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Mission Statement

Temple Kol Ami is a warm and friendly Reform Congregation. Our Mission is to improve and inspire the lives of all generations. We provide opportunities to experience the spirituality and vitality of Judaism. Through innovative education and worship we instill core Jewish values that bring us all to a better world.

Vision

We accomplish our mission through inspiring services and experiential programs, community service (tikkun olam) and deep appreciation for tradition.

We offer unique experiences:

- Participatory Shabbat Services that engage all segments of our community.
- Creative and experiential educational programs for children and adults.
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RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

MAR. 13

Do a mitzvah and provide a nutritious meal to families who have a loved one in the hospital and are staying at the Ronald McDonald House. You will help to shop, prepare and serve dinner starting at 3:45 PM.

Contact Ileen Herberg for details:
lherberg@aol.com
(602) 863-6636 to volunteer

ANDRE HOUSE

MAR. 26

Temple Kol Ami volunteers will be providing assistance with a long established meal program on the last Tuesday of each month. This month we will help to make and serve a wonderful dinner. Children 14 years and older are allowed to participate.

Contact Susan Guzman for details:
sutyguz@gmail.com
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laurasziff@gmail.com
(602) 677-7429

BBQ MENSCHES

MAR. 29

Help serve 800 meals to those experiencing homelessness at the Lodestar Day Resource Center in Phoenix. We collect funds, purchase food, organize a BBQ and arrange entertainment for a group of people who could use a meal and some love. All ages are welcome.

Contact Susan Guzman for details:
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God Hides Because We Hide



Jeremy Schneider
Rabbi

Whenever I need to write a sermon or article based on text, I sit myself down with the Hebrew and its English translation and simply read through it. Nine times out of ten a topic jumps out at me from the page; like the Mona Lisa that seems to follow everyone with her gaze, so are the words of the Bible for me. Nine times out of ten are good odds. Unfortunately, there is always that tenth, the situation where I read and reread and read again, and the topic just doesn't show itself!

So it was during my encounter with the Megillah – the Purim scroll. Don't get me wrong, there were tons of possibilities for topics: Women's lib, the implications of Jewish life in the Diaspora... lots of thought provoking possibilities. But that one key element, the thing that would offer something as a life lesson for all of us in this particular time in our lives -- that Mona Lisa gaze -- it just wasn't happening. I couldn't settle, though. I felt sure that my theme was in there somewhere; hiding within the words of this wonderful story.

I thought to myself, "Self, what is different in this text from all other texts?" (Wait, that's another holiday.) What was missing that connected me so easily to other sections of the Bible? I recognized,

firstly, that this piece was written much later than the writings of the Five Books of Moses. Perhaps it was simply that I didn't resonate with this literary style. But then it struck me: the difference is (drum roll, please) that God is never mentioned in the story of Purim. NEVER! Not once. Not even an inference! God ain't in there. The Big Chief took a vacation, ya know what I'm sayin'?

It is interesting to note that the name "Esther" shares its root in the Hebrew with the verb "Lehas-tir", meaning, "to hide." This double meaning has been suggested to recount a hidden significance within the text; it has been suggested that God is hiding behind Esther within the story. Additionally, it is important to remember that Esther does a great deal of hiding in the story; hiding her identity as a Jew until the last possible moment. This notion of hiding, however, goes beyond the text to the celebration of Purim. As you know, it is customary during this holiday to dress in costume, thus hiding our true identities. Yet another tradition (for those over 21) is to become so drunk that it is impossible to distinguish between Purim's hero, Mordechai, and the terrible villain, Haman; once easily recognizable, one becomes confused with the other.

Maybe that's why beer is so popular! Perhaps it is people's unconscious spiritual inclination that throws them swaying out of the bars on Saturday night, too drunk to try and judge one thing as good and one thing as evil; intoxicated enough that logic gives way to God, hiding quietly behind all things, waiting for us to stop thinking about "reality" long enough to feel God's soft touch.

Not that I am (generally) an advocate for getting wasted as a means for discovering God, but you see my point. God hides within this world (FYI: the word in Hebrew for world is "olam" which shares the root with "ne'elam", meaning hidden) everywhere and all the time, waiting patiently for us to recognize the illusion of our so called "realities" and wake up to the Light shining behind them. God hides because we hide, much like Esther did, from our true purpose and our complete perfection. As long as we remain wrapped up in the fragments of self-judgement and lack of faith, God will remain hidden in the shadows we have cast.

This holiday, with its unusual text, bizarre customs, and debilitating traditions confuses us. Perhaps it confuses us just enough to make us see clearly again.

Doin' the Right Thing



Nancy Drapin
Executive Director

It's difficult to make the right choices no matter what age you are. Just the other day I was talking to a neighbor that was out mowing his lawn. He mentioned that he had retired at the age of 78 from a recruiting job, and now that he was 80 years old, he had more time to procrastinate. The neighbor had put off his mowing until he was pushed by the reports of potential rain. He said it was becoming easier and easier to put off doing the things that had to be done, like taxes, but that he better understood what was valuable to his life.

If you ask me, at the age of 80, one does not have to ask permission to do much, nor does one need to do things that someone says you should (except maybe instructions from a doctor). The general principles that guide our lives from the time we become young adults still hold.

It is important to make yourself a valuable entity in this world. As a younger adult, you do things to increase your personal worth, earning potential, and skills. As an older adult you have developed assets that make systems more efficient and you can share your innate value. Many Kol Ami members, young and old, give their time and expertise to social action projects, special events and education. If you have some time to give, we want to hear your ideas and we definitely need your time.

If you are a younger parent, there are many projects where you can bring in your baby to sit by your side. If you are an older adult, there are opportunities to help where you will be able to have conversations with other members and

share stories. Let us know what you need and we can make it happen.

At Kol Ami you can be relentless in your pursuit of self-betterment. You can be intentional about what you want to know. We have opportunities to learn through our Wednesday lunchtime Schmooze with the Rabbi, the evening Nosh and Know, and classes through the Valley Beit Midrash program. If you are female and want to do something new with an intergenerational group of women, our Under the Red Tent group will be learning how to cook, practicing kickboxing, going hiking, doing crafty projects, making art, playing mahjong, and more throughout the spring and summer.

If you want to learn how to do something new, like how to run an event or how to fundraise, we have many opportunities to expand your knowledge in those areas. You'd be surprised at what you already know and take for granted as daily skills that can be applied to many other situations. For example, this year's Gala chairs have had experience planning their home parties and b'nai mitzvah events, and each of them were open to learning how to create a huge fundraising gala for the temple. They brought their knowledge to the table and they have learned many new skills that they will be able to use throughout life. By the way, if you're reading this and haven't purchased your ticket to the Gala, please call the office and be sure to do so. "An Evening on the Boardwalk" is an event that you definitely do not want to miss!

We live in a world that is very difficult to

maneuver. We can become the slaves of our own minds and habits. We make choices all the time that seem involuntary or may fit the moment but not the future. Kol Ami is a safe place to explore self-reflection. A meeting with the Rabbi or other staff may open a proactive, rather than a reactive, approach to your life.

My favorite times are when members just drop in to our office to say hello or to take a piece of chocolate, and then sit down and share the good and welfare of their lives. Many times we learn or think about new strategies just because you have shared your life stories and suggestions.

We are all accountable for "doin' the right thing." Often you have a little voice in your head that tells you what the right thing is, or a "gut feeling." By doing the right thing, you tend to get the same things back. Nike makes a fortune on their slogan, "Just Do It." The message behind this is that, no matter what your age, you go for improvement, not perfection.

My neighborhood friend not only picked the right time to mow his lawn (because it rained the following night), he visits the sick and people older than himself on a regular basis at senior living centers and is constantly devising new ways to air dry foods or make delicious chili and soup -- he has a valuable life and he shares it.

As for me, I am glad that I listened to the little voice in my head and came to work at Kol Ami. Now, I am going to do my taxes!

Gary
Goldberg

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This amazing program for TKA members age 55+ offers opportunities for schmoozing, eating, trips, socializing, and mitzvot throughout the year. Contact Gary Goldberg if you are interested in creating a program or attending an activity.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM TOUR**MAR.**
310:30 AM | \$20 paid at the museum
RSVP to Bree at tkaoffice@templekolami.org

Gary Goldberg, TKA board member and official MIM volunteer tour guide, leads a special outing to our renowned Musical Instrument Museum. We'll begin with a short orientation film and see featured instruments, including the oldest instrument in the museum (6,000 years old). Gary will then take us through the 5 geographical galleries (Africa, Asia, Latin America, USA, Europe) where we see instruments evolve through culture and environment. We finish with an optional lunch at Cafe Allegro followed by free time where you can roam around and visit the Artist and Mechanical Galleries, as well as play instruments in the Experience Gallery. Don't miss this exciting adventure through music! Friends are welcome to join us.

UNDER THE RED TENTBeth
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Under the Red Tent is Temple Kol Ami's new, intergenerational women's group which we hope will inspire new friendships, connection, self-development and learning. Chaired by Beth Feldman along with your help, our women's group will ignite your passion to make positive contributions to yourself and the world. Feel free to contact Beth to discover more.

COOKING CLASS**MAR.**
21Date: March 21, 2019 Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Location: Fry's Cooking School | 4707 E Shea Blvd. (SW corner of Tatum & Shea) Cost: \$30/person
(RSVP by March 16 with cash or check – no refunds as we need to pre-pay and provide a count to the school)

You're invited to an interactive cooking class! We'll be learning how to make some stunning hors d'oeuvres that are easy to prepare and fun to make. We're sure they will impress your guests at your next house party.

Sample Menu (subject to change): Avocado Deviled Eggs, Roasted Vegetable Tart, Herb and Cheese Gougères, Bruschetta, Chocolate Mousse

RSVP to Bree by March 16 tkaoffice@templekolami.org

If you have any dietary restrictions, please let us know when you respond. Most requirements can be accommodated with enough notice.

KICKBOXING**APR.**
28Date: April 28, 2019 Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM
Location: 9Round | 9343 E Shea Blvd #145, Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Challenge yourself to become stronger mentally and physically in just thirty minutes!

Join the Red Tent women for a **FREE** workshop at 9Round Scottsdale/Shea (www.9round.com/scottsdaleshea). This specialized fitness center is for those who want a unique, fun, and proven workout. Check out a kickboxing themed fitness program that incorporates functional, interval, cardiovascular, and circuit training components. The program consists of nine workout stations. Throughout the entire workout, trainers will coach and help you.

After the event there is an option to go out for a snack with the group. **Questions? Please contact Beth Feldman** beth@segmation.com
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Spring Cleaning



Emily Kaye
Cantorial Soloist

March 20th officially marks the start of springtime, which many would say is the best time of the year. The weather is gorgeous, the colors are vibrant and spring cleaning can begin. Where did this concept of “spring cleaning” come from? What do we accumulate each year that we need an entire season to get rid of?

I recently hired a professional organizer to come to my home to help me make sense of all of the mess of things that I’ve accumulated over the years. I would have loved to organize my whole house, but in one day we were only able to tackle the kitchen, laundry room, and bathrooms. This doesn’t sound like a whole lot, but boy did I purge so many things (that I finally acknowledged) served no purpose for me anymore.

Everyone has that one drawer in the kitchen with all their utensils: spatulas, serving spoons, can openers, etc. The organizer made me realize I

really don’t need to have five spatulas or three can openers. If one works well, what is the point of having two more? I guess I never really thought about this concept.

I was of the mindset that if one Spatula is dirty, then I have another one, clean and sitting in the drawer just waiting to be used. However, I’ve realized a better way of looking at it is that if one is dirty, clean it and reuse it. Less is more.

With the amount of serving platters and entertaining tchotchkes I had in my kitchen, you would think I was hosting a party every weekend. It is nice to have those beautiful platters for the one or two times I entertain each year, but do I really NEED them?

Several hours later, my house was on its way to being much more functional, and it gave me peace of mind to have order in my home. This can be true for not just your home, but your office at work, your car, and even your mind.

Life pulls us in so many directions and leaves us little time to organize our home, let alone time to organize our thoughts. Spring cleaning doesn’t just have to be our home or office. It can also give us an opportunity to clean up negative thoughts we have and compartmentalize them to make room for other things. Often times when I am stressed or overwhelmed, my house and car are usually the first places that get messy. When my thoughts and tasks are organized, so are my living spaces.

Ironically, it seems to be easier to find that one spatula in a neatly arranged drawer rather than searching for one of five spatulas in a chaotic drawer.

You don’t need to hire a professional organizer to get this feeling of calm in your life. If you give your thoughts a spring cleaning, perhaps your closet or office will unravel and naturally organize itself.



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MARCH 2

ETHAN KELLY

Ethan Kelly is the son of Leslee and Shane Kelly. He has two sisters, Emilee and Alyse (both became Bat Mitzvah at TKA), and a beloved dog, Millee.

Ethan is in 7th grade at Mountainside Middle School. He loves to play soccer and has played for about ten years. Ethan's newest passion is skateboarding and he spends hours mastering tricks. He also likes playing video games and browsing YouTube.

Ethan joined Boys Team Charity for his Mitzvah project and has volunteered with many organizations. His favorite organization to work with is Home Fur Good, where he takes care of dogs and helps with adoption events. His second favorite is Feed My Starving Children, where he helps package food that is sent all over the world to feed children in need.



MARCH 9

AVERY SHAFRON

Avery Shafron is the eldest child and favorite daughter of David and Debbie Shafron. She has a younger brother, Michael, who will be a Bar Mitzvah in two short years.

Avery is a 7th grader at Rancho Solano Preparatory School. She loves life and laughter. Her passion is soccer, and she plays goalie on her Phoenix Rising Soccer Club. She has an insatiable appetite for books, and enjoys everything from graphic novels to dystopian fiction. When she isn't nursing a broken limb, she can be found practicing her cello, which she plays at Rancho. She has participated in the All-State Orchestra.

She loves time with friends, surfing Reddit, and treasures summers spent at Camp Friendly Pines. She loves all animals, especially her Frenchie, Stella, and aspires to be a veterinarian (or possibly a neurosurgeon) in the future. She tries to make the world a better place through small acts of charity and kindness, and has been a member of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Three Day Walk Youth Corp, traveling to Seattle for the past several years to participate. She looks forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and "doing Jewish" in the TKA tradition.



MARCH 30

HUNTER PERLMUTTER

Hunter is the son of Matthew and Michelle Perlmutter. He has a younger sister, Hailey.

Hunter attends Sunrise Middle School. He loves to skateboard and enjoys creating videos of his skating to post on Instagram. Hunter also likes hanging out with friends and playing his Xbox.

Hunter is smart, funny, and an all-around great kid. Hunter is studying hard and very excited to become a Bar Mitzvah--he's really looking forward to seeing all of his relatives from out of town!

MESSAGE FROM THE ECC

A Magnificent Megillah



Debbie Glassman
Early Childhood Center Director

Every year the ECC teachers and students make the most beautiful Megillah for our preschool Purim celebration. Behind the scenes is Sel Shuster, who is one of our very talented Pre-K teachers, and has an extensive educational art background. She prepares the Megillah for each classroom before the children decorate their portion to complete this extraordinary story of heroism. Our Megillah is a combination of unique creativity and colorful storytelling, but it is the devotion and heartfelt love of the incredible ECC teachers and students that truly make this masterpiece especially magnificent.

Purim is such a fun and memorable morning for the children because they all come to school dressed up in their favorite costumes. Rabbi Schneider reads the Megillah while the children sing songs and shake their handcrafted groggers when they hear the wicked Haman's name mentioned. An adorable and special costume parade follows the Megillah reading.

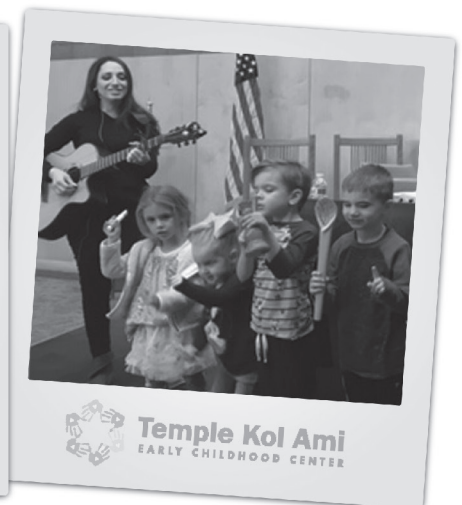
The children enjoy eating delicious hamantaschen and bringing festive Mishloach Manot baskets home to their families.

One of my favorite childhood memories was dressing up as the beautiful and brave Queen Esther. My sister and I loved wearing my mother's pretty jewelry with her bright red lipstick. Many of our preschool children dress up as modern day superheroes and princesses on the day we celebrate Purim at the ECC. Biblical heroes like Queen Esther and Mordechai remind us how important it is to speak out about injustice wherever or whenever we see it in our world today.

I wish you all a joyous holiday!

L'Shalom,

Debbie Glassman
Early Childhood Director



MOMMY & ME



Debbie
Glassman



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MARCH 29 at TKA. Join us Friday mornings for an exciting, interactive parent/child class. Led by professional educator and mom, Andrea Unger, Mommy & Me is a wonderful opportunity for parents and tots (8 weeks to 24 months) to have fun, socialize, learn, and spend quality time together.

Mommy & Me is so much more than a play group! We participate in fun, educational activities including Theme of the Week, Jewish Holidays, Early Literacy, Circle Time, music class and art projects.

You're also invited to participate in Tot Shabbat immediately prior to Mommy & Me. We start Tot Shabbat at 9:30 and would love to see you there!

BOOK CLUB



Arlene
Lurie



(602) 944-1433

Ready to curl up with a good book? TKA's Book Club begins meeting once a month from 7-8 pm. Club discussion leader Arlene Lurie thinks this semester's theme, "Meet New Authors," will inspire readers to explore topics, literary and writing styles.

view the full reading schedule online at templekolami.org/book-club/

THE RENT COLLECTOR

MAR.
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By Cameron Wright

Led by Phyllis Lehman

Based on true events, this is a story of hope, of one woman's journey to save her son and another woman's chance at redemption. It demonstrates that even in a dump in Cambodia—perhaps especially in a dump in Cambodia—everyone deserves a second chance.

A WALK IN THE WOODS

APR.
17

By Bill Bryson

Led by Sandy and Fred Goldenson

Bryson's acute eye is a wise witness to the beautiful but fragile Appalachian trail. As he tells its fascinating history, he makes a moving plea for the conservation of America's last great wilderness. An adventure, a comedy, and a celebration, *A Walk in the Woods* has become a modern classic of travel literature.

SCHMOOZE WITH THE RABBI



Bree
Butler



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Wednesdays at TKA - March 6, 13*, 20, 27

Bring your lunch and join us at 12:00PM

Schmooze with the Rabbi is a weekly meeting where we lunch, learn, and shmooze with Rabbi Schneider about current events and Jewish topics.

***Second Wednesdays features a storytelling experience and discussion**

Voice **10**

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2ND NIGHT COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER

watch for details in our upcoming emails and flyers

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MARCH
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TEMPLEKOLAMI.ORG/GIVE

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5:30 PM DINNER
6:30 PM PURIM SHPIEL



RABBI
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LEAD SHABBAT

MARCH
15
7:00 PM

An evening on the

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YOU'RE INVITED
to the 2019 Temple Kol Ami Gala

Celebrate the sights, sounds
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SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**6-10PM | TEMPLE KOL AMI
15030 N 64TH STREET**

Music, dancing, auction, games, and entertainment.
Food inspired by iconic boardwalks.

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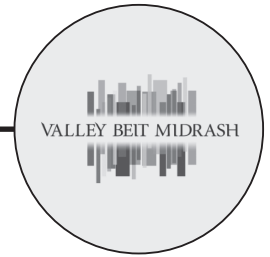
Debbie Glassman & Carly Kastner

RESORT CHIC ATTIRE | RSVP BY MARCH 18

You should have received your invitation in the mail. Please RSVP using the
card from your invitation, or purchase your tickets online at:

tkagalal9.givesmart.com





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templekolami.org/adult-education/

Join us this Fall at Temple Kol Ami for these stimulating Adult Education experiences presented in partnership with Valley Beit Midrash. These learning opportunities are FREE for TKA members to attend! Please visit the website for program information.

STEPHEN M. FLATOW

MAR. 6 **A Father's Story: My fight for Justice Against Iranian Terror**

7:00PM | This is the story of one brave father's determination to bring his daughter's murderers to justice through the American justice system.

PROFESSOR STEVEN WINDMUELLER

MAR. 13 **The Jewish Community in 2050**

7:00PM | This program analyzes what is happening demographically, religiously, and culturally to American Jewry. There is also a power point in connection with this presentation.

PANELIST EVENT FEATURING RABBI SCHNEIDER, RANDI JABLIN, AND EVAN WOLFSON

MAR. 27 **The Art of Charity: What Does It Really Mean to Give?**

7:00PM | Charity is an essential part of the Jewish approach to a fulfilled life. We are often asked to give some of our income to charitable causes, community support programs, and agendas that promote and benefit a thriving Jewish life in American and abroad. But while Jewish teachings often discuss the mechanics of tzedekah, this panel strives to understand the need to be charitable from the soul's perspective. What inspires people to donate to the community? What sustains interest in seeing community institutions thrive? What is the emotional purpose of giving back? In this panel, we will explore these questions (and more!) while learning about the motives that propel people to give so that others may thrive. Panelists Randi Jablin, past chair of Women's Philanthropy, Rabbi Jeremy Schneider of Temple Kol Ami, and Evan Wolfson of Collective Change. Facilitated by Rich Kasper of the Jewish Community Foundation.

NOSH & KNOW



Carol Zonis



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Be smarter at the end of the day than you were at the start of the day.

One of the things that makes TKA special is its emphasis on community and relationship building. "Nosh and Know" is a series of opportunities to come together, hear a speaker, interact with members, share a few bites and sips, and maybe join others for a light dinner following the program. **Join us on March 28. The sessions begin at 6PM and end at 7PM.**



Phil Adelman



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Join the Temple Kol Ami Life and Legacy Society

Each one of us has the power to leave a legacy—one that fulfills our passions and dreams, and, also one that carries on the legacy of those who came before us.

You can help us to ensure that the synagogue you love is vibrant and thriving for future generations. More than 50 families have already designated a gift for the future, establishing a potential endowment of more than \$1 million dollars! If you have made a pledge please formalize your commitment now. Contact Nancy Drapin at the Temple or Phil Adelman.

BUSINESS CONNECT



Nikki Bernstein



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Chad Okun



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NEXT MEETING: MARCH 6 @ 7PM

Our group is growing! We bring Temple professionals together to do business and give back to the Temple in return for the opportunity of working *b'yachad* (together). We are putting together a TKA Business Directory of Kol Ami Members. If you are interested in the directory and the group please contact Nikki Bernstein or Chad Okun for more information.



**CONNECT WITH DAN BERMAN
MONTHLY BUSINESS CONNECT BIOGRAPHY**

Tell us how your career began?

I was born and raised in San Diego, graduated from U of A in 1992 and embarked on a sports marketing career in 1994. I started at the bottom with teams including the Phoenix Firebirds and the very first Diamondbacks staff. After becoming full-time in season ticket sales with the Phoenix Suns in 1996, I remained with the Suns for 13 years, eventually becoming Group Sales Manager for all arena events. I also earned an MBA from ASU in 2003 by attending evening classes.

Wow, you kept yourself busy! Any time for marriage and a family?

I married Lisa Davis in 1997 and she's currently the Visual Sales Manager at The Container Store. We have two boys, who both attended religious school and became Bar Mitzvah at Kol Ami. Nate is now an Engineering major as a freshman at ASU (just to spite his U of A parents!) and Alex attends Sonoran Trails Middle School.

Tell us about managing two different businesses.

In 2008, I left the Suns to start Group Tickets America (GTA), selling group tickets to events in Phoenix, Tucson and Las Vegas, but slowly expanding into new markets. Our biggest event clients include Disney on Ice, Cirque du Soleil (AMALUNA coming to Phoenix this March!), and other events that come to Gila River Arena in Glendale, Tucson Arena and Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas.

While still running GTA, I recently took on a new venture, helping San Diego based Finding Home for Older Adults expand into Arizona. We are a placement agency for senior living communities and we provide a free service to our clients. We understand it can be a difficult and even overwhelming decision to move yourself or your parents into a retirement community. Our role is to narrow down the options and refer you to the most optimal locations. Anyone interested in learning more may contact me at: (602) 618-0241 or DBerman602@gmail.com



I'm With Purim!



Carly Kastner
Youth Engagement Director

On the evening of Wednesday, March 20th, we'll celebrate Purim as a congregation with TKA's Annual Purim Spiel. Purim is always a celebratory occasion in which we dress in costume, sing, and re-tell the story of Esther - one of Judaism's most significant female figures. So many of our other holidays revolve around the accomplishments of men and acts of heroism as he "wrestles with God," or he "builds an arc," or he "parts the red sea." It is the holiday of Purim, however, where we are able to celebrate the accomplishments and bravery of women like Esther and Vashti and utilize this time to reflect on the influential women in our own lives. For me, it is my Grandmother: A World War II Veteran, a highly educated woman with not one, but TWO Master's Degrees (which is especially impressive for her generation), and a skilled civil rights activist.

With this in mind, I asked our students to reflect on female figures in their current lives who act as role models to them. Here is what they said...

"I look up to Bonnie Cohen [one of our amazing Kol Ami ECC teachers] because she is my teacher and we're really good friends!"

- Samantha Arko, Kindergarten

"My mom is someone I look up to. She inspires me with her life choices and helps me decide my path. She is always there for me."

- Kate Horvath, 7th Grade

"I look up to Simone Biles because she is a powerful and talented woman who made it to the Olympics and did really well."

- Lael Hoover, 5th Grade

"I look up to every woman I know because they are all powerful and amazing in their own way."

- Shannon Blaire, 12th Grade

MARCH YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

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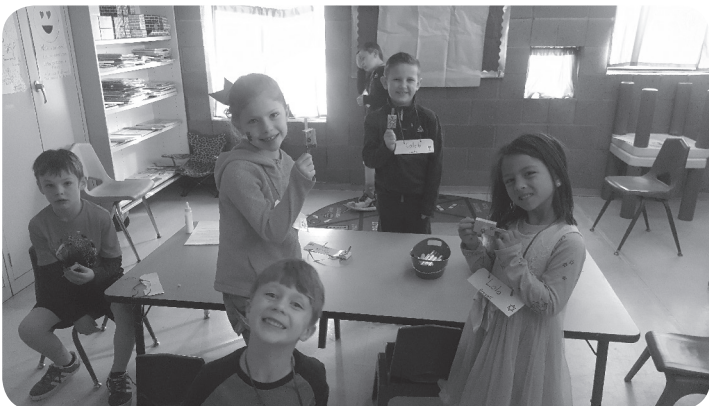
MAR. 2 10:30am Ethan Kelly becomes a Bar Mitzvah	MAR. 9 10:30am Avery Shafron becomes a Bat Mitzvah	MAR. 21 PURIM
MAR. 2 5pm-7:30pm @ TKA NFTY Phoenix Paint Night	MAR. 10 9am-12pm K-8 Religious School	MAR. 24 9am-12pm K-8 Religious School
MAR. 3 9am-12pm Pre-K and K-8 Religious School	MAR. 10 12pm-2pm KAJY 34 and KAJY 56 Purim Event	MAR. 24 March 24-26 KATY AIPAC Trip to Washington D.C.
MAR. 3 9:15am Parshat Yoga with Rebecca Lammersen	MAR. 15 March 15 - 17 TKA FAMILY RETREAT	MAR. 30 10:30am Hunter Perlmutter becomes a Bar Mitzvah
MAR. 6 3pm KATY Officer Board Meeting	MAR. 17 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	MAR. 31 9am-12pm K-8 Religious School
MAR. 8 KATY Shabbat Takeover	MAR. 20 5:30pm Café Kol Ami Dinner (RSVP Required for Dinner) 6:30pm Purim Spiel	



KATY Winter Kallah 2019



LEFT TO RIGHT: KATY Co-President Sarah Hughner carries the Torah; Jacob and Hannah Levy prepare to ice skate; Shannon Blaire and the NFTY SW Coyote; Riley Rendelman, Ava Bertucci, and Jenna Bier ice skating.



1st Grade makes Mezuzahs



Contributions from January 9 - February 6
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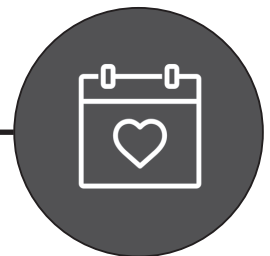
BIRTHDAYS



March 2019

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| 1 Helen Greenberg
Lindsay Hampshire
Gayle Smilack
Joshua Acton | 8 Martin Brown
Gary Elbogen
Pam Koester
Avery Shafron | 16 Andrew Edelstein
17 Jeremy Anshell
Michael Gibbons
Michelle Perlmutter
Sarah Schneider | 24 Elizabeth Shapiro
25 Natalee Josephs
Noah Bence
Sarah Hughner
26 Veronica Lamberg
Sherry Lapham
Ruth Ann Seitz
David Shafron
Sarae Steremberg
Jodi Woodnick
Hannah Belfore |
| 2 Paul Furman
Jacob Goldberg
Marcy Kaplan
George Obst
Sharon Wolf-Furman | 10 Irwin Grossman
Elijah Graves | 18 Robert Karp
Hanna Perlmutter | 28 Beth Feldman
Alexander Brown
Isaac Jobin |
| 3 William Sinclair
Emerson Anderson
Eliana Thomas | 11 Jeffrey Kaufman
Eric Krich
Richard Lurie | 19 Susi Fingerhut
Chase Hoover
Baylie Ofman | 29 Alan Chait |
| 4 Edward Bandyk
Josh Schreier
Jonah Vakneen | 12 Stephanie Heymann
Mark Sklar | 20 Gerald Olgin
Olivia Hurwitz
Lucy Rosenbloom | 30 Samuel McIntosh |
| 5 Leslie Kramer
Phil Simon
Harvey Steinacher
Kaitlin Abrams | 13 Alison Edelstein
Susan Hall
Zachary Cohon
Hunter Perlmutter | 21 Bryan Bertucci
Victoria Palance | 31 Esther Orlick
Suzi Wall
Kelly Weiss
Evan Breier
Zachary Sosnow |
| 6 Richard Krakora
Matthew Morales
Jordyn Izenstark | 14 Wendy Weber
Lauren DeMar
Jacob Groman | 22 Rebekah Horesh
Stacy Kaplan
Birgit Lurie
Joseph Sosnow | |
| 7 Sarah Anderson
Joseph Mangone | 15 Mitchell Koblenz | 23 Myra Chait | |

ANNIVERSARIES



March 2019

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|---|--|--|--|
| 1 Terry and Renee Hughner
Leonard and Barbara Krich
- 50 Years! | 10 Brian and Jaime Peters
11 Randall and Lisa Roddy
14 Benjamin and Jessica Cresswell
Ben and Fernanda Metelits
- 5 Years!
Adam and Jaime Ogus
- 10 Years! | 20 Scott Acton and Claudia Weiss
Jordan and Andrea Fillers
21 Howard and Heather Weisman
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23 Daniel and Lisa Berman
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30 Scott and Michelle Kass
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| 2 Joshua and Danielle Cohen | 16 Kenneth and Joanne Reiss | | |
| 6 Lyle and Jennifer Brauner
Lawrence and Adolyn Kahn
David and Debbie Shafron
- 15 Years! | 17 Michael and Lauren Reynolds | | |
| 9 Gerald and Marilyn Olgin | | | |



Adar I - Adar II 5779 March 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Artwork by Sarah Schneider 2's Class 			1 ECC Preschool <i>Shabbat</i> 9:30AM <i>Shabbat Services</i> 7:00PM	2 Ethan Kelly Bar Mitzvah 10:30AM
3 Religious School 9:00AM Boomers MIM Tour 10:30AM <i>see page 5</i>	4	5	6 Schmooze with the Rabbi 12:00PM VBM Event A Father's Story 7:00PM <i>see page 12</i> Business Connect 7:00PM	7	8 ECC Preschool <i>Shabbat</i> 9:30AM <i>Shabbat</i> 7:00PM	9 Avery Shafro Bat Mitzvah 10:30AM
10 Religious School 9:00AM	 	13 Schmooze with the Rabbi 12:00PM Ronald McDonald House Social Action <i>see page 2</i> VBM Event Prof. Steven Windmueller 7:00PM <i>see page 12</i>	14	15 TKA FAMILY RETREAT WEEKEND ECC Preschool <i>Shabbat</i> 9:30AM <i>Shabbat Services</i> with Rabbi Herring and Cantor Raina 7:00PM	16 TKA FAMILY RETREAT WEEKEND	
17 NO Religious School TKA FAMILY RETREAT WEEKEND	18 ECC Spring Camp	19 ECC Spring Camp Book Club 7:00PM	20 ECC Spring Camp Schmooze with the Rabbi 12:00PM Cafe Kol Ami 5:30PM PURIM SHPIEL 6:30PM	21 ECC Spring Camp Under the Red Tent Cooking Class <i>see page 5</i>	22 ECC Spring Camp ECC Preschool <i>Shabbat</i> 9:30AM <i>Shabbat</i> 7:00PM	
24 Religious School 9:00AM JCC Purim Festival		26 Andre House Social Action <i>see page 2</i>	27 Schmooze with the Rabbi 12:00PM VBM Event Panel on The Art of Charity 7:00PM <i>see page 12</i>	28 Nosh & Know 6:00PM	29 Mommy & Me 10:00AM BBQ Menses Social Action <i>see page 2</i> <i>Shabbat</i> 7:00PM	30 Hunter Perlmutter Bar Mitzvah 10:30AM
31 Religious School 9:00AM						



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THRILLAH MEGILLAH

A Michael Jackson Purim Shpiel

6:30 PM **MARCH 20**

Join us at 5:30 PM for Café Kol Ami (see page 10), our monthly, intergenerational Shabbat dinner, and stay for the shpiel!