



The Voice

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Shalom!

By Rabbi Simon Stratford



What do most second graders hope to be when they grow up? Whatever the answer invariably may be, “a rabbi” is

not a likely response. Nevertheless, that is precisely what I wrote in my second-grade autobiography. From an early age, I knew Judaism was an integral part of who I was and spending time with my family immersed in the local Jewish community was where I felt most at home. Having followed my ambitions through twenty-one years of schooling, presently six months into my rabbinate and settled into my new home here in Frederick, I am grateful for the opportunity to reflect on my experience as rabbi of Congregation Kol Ami thus far, as we begin together the year, 2018.

The New Year offers each of us the opportunity to be mindful of our lives in this present moment. Each January we reflect on the past year, its trials, tribulations, but most

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Our Mission

To be an inclusive Reform Jewish congregation that is family focused, community oriented, emphasizes spiritual and cultural identity, and is dedicated to the Jewish education of all generations.

From the President

By Joanna Sieger



As I write this, I am reflecting on our New Members Shabbat. We had 9 families join our congregation this year. If you attended this Shabbat service, you

may have been in awe of how many new members we welcomed. It was a wonderful service. Instead of a sermon, Rabbi Stratford called all new members (3 years old to seniors) up to the *bimah* together. He invited them to stand as a group under a *tallit* and offered a blessing. He told us of the old proverb – and I paraphrase – “before you pick your house, check out your neighbors.” And told them they had chosen their neighbors well. By doing so, he encompassed all of us, each congregant at Kol Ami, in the process of new membership and community. Rabbi Stratford also asked those of us in attendance if we had anything to add; a wish, a hope, a blessing for the new members. One member said that she hopes the new members become active members in our community. We do get more out of our community when we get involved. We meet people, we make lasting friendships, and we learn we have a common bond.

When I think of our year gone by, I am reminded of everything we’ve accomplished. Abruptly left without a Rabbi, the board quickly hired an interim Rabbi. We worked tirelessly to make sure our congregation kept moving forward and didn’t miss a step. We instituted Girls Nights Out – just a fun evening with the gals! We ran a food drive not once, but twice – during high holidays and in November. Our community is mighty. And above all, we hired a new Rabbi to help lead our congregation and continue our goals and

values. We’ve proved we are capable of banning together and marching forward with a common purpose, Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick. And it’s time to share that with our community at large. Our attendance, our voice, our spirit.

My wish, hope, blessing for all of us is that we become active members in the greater Frederick community. If we don’t speak up, if we don’t act – we will be looked over, unnoticed. For example, the BOE decision to be open on Yom Kippur. I know many of us were outraged at the proposal that schools be open on Yom Kippur. I know many of us wrote letters. I do wonder, what we could have collectively done to have prevented the suggestion of school being open on Yom Kippur in the first place. It seems preposterous to us, but we live it. Is it an education issue? A lack of understanding? Or do we need to be more public? Ultimately, after hearing public comment the board decided to have fair day coincide with Yom Kippur. But, what happens on a year that the Yom Kippur doesn’t fall in the same week?

Our very own Rabbi Stratford has been in attendance around the county to speak out on various issues. He attended the meeting of the BOE and spoke about the importance of schools being closed on Yom Kippur. He attended the vigil against gun violence on December 14th at the ERUCC, the anniversary of the Sandy Hook shooting. And regarding President Donald Trump’s decision to recognize Jerusalem as the Israeli capital, he shared concerns of other leaders of Reform Jewish congregations nationwide. “It puts a damper on any negotiations that could have been done,” Stratford said, noting that the President’s decision eliminates control of the city as a “bargaining chip” in such negotiations. Our

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Rabbi is definitely on the front lines of the issues that affect us.

Our social action chair, Ali Lazorchak, wants to hear your ideas. We've proven that, with very little notice, we can collect items for the homeless shelter. After the holidays we will be collecting for Comfort Care Bags. The bags will be given to people who have family unexpectedly admitted to Frederick Memorial Hospital overnight. How wonderful not to have to worry about a toothbrush, or leaving your loved one to get a snack! Having encountered this many years ago when my son was admitted in the middle of the night, I know these bags will add much relief to family members.

What else can we do? What events are you involved in that Kol Ami can be a part of? How great would it be for 50 of us to do a 5K for a special cause together? Or volunteer at the Frederick Running Festival? Or a group of 10 serving a meal at the Frederick homeless shelter? Or cleaning up a park? There are so many ways this congregation can get involved, help our community, and be present.

As we move into 2018, I will be working with Rabbi Stratford and the Board of Trustees to take a look at our goals, our committees and who we are and what we can do. We are a dynamic group of individuals who as a whole can do amazing things! In the new year, I hope that you will not only share your ideas with me, and participate actively in Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick, but you will also join me in being more active in the greater Frederick community as well.



Religious School Update



From your Religious School Director

Sabrina Nail

"A man who gives little, gives more with a smile than with a frown." — Jewish Proverb

At school during the winter months, we have been working hard to improve our knowledge of Hebrew, celebrating holidays together, and learning about our Jewish heritage. Our teachers have been utilizing crafts and games to make learning fun!

In secular schools, most of our children are the only Jewish student in their class. They are asked many questions of their beliefs and about celebrating Hanukkah. Kol Ami religious school gives our children a place to feel that they are not alone. That we have a common heritage and can celebrate as one. We teach our students that a similar pillar among religions is practicing acts of loving kindness. Even our youngest student can give and show kindness — a hug or kind words. Even if we celebrate differently, we are not so different than our neighbor. We all are the same with smiles to give.

From Kol Ami to your home, Happy Hanukkah and may we all have a Happy, Healthy, and Giving New Year!



From Rabbi Simon Stratford

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importantly its blessings. Having just crossed the threshold from one year to the next, we take stock of where we stand both physically and emotionally. At the start of this New Year, let us consider the places in our lives where we can enact change to bring forth the betterment of ourselves, our families, and members of our community.

In the past sixth months, I have learned that training to become a rabbi and being a rabbi of a congregation are two very different things. In getting to know the individuals and families that make up our sacred community, I am thankful for the meaningful relationships I have begun to create. Moreover, the first six months on the job has afforded me the opportunity to learn how best

to work in tandem with those members who serve as the lay leadership of our congregation. Above all, after a half-year as a rabbi under my belt, I am excited for us to work together continuing to build upon our successes and strengthening our community to ensure our continuity well into the future.

The year 2018 will be Congregation Kol Ami's fifteenth year in existence. It took a tremendous amount of time and effort from so many of you for Kol Ami to get to where it is at this time. To all of you, thank you! Though it may not have seemed like it at the time, your hard work made it possible for our community to establish itself as the center for Reform Jewish life in Frederick County. In the year ahead, I intend to

foster a renewed sense of community amongst us that will propel us into the future. I plan to work with the current and incoming lay leadership of our community to reestablish sorely missed committees and task forces. Whether forming a communication & public relations committee to help inform the greater community of our presence in Frederick and attract new members, to solidifying our efforts to be there for one another in times of need by encouraging a robust Caring Community effort, if we can commit to moving forward together with a shared mission and vision in mind, then the possibilities of how much our community can grow are endless.

Happy New Year!

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Join our New Member Mentor Program

Be part of our New Member Mentor Program. The program will welcome new members to our congregation, and help them meet people and get involved.

We want to match new members with volunteer mentors. The matches would be made based on age, geography and/or interests.

Mentors are expected to contact the new members throughout their first year, to invite them to join them in our various activities, including services, girls/guys night outs, and social events.

Mentors are encouraged to meet with the new member over a cup of coffee or glass of wine, to make them feel welcome and to answer any questions they may have about Kol Ami, and find out what they would like to see happening at Kol Ami.

If you are interested in participating in this, and look forward to making new friends, please contact Anne Cohen at membership@kolamifrederick.org to get your name on our mentor list.

Help Wanted

- Religious School teacher
- Religious School Director trainee
- Tot Shabbat set-up volunteer
- Shabbat Service Coordinator

Please contact Joanna at president@kolamifrederick.org for information about the above needs.

Upcoming Events

Reformation & Refreshments!

Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm

Join us for a Young Professional's Interfaith Dinner and Discussion. There will be fine food and good company at Vini Culture Wine Bar & Cafe. We will be joining fellow young professionals from Calvary United Methodist Church of Frederick to mix, mingle, and there will be an exploration of the shared values among our two faith traditions. Led by Rabbi Simon Stratford and Rev. Shannon Sullivan. Please let Rabbi Stratford know if you are interested in attending.

9th Annual Franklinton, NC Service Learning Trip

January 13–15, 2018

Join us along with our peers from the ERUCC for our annual service learning trip to Franklinton, North Carolina. An informational session will be held on **Sunday, January 7th** at 1:00 pm. For more information, email President Joanna Sieger at president@kolamifrederick.org for an application and forms.

Save the Date — Empty Nesters Post-Super Bowl Game Night

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Super Bowl fundraising squares will be sold before the game with IMMEDIATE winners announced! Stay tuned for details.

SAVE THE DATE! MORE TRIVIA!

Save the date! Based on the success of our first Trivia Night, we will be holding a second one on Saturday, March 24 from 7 pm until 9 pm at the Village of Urbana Clubhouse. Details to follow, but start to brush up on your trivia!!

Join us for services at the UU!

January 5 and 19
February 2 and 23

Join us for Torah Study

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(Jan. 8 and Feb. 5 are at Buckingham's Choice)

January 8, 15, 22 and 29
February 5, 12, 19 and 26

Kol Ami Brotherhood

Attention, Men of Kol Ami!

Interested in some time out with the guys? Hoping to avoid yet another meeting? The Kol Ami Brotherhood gathers on the first Tuesday of each month for dinner.

If you are not on the mailing list or if you have any ideas for additional programming, please contact Jeff Feiertag at brotherhood@kolamifrederick.org.

The January Brotherhood dinner will be on

Tuesday, January 2 at 6:30 p.m.

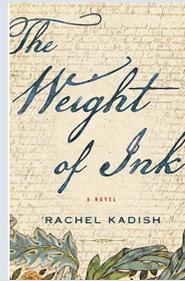
Location TBD

Interested and able to join us? Sign up using the link below:

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Kol Ami Book Club



Wed. Jan. 10 at 12:30 pm
Macaroni Grill at Westview

The Weight of Ink
by Rachel Kadish

To register and for a synopsis please go to:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45a9a92d6-kolami1>

Women's Coffee

Wednesday, Jan. 3 and Feb. 7, 2018

10:00 am at Panera on Route 26

Women of Kol Ami meet on the first Wednesday of every month, unless otherwise noted. Come meet your friends and let us know what is happening in your life. Check this link for the latest coffee date: [signupgenius.com/go/4090a45a9a92d6-womens](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45a9a92d6-womens)

Installation of Rabbi Stratford

By Diane Rifkin

On November 17th, over 100 congregants and guests gathered for Shabbat worship and the installation service of Rabbi Simon Stratford at Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick. Surrounded by his family and mentor, congregational board members, past presidents, and guest rabbis, an immense amount of joy filled the sanctuary.

With tremendous pride, Rabbi Stratford's mother and sisters led the congregation in the candle lighting. Rabbi Stratford confidently and enthusiastically led a heartwarming and moving service with Dr. Eric Dubbin and congregants singing joyously.

Rabbi Stratford was installed by his mentor, Rabbi Julie S. Schwartz, MHAL, D.D., Board Certified Jewish Chaplain, Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor, and Director of the Stein Family Human Relations Program at HUC-JIR in Cincinnati. Entering the Hebrew month of Kislev, Rabbi Schwartz's enlightening sermon connected the root of the Hebrew word Chanukah, chet, nun, chaf to the celebration of installing our new spiritual leader. Rabbi Schwartz said that the primary meaning for the root of the word Chanukah is education. She explained that Rabbi Stratford's passion for Judaism was strongly influenced by his family, their involvement in congregational life in Chicago, as well as his many summers at the Reform movement's summer camp, OSRUI. Rabbi Schwartz went on to describe how Rabbi Stratford was highly motivated in rabbinical school, guiding his own educational path. Rabbi Schwartz said, "he enrolled in classes no one had ever combined with their rabbinic studies," focusing on environmentalism, ecology, Jewish ethics, and pastoral care. Rabbi Schwartz emphasized the importance of the shared responsibility of incorporating learning into all congregational activities. While Rabbi Stratford's responsibility is to encourage Jewish learning in every aspect of this community, it is also our responsibility to engage in lifelong learning experiences.

Rabbi Schwartz shared that the second meaning for the root of the word Chanukah is dedication and how important this word is for both Rabbi Stratford and our community. We learned that, during his training, Rabbi Stratford enrolled in classes that demanded more of him than was required. For example, rabbinic students are required to complete one unit (400 hours) of clinical pastoral education. Rabbi Stratford felt compelled to enroll in a second unit of pastoral education in his final year of rabbinical school. Rabbi Schwartz informed us that Rabbi Stratford clearly understood the need to be prepared for the responsibility of serving our congregation and providing pastoral care to our community. According to Rabbi Schwartz, as a congregation, we have a matching responsibility to dedicate ourselves to understanding our mission, goals, and identity as a *kehilah kedoshah* (holy community) and assess that our priorities are in the right order. In building a sacred partnership with our new rabbi, it is important that there is equal dedication to our goals and mission from both our rabbi and the congregation.

Finally, Rabbi Schwartz instructed us that *chet, nun, chaf* can also be understood as the verb to polish. She explained that polishing means taking something that is already beautiful and enhancing its beauty by making it shine more so it becomes finished, refined, and elegant. This too is a shared responsibility between both the rabbi and the congregation.

Rabbi Stratford must exert energy and elbow grease to ensure that our congregation becomes stronger. Whatever challenges our congregation faces, Rabbi Schwartz encouraged us extend support to Rabbi Stratford as he develops additional skills as our rabbinic leader. We all must work together towards building a successful relationship between rabbi and congregation.

Two special guests attending the installation included Rabbi Scott Sperling and Rabbi Elissa Sachs-Kohen. Rabbi Sperling has been a rabbi for more than forty years and recently served as Kol Ami's interim rabbi before the hiring of Rabbi Stratford. Rabbi Elissa Sachs-Kohen has served as a rabbi at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation since 2004. Congregational president, Joanna Sieger shared that it was especially nice to have several rabbis present at the service. Following the sermon, Rabbi Schwartz called up the board of Kol Ami, past presidents, and our guest rabbis to offer a blessing for our new rabbi. The board members surrounded Rabbi Stratford and congregants were encouraged to hold hands. This was an especially meaningful part of the service and new members Cliff and Faith Miller remarked, "The actual installation with the board surrounding him and all of the congregation touching helped us feel a part of the event."

Another special guest in attendance was mayor-elect Michael O'Connor. Mayor-elect O'Connor presented Rabbi Stratford with a Certificate of Recognition and welcomed him to the City of Frederick. Wishing him "mazel tov," mayor-elect O'Connor said that he looks forward to a positive association with our congregation under the leadership of Rabbi Stratford. Congregant Susan Davis said, "I was really touched that the mayor-elect showed up and gave the rabbi such a warm welcome on behalf of the city of Frederick." Susan also remarked that Rabbi Stratford is socially active and "it is nice that the future mayor recognizes him as a person with valuable contributions to the city's and county's well being."

At the conclusion of the service, Immediate Past President Jordan Schneider presented Rabbi Stratford with a flag of the United States of America. The flag had been flown over the United States Capitol on October 9, 2017 and was presented in commemoration of the occasion at the request of U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin.

The beautiful Oneg was sponsored by Anne and Michael Cohen and the family of Rabbi Simon Stratford, and their efforts were greatly appreciated. Everyone enjoyed delicious treats and socializing with congregants, guests, and the families of Rabbi Stratford and Nicki.

Certainly this installation Shabbat was one of the most meaningful services we have had at CKAF. New members Andy and Lauren Siegmund were especially moved by the service. Andy remarked that Rabbi Stratford "is an impressive young man who is kind, endearing, humble, and an excellent leader." Lauren remarked that Rabbi Stratford "is simultaneously serious and funny, bringing joy and laughter to our congregation, and hearing even more about him made me realize even more about who he is. As a rabbinical student, he went above and beyond what was required of him in service to his education, his community, and Judaism. We are so lucky to have him!" Through education, dedication, and shared growth we look forward to a wonderful partnership with Rabbi Stratford.

Torah...“It is a tree of life to all who grasp it, and whoever holds on to it is happy; its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace. (Proverbs 3:17-18)

The Parashyot for January and February are as follows:

Jan. 6 – *Sh’mot/Names, Exodus 1:1-6:1* These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob – *Exodus 1:1-4*

Jan. 13 – *Va-eira/I (God) Appeared, Exodus 6:2-9:35* God spoke to Moses and said to him, “I am the Eternal” – *Exodus 6:2*

Jan. 20 – *Bo/Go, Exodus 10:1-13:16* Then the Eternal One said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh” – *Exodus 10:1*

Jan. 27 – *B’shalach/Now When Pharaoh Let the People Go, Exodus 13:17-17:16* Now when Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines – *Exodus 13:17*

Feb. 3 – *Yitro/Jethro, Exodus 18:1-20:23* Jethro, priest of Midian, Moses’ father-in-law, heard all the God had done for Moses and for Israel – *Exodus 18:1*

Feb. 10 – *Mishpatim/Rules, Exodus 21:1-24:18* These are the rules that you shall set before them – *Exodus 21:1*

Feb. 17 – *T’rumah/Gifts, Exodus 25:1-27:19* The Eternal One spoke to Moses, saying: “Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts” – *Exodus 25:12*

Feb. 24 – *T’tzaveh/You Shall Further Instruct, Exodus 27:20-30:10* You shall further instruct the Israelites to bring you clear oil – *Exodus 27:20*

Why Moses? *By Kerry Reynolds*

For the past three months, Jews have begun the annual Torah cycle by reading Genesis stories of patriarchs/matriarchs. This all changes on January 6 when we enter the Book of Exodus. Moses quickly emerges from these pages as foremost in the Jewish pantheon of heroes, and we’ll spend the next nine months studying once again the escape from Egypt and 40 years in the wilderness. Torah is a teaching document, and – whether real or metaphorical – the Moses story forms the underpinning of our faith. It begs the question: “Who was this guy, and why did God choose him to be our role model?”

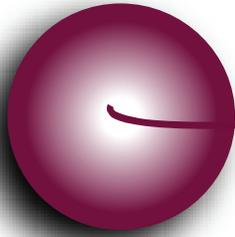
DeMille’s 1956 movie epic runs over 3 ½ hours, yet spends little time on Moses’ youth before Charlton Heston emerges as the hero. Torah expends even less effort. It takes but 11 verses in the second chapter of Exodus from the moment a baby Levite is fished from his ark of bulrushes in the Nile by Pharaoh’s daughter until he’s in exile at a Midianite well, somewhere in eastern Sinai. Ah, but what happens in those few verses? While Moses may be trained as a court prince, he does not reject his Hebrew heritage. Better yet, he risks all to defend a fellow Jew from physical oppression (Exod.2:12). In those 11 verses, Moses demonstrates leadership training, strength, compassion and courage – all the more impressive for one who apparently stutters (Exod.4:10).

At this point in his life, Moses has shown himself to be a good man, whose ethics have been conditioned largely by culture. God now enters the picture in Exod.3:3 when Moses “turned aside” from tending Jethro’s sheep at Horeb to examine a burning bush. Once Moses is at the bush (Exod.3:4), God calls out, “Moses, Moses” (a sign of affection) and Moses responds, “Here am I” (*Hineni*). God describes the plight of Moses’ fellow tribesmen in Egypt and commissions him as agent for their rescue. Was this not an unlikely choice for God to make? Particularly since Moses begins Exod.4 with a big, “Why me?” There were, after all, tribal leaders already in Egypt who were sound of speech and, hence, better able to articulate the call to resist (Aaron being one).

Two reasons for Moses’ selection come immediately to mind. First, he is receptive to hearing God’s message. God calls; Moses responds. And while Moses understands the enormity of God’s request (and tries to fob the task off onto someone/anyone else in Exod.4:14), once he has engaged with God he cannot turn away – despite the nightly heartburn. Second, one has to assess the likely situation in Egypt. Since there were princes and tribal structures already in place when the Hebrews left Egypt, they had to have existed during their time in Goshen. Doubtless, those leaders were not making bricks in the mud pits or pulling manual labor. More likely, they were Pharaoh’s unwilling agents for providing all the work details. They may not have been proud of their status, but they also knew a failed revolt would’ve landed them on the chain gangs (at best). Perhaps liberation had to come from one unfettered.

Responding to God’s commission certainly did not make Moses’ remaining lifetime an easy one. He was constantly beset by challenges and ingrates (Exodus, Numbers, Leviticus), and his immediate family may have left him (or been sent away). At the end, he was allowed to see The Promised Land but not to enter it (Deut.34). In theory, he could’ve said “No” in Exod.3 and lived out his life among Midianite oases. All he had to do was turn his back on God’s Word ... forever. Think he could’ve lived with that? Nah. He was compelled to return to Egypt.

Reform Jews are comfortable with the concept of Torah as metaphor. Throughout the year – and particularly as we read Exodus and then celebrate Pesach – we thank Adonai for delivering our ancestors from Egypt (*Mitzrayim*). If the Moses story rings true, maybe it would have been enough. But if it didn’t happen that way, the Book still has equal value. Slavery takes many forms, and most of us are not strangers to its long reach. To me, the message of Pesach is evergreen. It’s more than frogs and flies, Moses and Pharaoh and lambs’ blood. *Mitzrayim* still exists for many, but we all are free to breathe the words of Torah and begin to walk our own personal exodus.



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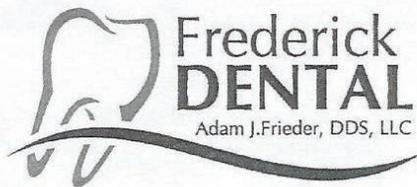
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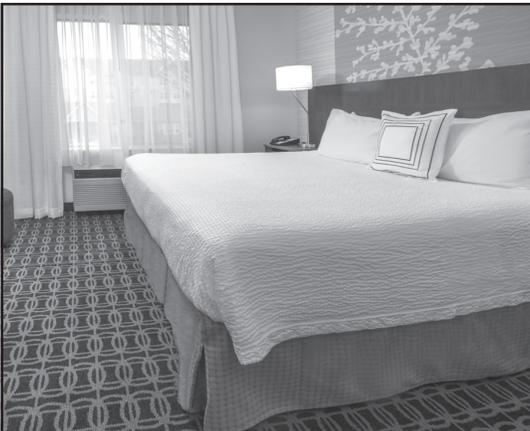
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New member Shabbat

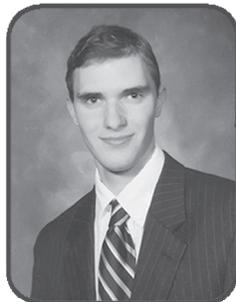


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Lee and Seymour Stern, in memory of Celeste Fribush
Celia and Nelson Zahler, in memory of Celeste Fribush
Sylvia Tulkoff, in memory of Celeste Fribush
Joe and Karen Ashwal, in memory of Celeste Fribush
Andrea and Robert Goldstein, in memory of Celeste Fribush
Barbara Davis and Jack Ostrov, in memory of Celeste Fribush
Jerome and Cecilia Biller, in memory of Celeste Fribush
Susan Thaler, in memory of Celeste Fribush
Marilyn and Bernard Fallow, in memory of Celeste Fribush
Barbara and Richard Holme, in memory of Celeste Fribush
Susan and Richard Hommel, in memory of Celeste Fribush
Henry and Gabrielle Gerson, in memory of Celeste Fribush
Anne and Michael Cohen, in memory of Irene Schmidt
Frank and Ralene Damanti, in memory of Irene Schmidt
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Richard and Frannie Kessler, in memory of Irene Schmidt
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Liliane Loube, in recognition of my High Holiday aliyah
Mary Cat and Jeff Lasko
Frank and Ralene Damanti
Jaques and Cathy Reifman, in recognition of High Holiday aliyahs

Leadership Training Fund

Jordan Schneider, in memory of Irene Schmidt

Membership Relief

Jeff Feiertag, in memory of Helen Danchik
Jeff Feiertag, in honor of Hayden Lazorchak's Bar Mitzvah
Mark and Barri Hoffrichter, in honor of Simon Stratford
Howard and Harriet Buxbaum, in memory of Celeste Fribush

Music Fund

Cliff and Faith Miller

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Jordan Schneider, in honor of Hayden Lazorchak's Bar Mitzvah
Anne and Michael Cohen, in honor of Simon Stratford
Edward and Cristina Prensky, in honor of Simon Stratford
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Frank and Ralene Damanti, in memory of Celeste Fribush
Jordan Schneider, in memory of Chuck Lundy Sr.
Jordan Schneider, in memory of Irene Schmidt
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Yahrzeit Donations

Allan and Judi Feldman, in memory of Josephine Diamondstone Pesselman
Stephanie Brown, in memory of Lorraine Goldberg Cohen
Mark Farbman, in memory of Hilda Farbman
Julie Saxon, in memory of Irene Harris
Scott and Amy Gordon, in memory of Anna Margaret Gordon, Scott's grandmother, Larry Entis, Amy's father, Sidney Entis, Amy's grandmother, and Edith Protigal, Amy's Aunt
Edward and Cristina Prensky, in memory of Clara Blatt, Edward Gochman and Lons Prensky

Additional Donations

Lisa Stern, for donating three Gates of Repentance High Holiday *Machzorim*
Dan and Elizabeth Bilow, for donating hotel points to help with the Rabbi's installation

Member Finances

As a volunteer-run organization, Kol Ami relies heavily on its members to do everything from setting up onegs on Shabbat to coordinating social programming. While everything we ask of members is important, honoring your financial commitments to the congregation is consistently among the most important things we ask of our congregants. Without your support, there could be no Kol Ami.

Remember that financial assistance agreements are only by fiscal year (July through June). While we know that some

people will need help from year to year, we ask that you resubmit a new application each year, and we do not make any assumptions about who will request help. No one will receive financial assistance without having submitted an application.

Please direct any questions or concerns about your specific account and past charges to Ken Switzer (bookkeeper@kolamifrederick.org) and any financial assistance questions to the FA committee (financialsecretary@kolamifrederick.org).



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January/February 2018 Upcoming Events

January

Mon, Jan. 1		New Year's Day
Tues, Jan 2	6:30 pm	Brotherhood dinner
Wed, Jan. 3	10:00 am	Women's Coffee
Fri, Jan. 5	6:30 pm	Tot Shabbat Service
	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Sun, Jan. 7	9:30 am	Religious School
Mon, Jan. 8	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Wed, Jan. 10	12:30 pm	Book Club
Sat, Jan. 13– Mon, Jan 15		Franklinton Center Work Trip
Sun, Jan. 14		NO Religious School
Mon, Jan. 15	12:30 pm	Torah Study - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tues, Jan 16	7:00 pm	Young Professionals Dinner
Fri, Jan. 19	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service (4th Grade Service)
Sun, Jan. 21	9:30 am	Religious School
	10:00 am	Parents Meeting for B'nai Mitzvah Class 2019-2020
Mon, Jan. 22	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Sun, Jan. 28	9:30 am	Religious School
Mon, Jan. 29	12:30 pm	Torah Study

February

Fri, Feb. 2	6:30 pm	Tot Shabbat Service
	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Sun, Feb. 4	9:30 am	Religious School - 4th Grade workshop
Mon, Feb. 5	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Tues, Feb 6	6:30 pm	Brotherhood dinner
Wed, Feb. 7	10:00 am	Women's Coffee
Sat, Feb 10		Empty Nesters Game Night
Sun, Feb. 11	9:30 am	Religious School - 5th/6th Grade workshop
Mon, Feb. 12	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Sat, Feb. 17	5:00 pm	KATY Event: Skyzone Trampoline Park
Sunday, Feb. 18		NO Religious School
Mon, Feb. 19	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Fri, Feb. 23	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service (3rd Grade Service)
Sun, Feb. 25	9:30 am	Religious School - Purim
Mon, Feb. 26	12:30 pm	Torah Study