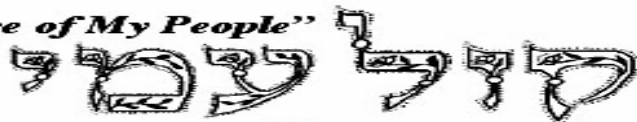


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The Monthly Bulletin of Congregation Kol Ami

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Adar – Sivan 5770

March – May 2010

President's Corner by Howard Krieger

I'm writing this piece at my desk during what is predicted to be the big blizzard of the winter. Some of my appointments are cancelled, school is called off but very few flakes are falling. The drive to work was easy due to light traffic and clear roads. However the forecasters are busy predicting heavy snowfall, whiteout conditions and treacherous driving.

I'm drawn to the changes in weather prediction and compelled by the idea that as technology has improved, we now act on predictions in ways that we used to wait for the news. This change is also true for our economy, although the last few years have created doubt in that part of the world.

For the past 20 months I've tried to steer Kol Ami through some difficult times and have found it hard to predict what will appear around the next bend. My tools are not scientific. Leading a faith-based organization drives me more into the world of intuition and hope and less to the use of economic predictors and forecasts. I believe that this is a good approach however my experience has forced me to consider some fact patterns that have little to do with faith and more to do with economic and social realities.

When I assumed office as President of Kol Ami we had gone through a "cultural shift" as our membership grew and some of our older, founding members left. I have tried to work towards building an infrastructure within this new culture, one that supports a variety of interests, will encourage existing members to step up their involvement and direct potential members to see Kol Ami as "the place to be." I see excitement in new areas and feel pride in watching the growth of other aspects of our community life.

The forecast, however, is for a storm. Economic realities have made it difficult for many of our members to fulfill their financial obligations. Some prefer to resign their membership rather than participate in dues revision. A few members have left to join other congregations whose dues structure reflects the existence of an endowment that

underwrites the cost of membership. Sadly we have lost members who have died and some who have moved away to look for better living situations in other parts of the country.

While we do access some support from the community, it is increasingly difficult to keep pace with the economic changes around us. Our expenses are relatively fixed and our budget is very lean. The easy part of the budget process is projecting our expenses as they change little from year to year. My predecessors have done a great job of finding a formula for putting out a great program for a very reasonable price. The hard part is accepting that without a certain level of membership and dues, we can't continue to pay that price.

Reducing program seems like a poor solution. Whether we reduce quantity or quality, we move onto a slippery slope. I see two solutions that are within our reach and need your help in putting them into practice.

The first solution is found in the expense side of our budget. Our largest fixed expense is our building. Reducing our mortgage payment will go a long way to freeing up funds to support our program and also to underwrite more dues revision should the economic climate continue to be so difficult. Our work toward this end has been to produce the upcoming Itzhak Perlman concert in April.

The Perlman event is a major undertaking for Kol Ami. As I explained in email and other material earlier this year, we have undertaken this project in a way that can put us in a much better situation financially and also raise our visibility in the community. We are the producers of this event. We have invested time, energy and funds toward its success. If we are able to sell out this concert and the associated revenue sources, Kol Ami will reduce its mortgage obligation, free up funds for program and set a course for future events such as this one.

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(President's Corner, continued)

We need your help with this. The planning committee needs you to buy tickets, talk the event up at work and with your friends, and sell ads in the book that will be distributed at the concert. We need you to put up posters in local stores. We need you to attract sponsors. Please contact Guy Darter or myself to learn ways that you can support this event.

The second solution is to increase membership. This is no small undertaking in a world where religious community competes with soccer and baseball for a family's time and support. However, I think Kol Ami offers a unique and important asset to family life. I think that you agree with me and would like to suggest that we all start talking with our friends and neighbors about the value that Kol Ami brings to our lives.

The Board decided at its last meeting to organize a major membership drive this spring. In the next months we will be announcing various aspects of this program and will be asking for your ideas and participation. As this occurs I want to stress one thing: this drive is for you. Increasing membership is the only way to ensure that we remain a viable entity from a financial standpoint. Without increased membership we will continue to see erosion of our base as we lose members to economic and natural forces. We must increase our membership to survive.

The snow is picking up. I guess the weatherman was right. The roads will get slipperier and the visibility poorer. My voice mail says that more people are canceling appointments and staying home. I think its time to finish this piece, get on the road and go home. Wish me luck. Howard.

School News: Spring 2010

This school year is flying by! Luckily, this winter season has been fairly kind to us and we have not lost many days to snow. Our community celebrated Tu B' Shevat with a traditional Seder and service at the end of January. Thanks to all those who helped put it together—the food was delicious, the Seder enjoyable and the community warmed up together with songs and spirit!

Purim: *Be Happy, It's Adar!*

The Megillah Reading and Costume Parade will be Saturday evening, **February 27th** beginning at 6:15pm. Wear your costumes and prepare to be silly!

Our Annual Purim Carnival will be the following day, Sunday, Feb. 28th from 11-1 and will include lunch. We will have *school as usual* that morning from 9:30-11. We will play games, make crafts, dance and eat lunch! Please encourage your children to bring a friend from 11-1. Tracy Carim is organizing the activities this year, so please

contact Tracy if you are interested in helping. For those of you who have helped in the past, you know we need all the volunteers we can get for this event!

Shabbat Morning, March 6th, the pre-B'nai Mitzvah Class will be reading Torah for the first time! Plan to come to services that day to be part of this special day and enjoy a wonderful Kiddush in honor of these students. Services begin at 10:00.

We will celebrate the B'nai Mitzvah of Sarah and Kent Gerber on *Saturday, March 20th beginning at 9:30am*. Mazel Tov to the whole Gerber family! In April, there will be no school on Saturday, April 3rd, and we will have a Pesach Family service on Sunday, April 4th instead of classes that morning. We will celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Ben Alexander on *Saturday, April 17th beginning at 9:30am*. Mazel Tov to the Alexander Family!

A look ahead to May: Our last day of Wednesday school will be May 12th and we will have our annual blintz-rolling day on our last day of Sunday school, May 16th. Wednesday, May 19th will be our Shavuot Blintz Dinner and Awards night beginning at 6pm. ***Please mark your calendars for all of these upcoming events!***



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Mar 5	5:29	Apr 2	7:00	May 7	7:38
Mar 12	5:37	Apr 9	7:08	May 14	7:46
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Wednesday, March 3	Arthur Marcus	Father of Ethel Marcus
Wednesday, March 3	Golda Broder	Grandmother of Gary Broder
Wednesday, March 3	Louis Kaplan	Father of Jerome Kaplan
Thursday, March 4	Fannie Frankel	Mother of Nettie Segal
Thursday, March 4	Abraham Polonsky	Father of Marsha Stein
Friday, March 5	Morris Menaker	Father of Michael Menaker
Friday, March 5	Pearl Siegal Cassin	Mother of Donald Cassin
Friday, March 5	Ruth Cassin	Step-Mother of Donald Cassin
Tuesday, March 9	Mildred Moskowitz	Mother of Marilyn Vinokur
Tuesday, March 9	Michael Kuperschmidt	Uncle of Zoya Kalmanovsky
Tuesday, March 9	Morris Moskowitz	Father of Marilyn Vinokur
Wednesday, March 10	Fred Rubinstein	Father In-Law of Norman Shulkin
Thursday, March 11	Irene Zins	Friend of Howard Androphy
Friday, March 12	Lena Eisenberg	Mother of Morris Eisenberg
Friday, March 12	Georgia Larky	Mother of Susan Claflin
Saturday, March 13	Mathilde Cohen	Mother of Jacob Cohen
Saturday, March 13	Israel Bursuker	Father of Isia Bursuker
Sunday, March 14	Harry Daninhirsch	Father of Alan Daninhirsch
Wednesday, March 17	Samuel Rice	Father of Eileen Saper
Wednesday, March 17	Kenneth Bernstein	Brother of David Kaufman
Wednesday, March 17	George Friedman	Father of Jeffrey M. Friedman
Friday, March 19	Louis Kronick	Father of Sondra Traurig
Friday, March 19	Otto Halpert	Father of Stanley Halpert
Friday, March 19	Dr. Lester Diamond	Uncle of Gary Broder
Friday, March 19	Herman Segal	Father of Allen Segal
Saturday, March 20	Jacob Hirsch	Grandfather of Philip Kampner
Wednesday, March 24	Morton R. Kramer	Father In-law of Kathleen P. Harris
Wednesday, March 24	Louis Barth	Father In-law of Payson Hurwitz
Sunday, March 28	Joseph Katrosar	Husband of Sally Katrosar
Sunday, March 28	Jane Rosenblatt	Mother of Greg Rosenblatt
Wednesday, March 31	Samuel Wolfson	Father of Marjorie Menaker
Friday, April 2	Sarah Hurwitz	Mother of Payson Hurwitz
Friday, April 2	Julius Eisenberg	Father of Morris Eisenberg
Saturday, April 3	Janet Greenspon	Mother of Barry Greenspon
Sunday, April 4	Michael Stonehill	Uncle of Susan Claflin
Tuesday, April 6	Perle Kronengold	Mother of Joel Kronengold
Wednesday, April 7	Isaac Cohen	Father of Jacob Cohen
Friday, April 9	Barbara Hurwitz	Wife of Payson Hurwitz
Saturday, April 10	Mitchell Backon	Father of Abbi Bruce
Monday, April 12	Sarah Bernstein	Mother of David Kaufman
Monday, April 12	Nathan Braver	Paternal Grandfather of Ethel Marcus
Monday, April 12	Anna Kadish	Mother of Aaron Kadish
Monday, April 12	Paul Kampner	Father of Philip Kampner
Wednesday, April 4	Abram Brodach	Father of Jay Brodach
Wednesday, April 14	Alla Nebrat	Mother of Marat Nebrat
Friday, April 16	Jean Thomaswick	Mother of Jeffery Thomaswick
Monday, April 19	Ruth Wolfson	Mother of Marjorie Menaker
Tuesday, April 20	Nanette Schultz	Mother of Stephanie Zomick
Tuesday, April 20	George Feldman	Brother of Joyce Saltman
Wednesday, April 21	Milton Bernstein	Brother of David Kaufman
Thursday, April 22	Louis Robbins	Father of Linda Rosenblatt
Friday, April 23	William Lewis Jacobs	Father of Sara Manning
Sunday, April 25	Harold Hechtman	Father of Andrew Hechtman

Monday, April 26	Ida Friedman	Mother of Jeffrey Friedman
Tuesday, April 27	Milton Kadish	Brother of Aaron Kadish
Thursday, April 29	Yetta Katzman	Aunt of Gary Broder
Friday, April 30	Rae Androphy	Aunt of Howard Androphy
Saturday, May 1	Fannie Saguta	Mother In-Law of Meredith Saguta
Sunday, May 2	Sadie Singer	Mother of Sandra Androphy
Sunday, May 2	Estelle Goldberg	Sister of Aaron Kadish
Monday, May 3	Murray Fleischman	Father of Audrey Grove
Thursday, May 6	Evelyn Fleischman	Mother of Audrey Grove
Thursday, May 1	Lillian Polonsky	Mother of Marsha Stein
Friday, May 7	Danielle Crumb	Wife of Rob Crumb
Saturday, May 8	Anna Kronick	Mother of Sondra Traurig
Monday, May 10	Murray Fleischman	Father of Audrey Grove
Monday, May 10	Lena Kalmanovsky	Aunt of Leonid Kalmanovsky
Tuesday, May 11	Sarah Moskowitz	Mother of George Moskowitz
Thursday, May 13	Clara Segal	Mother of Milton Segal
Friday, May 14	Albert Singer	Brother of Sandra Androphy
Sunday, May 16	Max Moskowitz	Father of George Moskowitz
Sunday, May 16	Louis Gold	Father of Julius Gold
Sunday, May 16	Dr. Harry Diamond	Uncle of Gary Broder
Sunday, May 16	Mildred Lillian Spalter	Mother of Karen Shapiro
Tuesday, May 18	Sarah Solomon	Grandmother of Stacey Wright
Wednesday, May 26	Jayne Lowey	Mother of Debra Wallinger
Thursday, May 27	Arlene Hechtman	Mother of Andrew Hechtman

If you have a Yahrzeit to observe please notify Lou Stein by calling the synagogue. Lou will make sure that the Yahrzeit is mentioned in the bulletin and you will receive a yearly reminder.

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KOL AMI MEN'S CLUB UPDATE

The Kol Ami Men's Club is completing its first year of activities. We have had a lot of fun and have been able to help the synagogue and outside organizations as well.

In March, we held our first event, a Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament. Jeff Wolansky & Leslie McPadden outlasted 25 other participants to split 50% of the winnings and donate 50% back to the Men's Club. In October, we returned to Kol Ami for a Poker playing & Baseball watching night.

In the Spring, the Kol Ami Softball Team was formed. Although we were only able to win a few games, we had a GREAT time and were known as the "Best-Dressed Team" in the league thanks to our hats and softball shirts graciously donated by Guy Darter.

In June, the 1st Annual Kol Ami Golf Tournament was held. The team of Marc Korman, Eric Danziger and Tom Lipomi emerged victorious. The proceeds from the tournament were used to purchase the new sink for the Kol Ami Kitchen (Thanks to Craig Goldstein for the initial purchase of the sink).

The fall was an exciting time as we started the first ever Kol Ami Fantasy Football League. Craig Goldstein and Bart Portal's team won the regular season while Rob Crumb's team stormed through the playoffs becoming the 1st Kol Ami Fantasy Football Champion.

Last month, Jay Korman, Craig Goldstein, Tim McConnell & Dan Swartz served lunch at a homeless shelter in New Haven. Thanks to Barbara Lerner & Tanya Goldstein for providing the food for the day.

Keep an eye out for future Men's Club events:
March 7 – Texas Hold'em Tournament – MORE info to follow

March/April - NCAA Basketball Tournament Pool

March/April – Night out watching the NCAA Basketball Tournament

April – Softball Practice and League Begins

May – Evening of Golf – Par 3 course in Prospect

June – Golf Tournament

July – New Britain Rock Cats Game – Kosher Night

August – Fantasy Football Draft and League

October or November – Kol Ami Auction

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Shabbat Services each Saturday at 10 am;

Torah Study at 9 am;

Friday Night Services at 7:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd

Friday of each month.

Thursday minyan at 8:30 am unless otherwise noted.

Saturday	27	6:15 pm Megillah Reading
Sunday	28	11 am Purim Carnival
Thursday	March 4	7:15 pm Board Meeting
Saturday	20	9:30 am B'nai Mitzvah of Kent & Sarah Gerber No Torah Study; No School
Monday	29	Fast of the First Born
Tuesday	30	Community Second Seder
Wednesday	31	No Wednesday School
Thursday	April 1	7:15 pm Board Meeting
Saturday	3	No Religious School
Sunday	4	10 am All School Pesach Service
Wednesday	7	No Religious School
Saturday	17	9:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Ben Alexander No Torah Study; No School
Sunday	18	No Religious School 4 pm – ITZHAK PERLAM CONCERT at the Palace Theatre
Thursday	May 6	7:15 pm Board Meeting
Wednesday	12	Last Wednesday of Religious School
Saturday	15	Last Saturday of Religious School
Sunday	16	Last Sunday of Religious School
Wednesday	19	Shavout – Blintz Dinner & School Award Ceremony
Thursday	June 3	7:15 pm Board Meeting
Fri/Sat	4/5	Relay for Life

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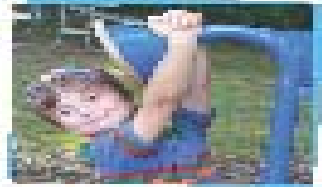
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