Torah, Midrash, and Musings
By Rabbi Robert D. Judd

By the time you read this, Pesah will be right around the corner. Even with all the Sturm und Drang of preparation, Pesah is the most observed festival on our calendar. There is something about gathering with family and friends to celebrate one of the most transformational moments in our shared history.

Pesah is the first, and some would say most important, of our festivals. It represents many things in our Tradition. In fact, it is known by four names: Chag haMatzot (Festival of Unleavened Bread), Chag haAviv (Festival of Spring), Chag haPesah (Festival of Passover). The final name, Chag haCheyrut, the Festival of Freedom, is the one that speaks to me this year.

The simple meaning of this name refers to the Exodus from Egypt. It is the moment that G-d stepped into human history and forever changed the world. When G-d took our ancestors out of slavery and led them to freedom, our narrative was forever changed. If this (continued on next page)
were the only thing G-d did for us, it would be worthy of celebrating and remembering every year. However, this is not the case. In fact, our Rabbis teach that every Jew must feel as if they had been personally redeemed from Egypt and slavery. It’s not enough just to remember the story – we must become part of it.

So, this year I have been thinking a great deal about what it means to be free. Philosophers and other deep-thinkers tell us that freedom is usually thought of in two ways. The first freedom is “freedom from” something: freedom from fear, freedom from oppression. The second freedom is “freedom to” do something: freedom to worship how we want, freedom to stay out all night. For many, Pesah is either one or the other. This year, Pesah represents both for me.

When I think of “freedom from” I think about what “Mitzrayim” (Egypt) means: narrow or constricting. “Mitzrayim” is any place where we feel unable to grow or expand. Mitzrayim evokes a feeling of stagnation, of not being able to reach our highest potential. Our ancestors felt this and so do many of us. We feel that we cannot move and we cannot grow. All too often, we feel unable or, perhaps, unwilling to take the steps that will lead us from the narrow places to the wide-open spaces we desire. Pesah reminds us that we need to take the first steps.

But wait, there’s more. Once we make the decision to take the steps, we get the bonus of “freedom to”– the freedom to be who we want to be. Many of us live under the tyranny of who other people think we should be. We are forever trying to live up to other people’s expectations. Many times, these expectations are in direct conflict of who we know we should be. This is perhaps one of the most profound teachings of Pesah. When we choose freedom from the narrow places, we also get to expand and become our true selves.

This year, as you sit down to seder and begin to recall the story of our ancestors’ transformation from slavery to freedom, take a moment to reflect on where you are and whether you feel you are in a narrow place. If you are, remember that the beginnings of freedom are right in front of you. All you need do is take the first steps.

May we all have the courage to take the lessons of Pesah to heart and to allow them to transform us in amazing ways. May we all know freedom this year.
Request from Rabbi Bob

Please keep me informed of significant events in your family life. It is my desire to be of help and service to you in times of special need. It is especially important that I know of those in the hospital, and assisted living or nursing homes, so that they may be included in a prayer for recovery at Shabbat Services.

Life Cycle Events

If you wish to have a life cycle event included in the ChaiLites, please contact Christie Self at least two weeks before the 1st-of-the-month publication date at: frontoffice@kolami.org or 813-962-6338

Mazel Tov to:

Miriam Hinds and her family on her Bat Mitzvah.
Rachel Howell and her family on her Bat Mitzvah.
Sheri & Bill Peterson on the marriage of their son, Jacob Peterson & Karalyn Heliker.
Jody & Michael Rigberg on the marriage of their daughter, Maxine Rigberg & George Hollie. Maxine is the granddaughter of Marcia & Kenneth Hark.

Hamakom Yinakhem, Condolences to:
Walter Sanders at the passing of his beloved Mother, Helen Sanders.
Brian Sanders and Marc & Adrienne Sanders at the passing of their beloved Grandmother, Helen Sanders.
Madison and Julia Sanders at the passing of their beloved Great Grandmother, Helen Sanders.

Kol Ami wishes to acknowledge our congregants who have recently read Torah:

David Caine
Lynn Chernin
Ethan Hinds
Jeff Hinds
Miriam Hinds
Terri Hinds
Rachel Howell
Stacy Howell
Craig Kalter
Susan Leibowitz
Naomi Rappaport
Sandy Solomon
Stacy Specter
Alex Turner
Collette Turner

We thank you for your efforts and dedication to Torah study. Todah Rabbah!
And this, our life, exempt from public haunt, finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything. — William Shakespeare

The Torah is a group of books which enables us to learn about our past, our future, and even our present. The 5 books of Moses is chock full of stories, laws, predictions, and promises of good things to come. It is also full of extremely relevant lessons if we take the time to translate these stories into modern language and learning points.

The books of Genesis and Exodus, or Bereishit and Shemot, are the books of our past. In Bereishit, we read of how a family takes shape, grows, and the trials and tribulations they face together. In Shemot, we see how a family can become a people, and how that people can grow and learn while developing a relationship with God. And it’s not just any people they become, but the Chosen People. We read and are taught important things about our past. We read about our history, and we learn how we, the Jewish people, developed.

The Book of Numbers is about the present. The Israelites know no time when they were able to own land, and be successful on their own. What they do know is unhappiness, and a desire to return to what is familiar. It’s a struggle and fight, but with their own sense of self. It is here in the wilderness that they must discover and build their own individual relationships with God, as well as strengthen their communal relationship. It is here that they must come together first as a people and secondly as individuals.

In the Book of Deuteronomy, or D’varim, we are given our first glimpses of the future. We are taught to hope, pray, and most importantly, to prepare for our lives to come. We are given the story of the Israelites and how they shall live when the Temple is built and when they will occupy the Holy Land. They have no knowledge yet of what it is like to be self-sufficient and strong, but they are learning what they will need to do when they achieve exactly that.

The Book of Leviticus or Vayikra, stands outside the bounds of time. It is a book which is always relevant and timely, no matter in what century we find ourselves living. There is not mention of time really, past, present or future. There are instead chapters filled with directions for sacrifice and personal purity. These directions tell us about how to become Holy. They tell us how to connect to, and build and maintain a relationship with God. Instead of lessons about time, space, history, and future, Vayikra’s lessons are those about what is eternal. We learn from this book that God is everywhere, and our relationship with God may take place anywhere, and at any time. As we are told to use salt on the sacrifices to preserve them longer and enhance their appeal (Leviticus, 2:13), so too do we need to use a spiritual salt to aid us in maintaining our relationship with God. While the days of sacrifice are long gone, things like prayer and study have taken their place. The language of Leviticus may indeed be from days gone by, but the messages left to us in those words will always be applicable to our modern day lives. Just as we learn to interpret the prose in which Shakespeare wrote his sonnets, so too must we learn to interpret the words of Leviticus, and really the entire Torah, and apply them to life today. There truly are sermons in the stones if we listen with an open ear. That is how we need to enhance the connection and appeal of our Holy books. Holiness, purity, and the closeness we feel toward God stand separately from the passage of time. We are the Chosen People and therefore will always have a connection to God, but each of us individually needs to remember to occasionally add a little “salt” to enhance our own connection to the divine, and hear what the trees and stones have to say today.

L’shalom,
Cantor Beth Schlossberg

Tampa Jewish Family Services
Community Food Bank

Tampa Jewish Family Services (TJFS) food distribution is offered once a month at the agency’s Citrus Park and Brandon locations.

Distribution dates for April are:

**Citrus Park:** April 6
**Brandon:** April 13

Both locations offer emergency food bank distribution on weekdays by appointment only. Pick-up for both services must be arranged in advance by calling 813-960-1848. Please help spread the word in your community that this service is available in Citrus Park and Brandon. If you would like to make a contribution, please drop off canned goods or a monetary donation to the agency’s Citrus Park location at 13009 Community Campus Drive, Tampa, FL 33625. Brandon location is Congregation Beth Shalom, 706 Bryan Rd, Brandon, FL 33511.

TJFS will never turn away an individual or family in need.
This is my final ChaiLites article as your President. Being your president is both a great honor and a tremendous responsibility. I leave knowing that our congregation is in good hands.

On **Friday evening, April 28 at 6:30pm** during our Shabbat service, our Board of Trustees will be discharged and our new Officers and Board of Trustees will be installed. Please take a moment to look over the list of the fine people who have stepped up to be leaders of our congregation.

I would like to thank the following individuals who will be leaving the Board. Thank you to Jon Benjamin who has served as Senior Advisor for the last year. Thank you to David Lazarus who has served on our Board chairing several different committees including Strategic Planning. Special thanks to Sheri Peterson who has served in a number of different capacities on the Board of Trustees. She has also served as Sisterhood President. Special thanks to Lynn Chernin who has served on the Board and the Executive Committee including Vice President and Recording Secretary.

And then there is our professional staff! These are the people who work tirelessly every day to make things happen at Congregation Kol Ami. Thank you to Rabbi Bob and Cantor Beth for their hard work and helpful guidance. Thank you to our Education/Youth Director, Karen Kosowski who creates programs filled with joy for our children. Thank you to Christie Self and Lisa Atkinson for reminding me of important issues, keeping me on track (that is not an easy job!), and keeping our office running smoothly and efficiently. Thank you to Steve Lynn for making sure that our building is always perfectly set up, clean and ready for every meeting, every service and every party.

And last, but certainly not least, our wonderful Executive Director, Mitch Weiss, who increases our joy with his warmth and endless energy. Everything that happens at Kol Ami includes his thoughtful input.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the enormous help and support that I have received from many of our KAPPS – Kol Ami Past Presidents. Over the course of the last two years, a number of them have stepped up to chair projects and think through difficult issues.

Finally, I would not have been able to negotiate these two years without the help and support of Jeff Hinds. He has walked beside me every day, and I mean every day, helping me work through a number of very thorny situations and keeping me reasonably sane in the process.

Thank you again, for the honor and privilege of serving as your President.

See you in shul, Bev
Your Children

Discussing Hate and Crime with Children.

We had the opportunity to read this brochure that was sent shortly after the tragedy in Kansas City. It was published by the ADL (Anti-Defamation League) and the National PTA. We wanted to take this opportunity to share some pieces of the text, as we feel it is invaluable and most appropriate at this time.

Children are aware of what is happening in the world around them. Parents and educators cannot assume that children are unaffected by global events. When frightening and violent incidents occur, such as the attacks of September 11, both children and adults may experience a range of emotions including fear, confusion, sadness and anger.

To counteract fear and give reassurance, parents, teachers and day care providers can provide opportunities for children to express how they feel and channel their feelings into positive actions. Discussions between adults and children in difficult situations can be an opening for reinforcing family and community values, beliefs and traditions.

Prepare: In order to provide the reassurance and guidance children need, adults should first come to terms with their own feelings. Explore and discuss with other adults your feelings and perceptions. Recognize that your past experiences may influence how you look at current situations.

Be Alert: Be alert to signs of upset in children. These signs may include withdrawal, lack of interest, acting out, fear of school or other activities, or anything that deviates from the child’s norm.

Listen: Listen carefully in order to learn what children know and are thinking.

Treat all children’s questions with respect and seriousness; do not “shush,” ignore or dismiss children.

Clarify children’s questions so that you can understand what is being asked, what has led to the question, and how much information a child wants. A child who asks “Why was the World Trade Center attacked?” could be curious about the political issues of the attacks, or may be asking, “Could I or someone I love be hurt in an attack?” A good way to clarify what a child wants to know is to repeat the question to the child; for example, “You’ve been thinking about the attacks on the World Trade Center and are wondering why they happened.” In this way a child can say, “Yes, that is what I’ve been thinking,” or can correct what you said in order to redirect the conversation to something he or she wants to discuss.

Sometimes, without repeating the exact words, it is helpful to reflect what you think a child is feeling, as a way to giving a child the opportunity to confirm that you have understood, or to clarify. For example, you can say: “It sounds as if you’re afraid that something like this might happen again.”

Reassure: Review the facts of what actually happened.

Reassure children in age-appropriate ways that they are safe. When talking to toddlers, responses can be simple and direct. “I love you and I will always do everything I can to make you safe.”

Let children know that many people and organizations are working to make us safe, for example, police, rescue workers, and government and private agencies, such as ADL. Reassure children that while there are people who do things that are hard to understand, we live in a wonderful country and, for the vast majority of the time, we are safe.

If you have any information or suggestions to share regarding safety and security, or if you are interested in joining the Security team, please feel free to contact jonzimmer3@gmail.com, or if you see me in person, I am always happy to talk to you.

Yasher Koach to the following team members who volunteered their time to cover all Friday and Saturday Shabbat services in the month of March:

Ben Miele Dan Ochman Fred Perez Gary Teblum
Jack Rudowsky Jon Zimmer Marc Tindell Mike Korenvaes

Safe Journeys,
Mike and Jon

Cell phones, pagers, cameras, and other electronic devices should not be used anywhere in the building or on the grounds on Shabbat and holidays. In addition, cell phones should be turned off during funerals, weddings, baby naming ceremonies, britot and during classes.
Alan Lenok was raised in Brooklyn, New York, until the age of eight when his family moved to Rockland in upstate New York. A Liberal Arts Major at Rockland Community College, Al went on to earn his degree in Human Relations and Public Speaking at Dale Carnegie Institute. After a long career in retail sales and management in New Jersey, Al relocated to Oldsmar in June of 2009 in order to be close to his family.

An avid long distance swimmer and runner, Al can proudly say that he has completed the New York marathon multiple times. When Al isn’t busy with work, attending evening Minyan and helping Men’s Club, he can be found rooting for the Mets.

Congratulations to Our Kol Ami Minyanaires!

We would like to recognize all those who participate regularly in our Kol Ami minyan. By attending minyan, those present help to ensure that those members who need to recite Kaddish for Yahrzeit, or during their period of mourning, are able to do so.

We would like to give “Honorable Menschen” to our congregants who have attended five or more minyanim over the course of the month:

February 17, 2017 – March 16, 2017

- Terri Hinds
- Rabbi Robert Judd
- Larry Leibowitz
- Susan Leibowitz
- Al Lenok
- Jerry Packer
- Cantor Beth Schlossberg

Howard Kanter Kiddush Fund Luncheon

Please join us for our next Howard Kanter Kiddush Fund Luncheon on Saturday, April 22, 2017. These complimentary luncheons will be catered by Edibles by Ethel and will also be open to non-members in the greater Jewish Community.

Although members are not required to RSVP to attend, we do ask that any non-members who plan to attend contact the Kol Ami office at (813) 962-6338 to make reservations so we can prepare appropriately.

The Kiddush Fund, created by Kol Ami member, Howard Kanter (z”l), is now providing one Kiddush Luncheon per month on a Shabbat that does not have a Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by members or another committee of the synagogue.

Your extra donations (in addition to your usual contributions to Kol Ami) will help insure this effort for years to come. Donors will be recognized in the Weekly Watch and Shabbat Shalom the week of the sponsored luncheon.

We hope to see you on April 22. Also, please be sure to mingle and introduce yourself to someone you don’t know at these wonderful opportunities to make new friends and enjoy fellowship with your Kol Ami family.
**Sisterhood Needle Workers**

Sisterhood Needle Workers meet weekly, every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. in the Jaffe Board Room.

The Needle Workers make fabric quilt wall hangings, and are knitting and crocheting squares to make quilts and afghans. All of these are donated to the First Nesters, a group that provides housing for local teens aging out of foster care. The Needle Workers are also donating to other charitable organizations. If you love to knit and visit with friends, please consider joining us. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Tarica at carol.tarica@yahoo.com.

**Chocolate and Cherry and Apple and More...**

The Kol Ami kitchen was bustling with activity on the morning of March 5th. That morning Sisterhood and Kol Yeladim religious school students, teachers, parents and even grandparents joined forces to make hamantaschen — lots and lots of hamantaschen! Over 900 delicious hamantaschen, filled with cherry, strawberry, blackberry, apple, apricot, raspberry and even chocolate were made. An added feature this year was being able to make gluten free hamantaschen! Enough were made to send to Hillels of the Florida Suncoast USF campus for their Great Latke – Hamantasch Debate as well for our own college students and of course, more than enough for the Purim Carnival on March 12. You were even able to purchase some to take home after the carnival!

Special thanks to Gwen Neihoff for making all the dough (25 batches), Debbie Newhouse and her daughter, Kara, for making the gluten free dough and hamantaschen, Avi Horowitz for manning the oven, and Jamie Krischer for acting as mashgiach.

Thank you to all the Sisterhood and parent volunteers: Allison Agliata and son, Noah, Rosella Berger, Elaine Broverman, Audria Gazzar-Cohen, Ellen Ehrenpreis and sons Jeremy and Dylan (who came in after religious school and helped with the clean up and sampling), Beth Gaffney, Stacy Howell, Cindy Korenvaes, Stuart Kramer, Amanda Moonitz, Dora Rattes, Sheri Peterson, Adam Shor and daughter Shoshana, Shaina Shuford and daughter Sophie, Sari Solondz, Dana Tirrell, and Lisa Weinberger. We had the added pleasure of Academy/Confirmation students Joey Benjamin, Charlie Halls, Hannah Lazarus, Arielle Solomon and Bryce Solomon.

If anyone who helped was inadvertently left off this list, please know we thank you and appreciated your help.

A very special thank you to all the Kol Yeladim students, their teachers, and Education/Youth Director, Karen Kosowski, for helping make this a fun activity filled with lots of ruach!

**Let Sisterhood share your Simcha!**

Does your family have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah coming up? Celebrating a special Birthday, Anniversary, Baby Naming or other Simcha? Would you like to sponsor a Kiddush or Kiddush luncheon? For more information and Sisterhood Simcha Kiddush prices, please contact Sisterhood at: sisterhood.kolami.tampa@gmail.com.
Menu
Gefilte Fish

Choose one Entrée
Brisket of Beef or Roasted Chicken with White Wine Herb Sauce
Vegetarian Option: Sweet Potato Spinach Quinoa Gratin

Sides for all Entrées:
Potato Kugel, Carrot Kishke, & Roasted Asparagus with Lemon

Dessert: Frozen Strawberry Mousse Parfait served with Chocolate Chip Cookies

Adults: $45
Children under 12: $32
under 3: free

RSVP by April 4
For more information or to RSVP, please contact the Kol Ami front office at 813-962-6338

Join us for a spectacular Seder experience for the entire family!

Passover 2nd Night Seder
at Congregation Kol Ami

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
starts at 7:00 p.m.

Adults: $45
Children under 12: $32
under 3: free

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For more information or to RSVP, please contact the Kol Ami front office at 813-962-6338

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Begin your Sunday mornings with Peace, Love, Beauty & Happiness

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Throughout his Cantorial career, Hazzan Eric Wasser has functioned as a dynamic leader in his community, attracting numerous young families to synagogue life, while adding vibrancy and genuine ruach to not only his shul but his entire surrounding Jewish neighborhood. Hazzan Wasser prides himself on being a lifelong learner.

Hazzan Wasser received his doctorate of education from the William Davidson Graduate School of Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in December of 2012, successfully defending his dissertation entitled, “How does the ritualist conceptualize the educational elements surrounding the brit milah process?”

He has been published in the Network for Research on Jewish Education and Sacred Sounds of the Cantors Assembly and has an article pending in the Journal of Jewish Education. Hazzan Wasser is most proud of his family which includes Rachel (his wife of twenty-eight years, G-d help her), and his three daughters, Danya (23), Leor (20) and Nava (17). He is honored to be part of his brother’s legacy at Congregation Kol Ami, the Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar In Residence weekend.

Education was a prime interest for Rabbi Wasser. His vision of how learning helps us develop as Jewish adults encouraged us to expand our Adult and Family Education program to become Torah University, an award-winning program.

Rabbi Wasser understood the importance of both formal and informal Jewish education for our congregational children, encouraging them to attend Camp Ramah and participate in Kadima and USY. Many of the “young people” from our congregation began to consider attending college at The Jewish Theological Seminary or majoring in Jewish Studies. Several of our students have established careers as Jewish professionals; at least one is a rabbi.

In order to perpetuate Rabbi Wasser’s passion and ideals, it is fitting that Congregation Kol Ami rename its Scholar in Residence program to be the Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar In Residence. We were fortunate to have Rabbi Joel Wasser as our everyday Scholar In Residence for 13 years.

Please join us for this exciting, enlightening and engaging weekend!

Friday, April 28

Shabbat Evening Service at 6:00 p.m.
Pikuach Nefesh: Hazzan Wasser will present a D’var Torah sharing his personal story of the trials and tribulations of having the opportunity to save the life of a past president of his present congregation.
He will review sources pertaining to the mitzvah and share the ambivalence he felt before, during and after the process.

Shabbat Dinner, reservations required
Hazzan Wasser will continue to speak and have discussion on the evening D’var Torah.
RSVP and make your dinner selection on the form on the next page.
Adult dinner: $20 | Children’s dinner: ages 4 to 11: $15 | age 3 & younger: free

Saturday, April 29

Shabbat Morning Service at 9:30 a.m.
“Strange Jewish Rituals”: Hazzan Wasser will present a D’var Torah offering an anthropological overview of life-cycle rituals and demonstrating how Jewish rituals fit perfectly into the paradigm of all ritual practices.
He will offer examples from both little-known and even more familiar rituals, in an attempt to highlight acculturation and self-identity.

Kiddush luncheon following services
Hazzan Wasser will continue his D’var Torah discussion.
Babysitting will be available on Shabbat morning by reservation.

Sunday, April 30

Brunch at 10:00 a.m.
Sponsored by Adult Education, Sisterhood and Men’s Club.
Hazzan Wasser and our own Cantor Beth will be presenting a music themed program.
Thank you to our sponsors
(as of March 30, 2017)

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I/We are pleased to attend the
Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial
Scholar in Residence Weekend!

Friday, April 28 - Sunday, April 30, 2017

- Donor: $72
- Supporter: $180
- Friend: $360
- Co-Sponsor: $1,000
- Patron: $500

Number attending Shabbat Dinner: ______ Adults ($20 each) ______ Children ($15 each)

Adult Menu: Number of entrées: ______ Chicken Marsala ______ Sweet & Sour Veg. Tofu with Brown Rice
Served with Garden Salad, Kasha Varnishka, Seasonal Vegetable &
Chocolate Cake with Coconut, Macadamia & Caramel Sauce

Children’s Menu: Chicken Tenders, French Fries & Seasonal Vegetable

Kiddush Luncheon: ______

Name(s)

Address

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Phone    E-Mail

I am unable to attend but would like to make a donation in the amount of $______.
Enclosed is my check in the amount of $______, payable to Congregation Kol Ami.

PLEASE RESPOND by Wednesday, April 19, 2017.
Shiru Now –
Sunday is for Singing!

Come join in the fun and excitement of singing with TWO cantors. Many familiar, and some not so familiar, songs will be presented by Hazzan Wasser and Cantor Beth. In between the singing, there will be an explanation of why and how the song became part of our history. Don’t miss out on this great community Sunday sing-along. Here are some of the songs which we will be singing:

- Heller Areshet
- Lo Yisa Goy
- Ele Chamda Libi
- Yis’mechu Hashamayim
- Oseh Shalom

Breakfast will be served!

Sunday, April 30
10:00 a.m.

RSVP by April 26 to 813-962-6338 or email FrontOffice@kolami.org
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As we prepare for our Seders, the obvious Seder question comes to mind. Why is this night different from all other nights? As a religious school director, I have a surprising answer. It’s the night that our students enjoy doing their homework. And not just a little homework – they cover all subject areas. They practice reading Hebrew and reciting prayers, they discuss history, and they answer questions about holiday customs. They think about Jewish values when they dip their pinkies in wine or grape juice, sacrificing ten delicious drops to remember those who suffered during the plagues. They explore new meanings of kashrut as they begin their week of eating Passover food. And, in what may be the highlight of the evening, they talk about following laws of Jewish ritual, as they confirm the rule that their family cannot end their Seder without the all-important afikomen.

Our annual religious school model Seder is on Sunday morning, April 9, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. We’re looking for parent volunteers to help us set up and run the seder, so please consider giving us a few hours on Sunday morning. Parents and families are also welcome to participate in the model Seder.

Our annual youth group Chocolate Seder will also be on April 9. USYers, Kadimamiks, and Boneemers are all invited to come together for a fun afternoon. Watch your emails for details!

Chag Pesah Sameach. I look forward to seeing you on April 9.

B’Shalom,
Karen

Join us this year as Kol Ami students lead Shabbat services!

Our students have been doing a great job this year leading Shabbat services! As we get close to the end of the school year, we have several of these events coming up!

Please mark your calendars. We hope everyone will join us for these very special events, whether or not you have children in that group!

Saturday, April 1 .................Sixth grade service
Friday, April 7 .................Fourth grade service
Friday, May 5 ....................Kindergarten - Second grade
                       Spring service
Saturday, May 13 .............Seventh grade service &
                       B’nai Mitzvah class graduation
Chaverim continues to enjoy another great year! Participants in this group enjoy a variety of activities, including programs at Kol Ami and all kinds of outings throughout the Tampa area. We will also represent Kol Ami at some exciting PJ Library community events. We look forward to seeing all of you at our next Chaverim chapter event on April 23 – watch your emails for details!

Please help us make sure we have your best contact information, so we can send you the most up-to-date information! Contact Karen at youthed@kolami.org to help us update our records. And remember to invite your friends to our events! Kol Ami membership is not required to participate in Chaverim. If you have friends that would like to be included on the Chaverim email list, please let us know!

Chaverim Calendar – 2017
Apr. 23 ...... Chaverim Sunday Afternoon Event
(details available soon!!!)
June 4 ...... PJ Library Pool Party at the JCC South Campus

Boneem is still going strong! We’ve done so many amazing things this semester, and we still have more to come! On Saturday night, April 1, we’re going to Rodeph Sholom for a tie-dye party! $15 per person for messy fun, cooking, games and more! And then a week later, we’re getting together with Kadima and USY for our annual Pre-Pesah event. Watch your e-mails for info about that!

If you haven’t given Boneem a try yet this year, now is the time! Invite your friends, or reconnect with your Kol Ami friends, and come out for some fun! For any questions, you can contact: Karen at youthed@kolami.org or Melissa at melissabloxfilm@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you at our two great April events!

Boneem Calendar – 2017
April 1 ...... Saturday Night Tie-Dye Party at Rodeph Sholom
April 9 ...... Chocolate Seder with USY & Kadima
May 21 ...... Year-End Grand Prix event

Join us as we celebrate Shabbat at several exciting programs throughout the year filled with guitar-playing, singing, dancing, friendship and delicious food!

Friday evenings throughout the year
Enjoy a pizza dinner followed by a child-friendly musical service led by Rabbi Bob and David Berger
And then it’s on to our ice cream dessert!
PJs not required – dress comfortably.
(Parents, please dress comfortably too – jeans are okay).

Everyone is welcome!
These programs are recommended for families with children ages 15 months through 2nd grade. Watch your emails for details about each of these special events!

Join us for our last Pizza & PJ’s Shabbat event this year!
Friday, May 12
6:00-7:00 p.m.
Cost for this event is $5 per person, with a $25 family maximum. Children 3 & under are free.

Congregation Kol Ami invites you to our 2017 Pizza & PJ’s Events!

All young families are welcome!
Join us for KA-dima this year!
We all had so much fun in March at the escape rooms at Can You Escape? And later in the month, 3 of our Kadimaniks went to West Palm Beach to represent us at Gesher, our eighth grade only regional convention! April will be one of our busiest months yet, with a Multi-Chapter event, a joint USY-Kadima-Boneem Pesah Party, and our last Youth Lounge night of the year. We’re all going to have a lot of fun together!

We invite you to come check out Kadima, our amazing group of sixth - eighth graders. We have activities for everyone, including annual programs, like our lock-in, and original innovative programs. In addition, we enjoy Regional and Sub-Regional activities, including conventions and Yom Disney. This year, we added a few new exciting events to our calendar. Join us for a few Friday nights during the year for Youth Lounge nights, when we go to services and then hang out together in the newly refurbished Youth Lounge. Also, we are introducing several Multi-Chapter events – chances to make friends all over Tampa Bay! We will be offering rides to any programs that are not in our neighborhood, so we will be asking parents for help. We hope you’ll join us when you can.

If you have any questions about our group, or about any of our events, contact Karen at youthed@kolami.org, or Melissa at melissablockfilm@gmail.com.

KA-dima Calendar – 2017
Apr. 2 ............. Sunday Afternoon – Xtreme Adventures
Apr. 9 ............. Chocolate Seder with USY & Boneem
Apr. 21 ............. Friday Youth Lounge Night
May 7 ............. Adventure Island Day
May 20 ............. Saturday Night Multi-Chapter Event

KAUSY has a lot going on in April!
We’re so excited to join our friends at Rodeph for an important event with Stand With Us, a group dedicated to supporting Israel around the World. We’re also looking forward to hosting Kadima and Boneem in our annual Pre-Pesah Party. Later on this month, we’ll be spending an evening at the annual JNF banquet. And of course, we’re all looking forward to Regional Convention!

We hope that you’ll join us, and consider coming out for some of our local and out-of-town adventures. We’re having a great time, and would love to have you with us! If you have any questions about our upcoming events, or about USY in general, please contact Karen at youthed@kolami.org or Sam at samuelapastor@gmail.com.

KAUSY Calendar – 2017
4/1-2 ........... Mercaz Schmoozefest in Orlando
4/9 .............. USY & Kadima & Boneem Chocolate Seder
4/21-23 ....... Hanegev Regional Convention
4/25 .......... JNF Annual Dinner
5/5 ............. Friday Youth Lounge Night
5/7 .......... Sunday Morning Shabbat Service Rehearsal
5/19 ........... USY Shabbat Service & Dessert Banquet
6/2-4 ........ Give Kids the World Retreat

Friday Youth Lounge Nights
Join us after services for ice cream, board games, and schmoozing, as we hang out in our newly refurbished youth lounge.

We hope to see you for the last Youth Lounge Night of the 2016-17 school year!

KAUSY: May 5
KA Kadima: April 21

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We invite all 8th through 12th graders to join us for a year of discussion and learning. For more information, please visit the Post B’nai Mitzvah Class on the Kol Ami website.

**Eighth Grade**

We are excited to introduce a new educator for this class. Davi Sherwin comes to us with a great deal of experience working with post-B’nai Mitzvah students. Together with Davi, our students will take a fascinating look at modern Jewish life, Jewish customs and the reasons behind them, and the pre-conceived notions of Judaism they developed in their earlier years. This class will meet at Kol Ami on Sunday mornings, 10:00-11:30 am on these remaining dates: April 30 and May 21.

**Confirmation (Tenth Grade)**

Rabbi Judd has designed this class to help us understand who we are as Conservative Jews. What are our practices? What do we believe in? Through this lens, students will have the opportunity to suggest topics and explore various areas of interest. As a culminating event, the Confirmation Class will lead a very special Shabbat service on Saturday, May 20. This class will meet on Sunday mornings, twice each month, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, on these remaining dates: April 9, April 23, and May 7.

It is important to note that Confirmation marks the culmination of years of study. Students who wish to be Confirmed must complete the eighth and ninth grade classes of The Academy.

**Ninth Grade**

Together with our Educator Judy Balber, we will look for a deeper understanding of mitzvot, Jewish ethics, and Jewish identity. We will span the spectrum of Jewish practice through a combination of discussion, activity, and a little text study. Each student completing this class will have a tree planted in Israel in his/her honor. This class will meet at Kol Ami on Sunday mornings, 10:00-11:30 am on these remaining dates: April 30 and May 21.

**Brunch with the Rabbi (Eleventh & Twelfth Grade)**

This informal experience will be led by Rabbi Judd. In this program, in addition to delving into areas of interest chosen by our students, we will explore the issues that face this generation’s high school students and young adults. In preparation for college, we will discuss the politics of Israel and the ways we answer the tough questions our non-Jewish friends ask. This brunch will take place on Sunday, once each month, 10:00-11:00 am, on these remaining dates: April 23 and May 7.
April 2017 Events & Happenings at Kol Ami

**Saturday, April 1**
TOLL: Shabbat Torah Study with Rabbi Bob .........................8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services (6th Grade Led Shabbat Services) ..............9:30 a.m.
Boneem Event: Tie Dye Party ..............................................8:30 p.m.
USY Event (Schmooze Fest at Beth Am in Longwood) .......11:00 p.m.

**Sunday, April 2**
Kol Yeladim Religious School ...........................................9:00 a.m.
TBJEC: 5th Grade Israel Experience (Hillel Academy) ..........9:00 a.m.
Yoga Morning Stretch with Dr. Tanya Gold .......................10:00 a.m.
Simchat Tot: Pesah ......................................................11:30 a.m.
JCC Softball Tournament ..............................................12:00 p.m.
Kadima Event: Xtreme Adventures ..............................12:30 p.m.

**Monday, April 3**
Executive Committee Meeting ......................................7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 4**
TOLL: L’Chaim- Sharing Life’s Lessons ...........................11:00 a.m.
Sisterhood Needle Workers ..........................................1:30 p.m.
Federation Cardozo and Montefiore Societies Event ..........6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 5**
TOLL: Torah Talk with Rabbi Bob .................................11:00 a.m.
Kol Yeladim Religious School .........................................5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, April 6**
TOLL: Talmud Berachot with Rabbi Bob ..........................10:30 a.m.
Scholar in Residence Committee Meeting .......................5:00 p.m.

**Friday, April 7**
Shabbat Services (4th Grade led Shabbat Services)
(Birthday and Anniversary Shabbat) .........................6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 8**
TOLL: Shabbat Torah Study with Rabbi Bob....................8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services ..........................................................9:30 a.m.

**Sunday, April 9**
Kol Yeladim Religious School ............................................9:00 a.m.
Yoga Morning Stretch with Dr. Tanya Gold .....................10:00 a.m.
Kol Yeladim Model Seder ...........................................11:00 a.m.
Academy – 10th Grade Confirmation Class ....................11:30 a.m.
Youth Group Chocolate Seder ......................................1:00 p.m.

**Monday, April 10**
EREV PASSOVER
OFFICE CLOSING AT 3 PM
Taanit Bechorim “First Born Siyyum”
(followed by Breakfast) .................................................7:30 a.m.
Erev Pesah I Services .................................................6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 11**
PASSOVER DAY 1
OFFICE CLOSED
Pesah I Services (followed by Kiddush) .........................9:30 a.m.
2nd Night Passover Seder at Kol Ami .........................7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 12**
PASSOVER DAY II
OFFICE CLOSED
NO Kol Yeladim Religious School
Pesah II Services (followed by Kiddush) .....................9:30 a.m.
Ma’ariv ..................................................................8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, April 13**
PASSOVER III
TOLL: Talmud Berachot with Rabbi Bob .........................10:30 a.m.

**Friday, April 14**
PASSOVER IV
Shabbat Services .......................................................6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 15**
PASSOVER V
TOLL: Shabbat Torah Study with Rabbi Bob ....................8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services .......................................................9:30 a.m.

**Sunday, April 16**
PASSOVER VI
NO Kol Yeladim Religious School
Yoga Morning Stretch with Dr. Tanya Gold ..................10:00 a.m.
Sisterhood Passover BBQ Lunch .................................12:00 p.m.
Erev Pesah VII Services / Ma’ariv ...............................6:30 p.m.

(Calendar continued on next page)
Monday, April 17
PASSOVER VII
OFFICE CLOSED
Pesah VII Services (followed by Kiddush) ......................... 9:30 a.m.
Erev Pesah VIII Services .............................................. 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18
PASSOVER DAY VIII
OFFICE CLOSED
Pesah VIII Services/ Yizkor (followed by Kiddush) .......... 9:30 a.m.
Pesah Conclusion Services – Ma'ariv ................................ 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19
TOLL: Torah Talk with Rabbi Bob ................................. 11:00 a.m.
Kol Yeladim Religious School ....................................... 5:00 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting ......................................... 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 20
TOLL: Talmud Berachot with Rabbi Bob ......................... 10:30 a.m.
Board of Trustees Meeting ........................................... 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 21
USY Regional Convention Weekend
Shabbat Services (Family Shabbat Service) ................. 6:30 p.m.
Kadima Youth Lounge Night ......................................... 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 22
USY Regional Convention Weekend
Shabbat Services ......................................................... 9:30 a.m.
Howard Kanter Kiddush Luncheon ................................. 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 23
USY Regional Convention Weekend
Kol Yeladim Religious School ...................................... 9:00 a.m.
Yoga Morning Stretch with Dr. Tanya Gold ................. 10:00 a.m.
Academy – 11/12 grade Brunch with Rabbi Bob .......... 10:00 a.m.
Kol Yeladim School Board Meeting .............................. 10:30 a.m.
Academy – 10th Grade Confirmation Class .................. 11:30 a.m.
Chaverim Event ........................................................... 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 24
YOM HASHOAH
Sisterhood Board Meeting ............................................ 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25
TOLL: L’Chaim – Sharing Life’s Lessons ....................... 11:00 a.m.
Sisterhood Needle Workers ........................................... 1:30 p.m.
JNF Tree of Life Award Dinner
(Bryan Glazer Family JCC) ........................................... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26
TOLL: Torah Talk with Rabbi Bob ................................. 11:00 a.m.
Kol Yeladim Religious School ....................................... 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 27
USY Regional Convention Weekend
Guest: Hazzan Eric Wasser
Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar in Residence
Sisterhood/Men’s Club Shabbat Services ..................... 9:30 a.m.
Scholar in Residence Kiddush Luncheon ....................... 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 30
Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar in Residence Weekend
Guest: Hazzan Eric Wasser
Kol Yeladim Religious School ...................................... 9:00 a.m.
Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar in Residence Brunch,
Guest: Hazzan Eric Wasser ......................................... 10:00 a.m.
Academy – 8th Grade Class ....................................... 10:00 a.m.
Academy – 9th Grade Class ....................................... 10:00 a.m.
Simchat Tot: Israel ...................................................... 11:30 a.m.
Yahrzeits

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5  Arthur Hillinger
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April Birthdays

1  Simon Sinnreich
    Howard Entel
2  Jennifer Zimmer
    Miriam Hinds
    Jacob Nair
3  Manny Donchin
    Jeffrey Simon
    Eric Akrish
    Carol Haber
    Marvin Halem
4  Joseph DePaul
    Judith Szentivanyi
5  Nace Capeluto
    Eric Weiner
    Richard Everson
    Rana Levy
    Julian Melamed
6  Rita Herson
7  Herb Herzog
    Rabbi Raphael Ostrovsky
8  Susan Zimmer-Greenberg
    Whitney Fries
9  Enid Gildar
    Sandy Goodman
    Tamara Bobo
10 Dalton Niehoff
    Daniel Wallach
11 Marcia Hark
    Edward Thornburg
12 Ami Drimmer
    Steve Ehrenpreis
    Claire Kaszewitz
    Anna Visher
13 Wendy DePaul
    Janet Simon
    David Zohar
    Andrea Weiss
14 Alexander Turner
    Shlomo Korman
    Nina Leopold
    Edith Aron
    Lisa Caine
15 Jeremiah Horowitz
    Eileen Astra
    Mariko Peltz
    Todd Haber
    Sarah Entel
    Marc Tindell
16 Emily Arthur
    Camryn Cross
    Maya Goldgof
    Tad Chalfant
17 Katherine Gray
    Jackson Kuhn
18 Ilana Berman
    David Berger
    Scott Dorman
19 Nathan Dorman
    Lea Visher

Jordan Epstein
    Dolores Sheps
    Bonnie Elozory
    Linda Turner
20 Laura DePau
    Karen Closner
21 Theresa Gainsburg
    Richard Levine
22 Alana Carranza
    Harriet Rosenzweig

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Once a month, we celebrate all of our members’ birthdays and anniversaries for that month. Your name(s) and birthday or anniversary will be included in the Shabbat Shalom and you will be invited up to the bima for a special treat.

The April Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat will be celebrated on Friday, April 7, at Shabbat services, starting at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to join us!
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2 Stu & Kathy Wasserman
4 Jack & Sherry Blecher
7 Richard & Ronnie Everson
8 Larry & Marys Herman
15 David & Randi Piburn
23 Ennis & Kathryn Morse
24 Cameron & Judith Tebbi
25 Todd & Stacy Howell
27 Howard & Colleen Entel
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29 Blake & Cristi Wilder

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Mother, Bess Goldberg
By Sandy Wainberg
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By Mark & Carol Jaffe
Father, Irving Jaffe
By Mark & Carol Jaffe
Mother of Amy Wasser, Elaine Katz
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Mark & Carol Jaffe
Terry & Marc Rosenwasser
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Mother, Leah Levy
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Dear Friends,

Once again, Pesah is upon us. In the upcoming days and weeks we will be very busy cleaning, shopping, and preparing for this most holy and happy festival. (However, those of you who have listened to my warnings that Pesah is approaching will already be well prepared!) Once again we will celebrate, as families and as a community, our deliverance from Pharaoh and slavery and our becoming free people.

As we prepare spiritually and physically for the festival, we make sure to rid ourselves and our homes of chametz, leaven. Our Tradition teaches that we are neither allowed to eat any leavened products, nor are we allowed to possess any of them.

I am including a link for you to review: http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/public/jewish-law/holidays/pesah/pesah-guide-5777.pdf

Although we may be able to rid ourselves of most of the chametz, disposing of all such products is unrealistic. Therefore, our Tradition allows us to “sell” our chametz to a non-Jew for the entire Pesah festival. During this time, the chametz (in all its forms) is “owned” by this person and, at the end of the Festival, ownership reverts back to us.

In order to enable you to sell your chametz, read and complete the form below, engaging me to serve as your agent in this process. I will ensure that all of your chametz will be sold in an acceptable manner according to halacha, Jewish Law.

When you return your form, please include a donation that will be used to help those who are needy at this time. These ma’ot hittim will go to the Tampa Jewish Family Services Food Bank and Mazon, the National Jewish Food Program.

I wish all of you a chag kadosh v’sameah, a holy and happy Pesah Festival.

B’shalom,
Rabbi R.D. Judd

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I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Robert D. Judd to act in my behalf to sell all chametz possessed by me – knowingly or unknowingly – as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein chametz owned may be found. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Pesah, which this year begins with sundown of Monday, April 10, 2017 and runs through Tuesday night, April 18, 2017.

And to this I hereby affix my signature on this _____ day in the month of __________, in the year 2017.

The residences under my ownership, lease, or rent include:

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Signed:__________________________________________________________

Note: If possible, all chametz – food not acceptable during Pesah (Passover), or materials containing such unacceptable food – should be destroyed or given away before the holiday begins. Should this be impossible, the chametz may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends.

Please complete the above form and return it no later than:  
**Friday, April 7, 2017, no later than 12:00 p.m.**
Kol Ami Sisterhood
Passover BBQ

Sunday, April 16
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
(dine-in or take-out)
Kol Ami Social Hall
Adults: $18
Children: $10

Menu
BBQ Chicken
Roasted Potatoes
Vegetable Salad
Passover Dessert
A vegetarian option of apple stuffed acorn squash available upon request

We’ll be there!

_____ #Adults ($18 each)
_____ #Children, ages 3-11 ($10 each)
☐ Dining in
☐ Taking out (pick up 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)

_____ #Requests for vegetarian option

Please send your reservation form & check to:
Kol Ami Sisterhood, 3919 Moran Road, Tampa, FL 33618
Please make checks payable to Kol Ami Sisterhood

If you have any questions, please call Cindy at (813)416-9500 or email Sisterhood.kolami.tampa@gmail.com

RSVP by Thursday, April 6, 2017