501 or info@conkolami.org.

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