

# KOL קול עמי AMI

## High Holy Days to be celebrated in CKA sanctuary

Jewish Center & Federation  
of the Twin Tiers  
Congregation Kol Ami

The High Holy Days are once again upon us, and with a new Rabbi in place, Congregation Kol Ami is ready to celebrate the Days of Awe in the Sanctuary, for the second year since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Rabbi Tom has written some notes on how to best prepare for the upcoming spiritual journey congregants will take throughout these ten days of spiritual enlightenment (see page 2).

Rosh Hashanah begins on Friday, September 15, with an evening service at 7:30 p.m. The following morning, services begin at 9:30 p.m.

All services will be in person and broadcast via Zoom. If you would like to take part in any of the High Holy Days via Zoom, please register via the following link: <https://bit.ly/3KB3Sod>. You only have to register once for all of the services, and will receive an email confirmation once your registration is complete.

Prior to Rosh Hashanah, a preparatory prayer service, known as Selichot will take place on Saturday September 9, at 8:30 p.m. in person and on Zoom. The Zoom link will be the same used for regular services.

A complete list of services and events for the High Holy Days is listed in this issue of the Kol Ami on page 10.

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## Jazzy Junque set for Fall



It's that wonderful time of year again! If you haven't spent all summer collecting your great stuff that you no longer need and putting it aside for JJ, then get started now!

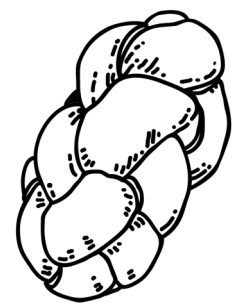
We want all the nice things that you don't have room for - jewelry, name brand women's clothing and accessories, collectibles, Pyrex and Corningware all bring in savvy shoppers, we even take furniture. You can call the JCF to arrange a pickup for larger items. We do not accept men's clothing, or non-working electronics, sorry.

If you have never worked at our sale, we will happily accept your donation of time. Workers have the opportunity to purchase things in advance of the sale to the public. Remember, our sale is among the best in the area, probably because we display our items so beautifully. Please call Tina or Anita with questions.

Dates to remember: Monday, Oct. 9, first day to drop off your goodies, continuing through Wednesday, Nov. 8.

Sale: Sunday Nov. 12 and Mon. Nov. 13.

## *Jewish Noshes*



### *An offshoot of the Jewish Food Festival*

*Menu coming at the end of  
September -  
be on the look out!*



*from Rabbi Tom Samuels*

### **The High Holy Days: Opening our eyes to the beauty of the everyday**

Rabbi Rami Shapiro tells a beautiful Hasidic story. Once, during the High Holy Days, the great mystic Rabbi Yitzchak Luria heard a *Bat Kol*, Hebrew for 'Daughter of The voice... God's voice', telling him that for all his prayerful intensity, there was one man in a neighboring town whose capacity for prayer exceeded even his own. As soon as he could, Rabb Yitzchak traveled to that town and sought the man out.

"I have heard wondrous things regarding you," he said to the man when he found him. "Are you a Torah scholar?"

"No," the man said, "I have never had the opportunity to study."

"Then you must be a master of Psalms, a devotional genius who prays with great intensity."

"No," the man said. "I have heard the Psalms many times, of course, but I do not know even one well enough to recite it."

"And yet," Rabbi Luria cried, "I was told that the quality of your prayer surpasses even my own! What did you do during the High Holy Days that would merit such praise?"

"Rabbi," the man replied, "I am illiterate. Of the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet, I know only ten. When I entered the synagogue and saw everyone praying with such *Kavana*, intentionality, my heart broke. I couldn't pray at all. I didn't even know where to begin. So I cried out loud: "*Ribbono Shel Olam*, Master of the Universe, here are the Hebrew letters I know: *aleph, beit, gimmel, daled, hay, vav, zayin, chet, tet, yud*... Combine them in a manner You understand, and I hope they will be pleasing to You." And then I repeated these ten letters over and over again, trusting God to weave them into words."

The High Holy Days have the power to enrich and to transform our lives. To

open our eyes to the wonder and surprise that continually surrounds us.

This is indeed an aspirational idea. But *Tachliss*, brass-tacks: is it possible to make this a reality in our own lives? To derive meaning and inspiration from the upcoming High Holy Day services?

With this question in mind, here are some thoughts and ideas on themes and texts that repeat themselves throughout this time of the Jewish year. A jumping off point for further exploration of the High Holy Days as the Festival of Life that these sacred days have the capacity to evoke:

**On Forgiveness** The ancient rabbis wrote that forgiveness involves diving into the muck of our human-to-human relationships, *Ben Adam l'Chavero*. First and foremost, we must recognize and acknowledge, with brutal honesty, how we hurt the other person. Next, we need to genuinely regret our actions, and resolve not to repeat them. However, as Rabbi Irwin Kula writes, "Maybe saints and enlightened beings forgive neatly and fully, but for the rest of us, forgiveness is rarely achievable in some fairy tale way." And so, during the days between Rosh HaShanna and Yom Kippur, the *Aseret Yemai Teshuva*, the Ten Days of Returning (see below 'On Repentance'), we ask from our friends and family for *Mechila*, Hebrew for the relinquishing of a claim or a debt. We say to each other: "If there's anything over the last year that I've done to hurt or offend you, I'm sorry." While this type of forgiveness is certainly not the heartfelt forgiveness we all yearn for, it is a good start. After all, Rabbi Kula concludes, there is no ultimate moment of forgiveness. That "we are always making mistakes and correcting, offending and asking for forgiveness... We are never permanently guilty, nor permanently clean."

**On Repentance** During the High Holy

Days we aspire to a state of *Teshuva*. This Hebrew term has often been mistranslated as "repentance", a feeling of contrition, regret, or even shame for past wrongs. But *Teshuva* literally translates as 'returning'. That is, a return journey, a *Massa*, back to that state of embracing our internalized Divine selves. That there always remains hope to return to our beautiful, and yes, messy core selves.

**On Awe** The High Holy Days are referred to in Hebrew as the *Yamim HaNora'im*, 'the Days of Awe.' Awe, as Rabbi Jonathan Sacks taught, through the acknowledgement of Someone far greater than ourselves. Awe where the first word we are taught to say each morning, immediately on waking, is one of gratitude, of thanks, *Modeh Ani*, "Thanks... I give." (An inversion of the normal word order, *Ani Modeh*, "I... give thanks.") That is: first, I am grateful, indebted, in awe... and then, and only then, can there be the 'I'.

**On Uncertainty** One of my favorite writers, Atar Hadari, wonders and asks himself during these days: "What will my life be like one year, one decade, from now? When I turn the next page of the Book of Life, there may be a tragedy that makes everything I strive for today seem worthless. Or maybe there will be a wonderful surprise that makes my striving irrelevant. How should I live right now, given this uncertainty?" Rabbi Nachman of Breslov answers this age-old question: *Kol ha'olam kulo gesher tzar me'od, vеха'ikar lo le'fached klal*, 'All the world is a very narrow bridge, and the most important thing is not to be overwhelmed by fear.' These words speak a great truth. All the world, life itself, is indeed a very narrow bridge and continuous uncertainty. Each new place, new change, is scary. That life is so very precarious, and so very precious. And the most important thing,

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Rabbi Nachman encourages us, is not to be overwhelmed by fear, but to continue on. May this precious time, these High Holy Days, *Yamim HaNoraim*, Days of Awe,

provide us all with the freedom to be ourselves, while at the same time the ability to embrace our differences. To overcome challenges with compassion, compromise and respect. And, may each and every one of us build a home filled with the Torah of love.

כְּתִיבָה וְחִתְּמָה טוֹבָה  
*Ktivah V'chatima Tova*

May you be inscribed and sealed for a Healthy and Happy New Year.

B'Shalom,  
Rabbi Tom



*from President John Goldman*

As I write this in early August, a lot is going on at CKA both physically and virtually. Various committees are meeting and working towards getting us ready for the High Holidays and beyond. We have had a great response to the call for people to help fill committee positions. Thank you for those already involved and know it is never too late!

Rabbi Tom arrived last week and is rapidly getting acclimated. His first Shabbat services last weekend were very well received. His visits to health care facilities have been greatly appreciated by congregants who need healing.

As the Yom Kippur approaches, I think this is a good time make a confession. I tried an experiment last month. After considerable internal debate, I think I have now reached a conclusion, at least for the moment.

One day I painstakingly drafted an announcement to go out to the congregation. One of our great congregant volunteers took the initiative to run it through Chat GPT, an artificial intelligence application. I looked at the new (and improved) announcement with

interest and a bit of amazement, made a few tweaks to tone it down a bit, and off it went to everyone. The style was not obviously (to me at least) my own but I did think it was a little more attention getting and warmer which is always helpful when you are trying to enlist volunteers. I thought it worth trying it to see if the new and artificially improved version would change the world significantly more because the new announcement would be just that much "better."

I asked a few people what they thought of the announcement after it went out. To my surprise, no one really recalled it except in general terms. The snazziness I thought the AI version had did not have a lasting impact at all on them. The real problem is that it did have an impact on me. Somehow using a tool that goes beyond a thesaurus or spell check to change my words and express a thought or feeling just doesn't feel right. I don't think I will be using Chat GPT for this article or any other for that matter for the foreseeable future. Maybe I am just a slow adapter but I think I prefer to attempt to

express my own thoughts rather than those of some programmer or algorithm even if that expression may be a bit less glossy or perfectly phrased or a run on sentence.... Now if I could get Chat GPT to run all meetings and speak at all events for me absolutely perfectly, that might be worth considering! Just kidding, perhaps.

Speaking of meetings, there have been a lot going on and great ideas being discussed. Stay tuned as CKA and the Jewish community continues to evolve and, if you are not already, we hope you will be an integral part of where the future may lead us. My hope is that everyone finds their own personal experience at CKA to be accessible, engaging, and spiritual (Rabbi Tom's words not mine!).

As we approach the High Holidays, let us be thankful for the great community we have and enjoy each other's company.

L'Shana Tova!

John

## Ritual Committee Reorganized

The Ritual Committee was reorganized around the time that CKA recruited and hired a new Rabbi in the Spring of 2023. There was an enthusiastic response to a call for volunteers to join the committee.

The committee is comprised of 18 members including: Marcia Kesten and Gil Sweet, who are the co-chairmen, Anita Adelsberg, Terri Dobbs, Andra Frank, Mindy Gaieski, Lisa Goldberg, Marcus Kantz, Susan King, Vickie Mike,

Sharon Moore, Marc Rubin, Svetlana Short, Karey Soloman, Stuart Trock, Liz Walton, Marietta Zaborsky, and John Goldman (ex officio). Congregants are welcome to contact any of the above for discussion of rituals at CKA.

The purpose of the Ritual Committee is to be a liaison between the Rabbi and the congregation and to be the sounding board of the congregation for the Rabbi. It will strive to listen to everyone so that

they feel heard. Therefore, it is necessary for the congregants to share their thoughts and feelings.

The Ritual Committee looks forward to assisting Rabbi Tom Samuels in being a great success at Congregation Kol Ami and we are sure the congregation feels invested in this goal as well.

## JCF Membership

### Member

- ✧ Rabbi Arnold & Nancy Androphy
- ✧ Debra Chesman & Martin Hempstead
- ✧ Teri Doerksen & Mitch Goldwater
- ✧ Andra Frank
- ✧ Gloria & Ron Friedman
- ✧ Benjamin Futterman
- ✧ Ashley & Michael Gillan
- ✧ Lisa Goldberg
- ✧ Josephine Graubard
- ✧ Evan & Jason Hill
- ✧ Hirshman Family
- ✧ Sheila & Jeff Katz
- ✧ Anders Korn

- ✧ Lee Kosow
- ✧ Lisa LaBarre
- ✧ Rachelle Lerner
- ✧ Cynthia & John Massey
- ✧ Sharon & Scott Moore
- ✧ Alice Moyer
- ✧ Amanda Sharp
- ✧ Doris & David Siskin
- ✧ Oren & Adar Steinitz
- ✧ Harriet & Gil Sweet
- ✧ Marc Hample
- ✧ Deborah Wolfe & Mark Banach
- ✧ Barb Luther

### Benefactor

- ✧ Rachel Dworkin
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- ✧ Maria Kesten
- ✧ Jeffrey & Calvin Rosenheck
- ✧ Annie Werner

### Bronze Magen David

- ✧ Marjorie Hamilton
- ✧ Linda Kaufman
- ✧ Susan & Alan Seltzer
- ✧ Myra & Jerry Stemerman

### Gold Magen David

- ✧ Charlotte & Marcus Kantz
- ✧ Tracey & Marc Stemerman

## JFNA Conference

Don't miss the Global Conference for Israel, truly the place to be for Israel supporters. Join with thought leaders and fellow philanthropists from around the country and world who are shaping the future of our Jewish Homeland. Join thousands of Israel supporters and experience: World-renowned Speakers, Interactive Israel Experience at our Brand-New Expo, Unparalleled Spirit, Great Entertainment, Networking opportunities, Meetings with remarkable Israelis who are making history, and so much more.

Topics ranging from celebrating Israel's Start up mentality, learning strategies to counter anti-Zionism campaigns on campus, the branding of a nation, winning the global media war, building your Zionist identity, and more. This is your chance! Stand shoulder to shoulder with thousands of people from around the world who share your passion and commitment to Israel. Be part of the story. Your story. Our story. Check out the full line up and register today: [www.jnf.org/global](http://www.jnf.org/global).

Dov Gordon



## GLOBAL CONFERENCE FOR ISRAEL

November 30 - December 3, 2023

Denver, Colorado

### Venues

Colorado Convention Center,  
Hyatt Regency, Grand Hyatt

[globalconference@jnf.org](mailto:globalconference@jnf.org)  
[jnf.org/global](http://jnf.org/global)



## Service Schedule

Shabbat and festival services are both in-person, and online at <https://zoom.us/j/234349277>.

Shabbat Evening Service  
7:30 PM

Shabbat Morning Service  
9:30 AM

Please see page 10 for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services

## Weekly Torah/Haftarah Portions & Candle Lighting

<b>September 1-2</b> 7:23 p.m. KiTavo Deut 26:1-29:8 Isa. 60:1-22	<b>September 8-9</b> 7:11p.m. Nitzavim -Vayelech Deut. 29:9-31-30 Isa. 61:10-63:9	<b>September 15-16</b> 6:47 p.m. Gen. 21:1 Numbers 29:1-6 Sam. 1:1-2:10	<b>September 22-23</b> 6:47 p.m. Ha'azinu Deut. 32:1-52 Michah 7:18-20	<b>September 29-30</b> 7:20 p.m. Leviticus 22:26-23:24 Pr. Zachariah 14:1-1-21
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### *from Past President Marcus Kantz*

This has turned into a summer of change, both within our Jewish Community and outside it. Inside we've had huge leadership changes, and outside the weather seems to change every day.

In both CKA and JCF we have new leaders in Rabbi Tom and Ashley Gillan (for now, at least), respectively also new organizational leaders in John Goldman and Lisa Goldberg. New blood is good, but newness brings a degree of change... certainly in personality and to some degree, in process. Of course we will all get used to the change, and the new leaders will get used to us. Personally, I think that some change is refreshing, bringing new ideas to light and, more importantly, bringing new personalities who will inevitably bring new freshness in ideas, methods, emphases, and outlook. I hope that under the new leadership, more of **you** will begin to show up at our many religious and cultural occasions, if only to see what's up and who's new.

In the outer world, well, it's the weather. Those few weeks without even a hint of blue sky due to the Canadian wildfires have been very depressing, both emotionally and functionally. It has been hard to self-motivate. One thing that has amazed me is the virtual lack of any news about our Canadian friends and **their** problems with the fires. Has their air been even worse than ours? I hope not, but it is fascinating that our major news outlets just have not reported on what's going on north of the border. Oh well. But by the time of this writing, summer here is super. I hope and pray that, as you read this, your summer sky has turned a super blue, and will remain so.

Before I close, though, I want to stress how much we in the JCF will miss Maggid Paul Solyn as our Executive Director and personal leader in so many ways. Paul's work, his contributions, his initiatives, and his mere presence have been abso-

lutely essential. We could not be even close to where we are now if we had not had Paul and his leadership. Fortunately for all of us, Paul is still hanging around, blessing us with his presence.

Now, to finish up this article: Lisa has generously encouraged me to continue to write the "JCF" articles for the Kol Ami, and I've accepted, as evidenced by what you are now reading. It is a wonderful privilege to pop into your lives every month or so with interesting news and thoughts. But, always remember that, through thick and thin and all kinds of changes, we hang together, pray together, do good work together, schmooze together, and, of course, eat together as we live our lives. Most of all, we are CKA and JCF Together. I am so glad to be a part of that collective "US". Shalom, till next time.



### *from Executive Director Ashley Gillan*

I've always hated the end of summer. It's my favorite season: full of great weather, my birthday (and my dad's on the same day! I was the best birthday present he ever received), my wedding anniversary, and the traditional carefree attitude of flip flops and t-shirts.

But this summer has been a little different, hasn't it? We've all felt the shift in the atmosphere here at 1008 West Water St. as we've begun adjusting to the major changes in leadership both at the synagogue and here at the Jewish Center and Federation. And I won't lie, it felt intimidating at first to step into some huge shoes when I came into the office at the beginning of July. I mean, who

was I to think I could just do this, even if just for a little while?

However, I can assure you that we are doing our best and going strong. It's been challenging at points, but things are really humming here at the JCF! Our membership numbers are on track with previous years, and the JCF board is working on some great programming for the fall. Everyone in this organization is dedicated to providing a great experience for the people of the Twin Tiers and preserving our traditions for future generations. I, for one, am excited to see where things go – we have a great group of volunteers and they're eager to get to work!

I encourage you to stop into the JCF offices and say "hi." We're always up for meeting people or chatting with friends. And if you have ideas or comments, even better! We also are always looking for more volunteers, so just be warned, you may find signed up for a committee by the time you leave. Shalom!

## Sukkot & Simchat Torah at CKA



Over the next few weeks we will post the upcoming Sukkot and Simchat Torah service schedules on the CKA Website and in our weekly emails. As always, please reach out to the CKA office for more information.

## Be a friend of Jewish life!



Join JCF or renew your membership.

Online at <https://www.jewishelmira.org/become-a-member>.

## Community Kitchen



Generous volunteers from CKA and JCF prepare and serve lunch at the Elmira Community Kitchen on the first Thursday of every month. Our next dates are September 7 and October 5. If you can help, please contact Gil Sweet. Cooks, food-preparers, shoppers, servers... you name it, we need you! Cash donations may be made through the JCF.

## Birthdays

Marietta Babayev-Zaborsky  
Brittany Braunstein  
Jennifer Brysk  
Susan Goldman  
Eli Halperin  
Kathy Herman  
Marianne Hirshman  
Sara Holtzman  
Eliana Lyra Kadar  
Gabriel Katz  
Debra Kravitz  
Linda Kruger  
Rebecca Massey  
June Obler  
Leonard Schreiber

## Mazal Tov

To Paul Solyn on presenting two sessions at NewCAJE, the New Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education

## Anniversaries

Robert and Caren Douenias  
Martin and Michaela Freitas  
Jim and Faith Gray  
Michael and Malvina Kushnir  
Richard and Felicia Poes  
Alex and Trudi Porter  
Jeff and Ann Sigel  
David and Doris Siskin

## In Memoriam

Our heartfelt condolences to Rabbi Michael Weisser on the death of his brother David A. Weisser on July 14, 2023. *Zich'rono liv'rachah* May his memory be for blessing.

## CKA Book Club

September 20  
*Koshersoul: The Faith and Food Journey of an African American Jew*  
by Michael Twitty

October 25  
*Fifth Avenue Glamour Girl*  
by Renee Rosen

November 15  
*The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store;*  
*A Novel*  
by James McBride

All meetings are at noon, at <https://tinyurl.com/CKABOOKCLUB>.

Books are available online, at the public library, and in the Jerome & Etkind Library at CKA.

### General Fund

- ✧ In Honor of Rabbi Steinitz by Marcus & Charlotte Kantz
- ✧ In Memory of Jordan & Sari's father, Steven, by Alan & Susan Seltzer
- ✧ In Memory of Bette's husband, Steven, by Alan & Susan Seltzer
- ✧ Wishing Gil Sweet Good Health by Jerry & Myra Stemerma
- ✧ In Memory of Grandmother, Ann Lebowitz, by James E. & Kristine Perle
- ✧ In Memory of Harold Kesten by Marcia Kesten & Alice Moyer
- ✧ In Memory of Morris Rubinsky by Michael Weisser
- ✧ In Memory of Lawik Pisetzner by Sue Jacobson
- ✧ In Memory of Susan Herbst by Dr. Lee & Beth Herbst
- ✧ In Memory of Norman Obler by June Obler
- ✧ In Memory of our Beloved Uncles, Max, Jack and Ben Golos by Margo Golos & Aviva Zweben
- ✧ In Honor of Rabbi Steinitz for all he has done for our Congregation by Richard & Rosalyn DuBois
- ✧ In Memory of Mindel Stemerma, Grandmother, by Jerry & Myra Stemerma
- ✧ In Memory of Pearl Weisser by Michael Weisser
- ✧ In Memory of Florence Kahn by Harriette Sapper & Jerry Lindsay
- ✧ In Memory of Rabbi Michael's brother David By Marcus & Charlotte Kantz

### Marvin & Shirley Rubin Scholarship Fund

- ✧ In Honor of John Goldman by Geoffrey Rubin
- ✧ In Honor of Liz Walton by Geoffrey Rubin

### Jerome & Etkind Library

- ✧ In Memory of Gary Siskin by Stewart B. Siskin

### Building Fund

- ✧ Building Fund by Marcia Kesten & Alice Moyer
- ✧ In Memory of Emma Sactor by Alan Sactor

### Ginsberg & Simckes Education Fund

- ✧ In Memory of Harry B. Schwartz

by Jerome & Natalie Steinmetz

- ✧ In Memory of Estelle Schwartz by Jerome & Natalie Steinmetz

### Seltzer Family Endowment

- ✧ In Memory of Charlotte Vivian Small by Larry & Maddy Dolkart
- ✧ In Memory of Charles Malick by Larry & Maddy Dolkart

### Wladis & Rubino Youth Fund

- ✧ In Memory of Miriam Wladis by Beth Wladis
- ✧ In Honor of Rachelle Lerner's Bat Mitzvah by Carole Hoffman
- ✧ In Honor of Rachelle Lerner's Bat Mitzvah by Marcia Kesten & Alice Moyer
- ✧ In Honor of Rachelle Lerner's Bat Mitzvah by Mindy & Joe Gaieski
- ✧ In Memory of Anthony and Mollie Burtnick by Sid Burtnick
- ✧ In Memory of Mike Gillan's Mother by Marcus & Charlotte Kantz
- ✧ In Memory of Dorothy Jacobson by Sue Jacobson
- ✧ In Honor of Rabbi Oren's contributions to CKA and the Elmira Jewish Community by Herman & Michelle Berliss
- ✧ In Honor of Rachelle Lerner's Bat Mitzvah by Lee & Anita Adelsberg
- ✧ In Honor of wedding of Jason & Evan Hill by Lee & Anita Adelsberg
- ✧ In Honor of Jason's Bar Mitzvah by Lee & Anita Adelsberg
- ✧ Mazel Tov to Evan & Jason a Hill on the occasion of their wedding by Dr. Lee & Beth Herbst
- ✧ In celebration of Rachelle Lerner's Bat Mitzvah by Dr. Lee & Beth Herbst
- ✧ In celebration of Jason Hill's Bar Mitzvah by Dr. Lee & Beth Herbst
- ✧ In Honor of Rabbi Oren and Adar, Eytan, and Eliana Steinitz by Dr. Lee & Beth Herbst
- ✧ In Memory of Edwin Shapero by Carole Hoffman
- ✧ In memory of Harry Horwitz by Sue Jacobson
- ✧ In Memory of Louise Ogrinc by David & Doris Siskin
- ✧ In Memory of Eleanor Berman by Dr. & Mrs. Terence Lenhardt
- ✧ In Memory of Shirley Lenhardt by Dr. & Mrs. Terence Lenhardt
- ✧ In Memory of Douglas Reynolds by Dr. & Mrs. Terence Lenhardt
- ✧ In Memory of Floriett Herman by

Thomas & Suzanne Hesselson

- ✧ In Memory of Clay Granoff by Thomas & Suzanne Hesselson
- ✧ In Memory of Doug Reynolds by Thomas & Suzanne Hesselson
- ✧ Mazel Tov to Myra & Jerry Stemerma on the birth of their Great-Granddaughter by Shari Reynolds

### Technology Fund

- ✧ In Honor of Evan and Jason's marriage by Andra Frank
- ✧ In Honor of Jason's Bar Mitzvah by Andra Frank
- ✧ In Honor of Evan and Jason's Marriage by Carole Hoffman
- ✧ In Honor of Jason Hill's Bar Mitzvah by Carole Hoffman

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In Honor of Rabbi Steinitz by Rachelle Lerner
- ✧ In Honor of Jason Hill's Bar Mitzvah by Hilde Robbins
- ✧ In Honor of Rachel Lerner's Bat Mitzvah by Hilde Robbins

### Kate Stein Music Fund

- ✧ In Honor of Evan and Jason's wedding and Jason's Bar Mitzvah by Marcia Kesten & Alice Moyer
- ✧ In Memory of Abraham S. Wladis by Beth Wladis

All information for the October issue of *Kol Ami* must be submitted to one of the organization offices by September 10. Please be sure that all dates are on the JCF calendar.

## Sisterhood Challah Project

*Homemade Challahs for the High Holy Days*

Orders due by  
September 5  
Plain or Raisin \$9.00

Pick up  
September 13 - 14  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**September**

1	Minnie Berlin	15
1	Jacque V. Brooks	15
1	David Etkind	15
1	David Gabalewitch	15
2	Sara Botnick	16
2	Milton Goldsmith	16
2	Florence Samuels	16
3	Ethel Babitz	17
3	Jack Babitz	17
3	Moses Wladis	17
4	Myer Kaplan	18
4	Arthur Muckler	18
4	Jerry Strumpf	18
5	William Baker	19
5	Sarah Bloch	19
5	Sam Heyman	19
5	Anna Holtzman	19
5	William M. Lande	19
5	Edward Magnet	19
5	Joanne R. Winer	19
6	Hilda David	20
6	Holda Featherman	20
6	Hannah Hoffman	20
6	Celia Shulman	20
7	Frances Kantz	21
7	Shirley Malick	21
7	Jacob Schulman	21
7	Harold Stemerman	21
8	Charles Albert	22
8	Edward Gradt	22
8	Anna Horn	22
8	Lena Horwitz	22
8	Reva Kerker-Stemerman	22
8	Sarah Leah Sall	22
9	Albert Heyman	23
9	Andrew Rosenblum	23
9	Sophie Ugelow	23
10	Jane Benjamin	24
10	Ralph Moritz	24
10	Morris Rosencrans	24
10	Beatrice Shapero	24
10	Etta Solomon	24
11	Victoria Alpert	25
11	Rose W. Higgins	25
11	Yaakov Wilcox	25
12	Gordon N. Weil	26
13	Gloria Awrich	27
13	Herbert M. Eiges	27
13	Sidney Hoffman	27
13	Joshua Schwartz	27
13	Janice Weisenfeld	27
14	Nathan Eilenberg	28
14	Anne Feinstein	28
14	Abram Finkelstein	28

**Elul**

14	William Platt	28
14	Hyman Steinmetz	28
14	Nettie L. Winston	28
15	Elly Basescu	29
15	Samuel Botnick	29
15	Jacob Epstein	29
15	Michael Ewanuff	29
15	David Daniel Fidelman	29
15	Sally Kronenthal	29
15	Tiba Rosenblatt	29
15	Sarah Akin Yanofsky	29

**September**

16	William Berinstein	1
16	Blanche Goldsmith Lane	1
16	Max Lavine	1
16	Ruth Ellen Newman	1
16	Larry Rubin	1
16	Margaret Schrieber	1
18	Max Roberts	3
19	Mary Goldstein	4
19	Rose Goldstein	4
19	Hyman Golos	4
19	Max Miller	4
19	Jacob Parker	4
19	Meyer Rosenzweig	4
19	Alex Stemerman	4
20	Harry Ashendorf	5
20	Sophie Basescu	5
20	Julius Berger	5
20	Bertram Bimberg	5
20	Lola Hugo Chaffee	5
20	Charles S. Friedman	5
20	Charles E. Goodsite	5
20	Jerome Hoffman	5
20	Ruth Leepman	5
21	Max Brown	6
21	Ida Cooperman	6
21	Ethel Fischer	6
21	Gertrude G. Heyman	6
21	Hattie Kantz	6
21	Harry Winnick	6
22	Edward Berman	7
22	Julia David	7
22	Kalmon Jacobson	7
22	Milton Reingold	7
22	Mortimer Schofield	7
23	Katalin Deri	8
23	Hyman Glantz	8
23	Theodore Harold	8
23	Mark P. Lavine	8
23	Richard James Luther	8
23	Sylvia Simon	8
24	Samaual Johnson	9
24	Esther Rosencrans	9

**Tishrei**

24	Isaac H. Rosencrans	9
25	Joseph Aronson	10
25	Fannie Ferguson	10
25	Isaac Gorden	10
25	Sheldon Herman	10
25	Flora Heyman Klafter	10
25	Israel Shulman	10
25	Marcus Stemerman	10
26	Sol Golos	11
26	Meyer Jacob Pincus-Barel	11
26	Jennie Resbeck	11
26	Martin Scott Rosenheck	11
26	Ann Salsburg	11
26	Israel Schreiber	11
27	Dorothy Fidelman	12
27	Edna Neustadt	12
28	Freda Jacobson	13
28	Samuel Rosengarden	13
29	Jack Braveman	14
29	Samuel Meisel	14
29	Theodore Rachlin	14
29	Beatrice Rondinaro	14
29	Joseph Rubenstein	14
29	Sarah Silverman	14
29	Abraham R. Winer	14
30	Bert S. Eiges	15
30	Abraham Malinowitz	15
30	Abraham J. Nathenson	15
30	Lt. Donald B. Rubin	15
30	David B. Solomon	15

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*Congregation Kol Ami: Monday–  
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p.m.*

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Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. to*



# CONGREGATION KOL AMI

## 2023 High Holy Days 5784

### SELICHOT

A service of preparation for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Selichot Service	Saturday, September 9 (Havdalah & Discussion Group)	6:00 PM
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### ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Evening Service	Friday, September 15	7:30 PM
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Morning Service 1	Saturday, September 16 (followed by CKA Sisterhood luncheon)	9:30 AM
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<i>Tashlich</i> by the Chemung River (Grove Street Boat Launch)	1:30 PM
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Morning Service 2	Sunday, September 17	9:30 AM
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Shabbat Shuva	Friday, September 22 Friday Night Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
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Shabbat Shuva	Saturday, September 23 Saturday Morning Shabbat Service & Discussion Group	9:30 AM
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Kever Avot	Sunday, September 24 Cemetery Service (Franklin Street Cemetery) Join us to remember your beloved ones at our cemetery	10:00 AM
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### YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Evening Service	Sunday, September 24	7:30 PM
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Morning Service	Monday, September 25 The Yikzor Service will start around 11:00 AM	9:30 AM
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(The synagogue will remain open throughout the afternoon for those wishing to use its facilities.)

Discussion Group	Monday, September 25	4:30 PM
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Ne'ila Service	Monday, September 25	6:00 PM
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Break-the-Fast	Monday, September 25	7:15 PM
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Services will be held at Congregation Kol Ami  
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## Sunday Morning Bagels & Torah:

A 3-Part Series to prepare for the High Holy Days with Rabbi Tom

*In-Person at CKA & on ZOOM*

<https://zoom.us/j/234349277>

Join Rabbi Tom in an exploration of themes of the High Holy Days and multi-layered meanings waiting to be discovered. Learn how to make this sacred time inspiring for yourself, for your family, and for our community. A light breakfast will be served.

**Is Forgiveness Impossible?**

**Sunday, August 27 at 10:00 am**

**Rethinking Sin**

**Sunday, September 3 at 10:00 am**

**From Defeat to Thriving**

**Sunday, September 10 at 10:00 am**

For more information, please contact Rabbi Tom at:

[office@kolamielmira.org](mailto:office@kolamielmira.org) (607) 732-7410



### *SISTERHOOD OPENING MEETING*

TUESDAY, SEPT 19 at 6:00 PM at  
Congregation Kol Ami

All members and potential members are invited to  
***"An evening of friendship and Jewish humor"***

With our very own David Siskin

A light supper will be served.

\$25 Membership dues will be gladly accepted



RSVP by **September 12th**  
to the CKA office at  
1008 West Water Street  
or 607-732-7410



# Jewish Community Calendar

## September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	2 CKA 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
3 CKA 10:00 am High Holy Days Education with Rabbi Tom	4 Labor Day Offices Closed	5 JCF 7:30 pm Executive Board Meeting	6 CKA 7:00 pm Executive Board Meeting	7 <b>Community Kitchen</b>	8 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	9 CKA 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service CKA 6:00 pm Selichot Service
10 CKA 10:00 am High Holy Days Education with Rabbi Tom	11 JCF 7:30 pm Board Meeting	12	13 CKA 7:00 pm Board Meeting	14	15 CKA 7:30 pm Rosh Hashanah Shabbat Evening Service	16 CKA 9:30 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service Sisterhood Lunch Tashlich to follow Havdalah 8:00 pm
					Rosh Hashanah	
17 CKA 9:30 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service	18	19 CKA Sisterhood 6:00 pm Sisterhood Opening meeting	20 CKA 12:00 pm Book Club	21	22 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Shuvah; Shabbat Evening Service	23 CKA 9:30 am Shabbat Shuvah; Shabbat Morning Service
Rosh Hashanah						
24 CKA 10 am Kever Avot; Cemetery Memorial Service 7:30 pm YK Kol Nidre Service	25 Offices Closed CKA 9:30 am Yom Kippur Morning Service 4:00 pm YK Afternoon service 6:00 pm Yizkor & Ne'ilah Services 7:15 pm Sisterhood BTF	26	27 IJC 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner CKA/JCF/Sisterhood	28	29 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat & Sukkot Evening Service	30 CKA 9:30 am Shabbat & Sukkot Morning Service Havdalah 7:30 pm
Yom Kippur					Sukkot	

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