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Shanah Tovah!Rabbi Simon Stratford



s the month of Elul comes to a close, the Days of Awe are upon us. This is a time of self-reflection and self-judgment. The Talmud says an

individual should view him or herself hanging in a scale. On one side my merits, on the other my failings. After our best, honest appraisal of our deeds, we should admit our biases and default to a belief that I am perfectly balanced. Therefore, the next action we take will decide whether I am righteous or immoral. This forces us to think of each action as significant in our spiritual journey.

If every individual is in balance, the Talmud argues, then the world is in perfect balance too. If you see or hear of an act of hate, violence, suffering, exploitation then you know the world is out of balance – it has tipped toward evil. As Jews, we are obligated to redeem the world by performing an act of goodness to balance it out. Simply refraining from evil is not enough. We must be a force for positive change.

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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 Dan Sieger



ith the High Holidays fast approaching, we start to wind down on this Jewish year and enter the season to reflect on all the changes that have happened in our lives.

In the past year, the colors of the trees changed from green to red to brown, the leaves fell to the ground, and beautiful new green ones have come back to take their place. Another school year has come and gone. Some of us have children who started their school career or moved to a new school, while others are just now seeing their children go off to college to pursue a new and exciting life. Friends have moved away and new ones have filled the holes left behind. We could not imagine how we could get along without our old friends, but we do. Others have started a new job, while others have chosen to move into the life of retirement.

All of these things are happening every single day of every single year. Everyone is experiencing these changes in one way or another. Change is not easy and can create fear and uneasiness for some. There are times when things feel calm and settled... only to find out that change is happening. That is just another step in the road that we each are on. It may be hard at first, but like everything in our lives, we move on, keep going, and soon it is in our past.

Change is natural. Change is a part of life. Without change you would not be here today reading this message from me. You would not have moved to Frederick; your

parents would not have left the town they grew up in; your grandfather would not have taken that job where he met your grandmother; your ancestors would not have left their country to come to the New World, and the New World would have never been discovered. As you can see, change is good.

Sometimes change comes at a price. You take a step forward only to find that you have taken two steps back. Some might feel the price is too high to pay, but let me be the first to tell you, 'you have it in you to pay that price.' You have friends to lean on and help you bear the burden. What you must do is just keep doing; you will find that after a while, you are further than you thought you could be. You have made new friends and decisions that make a real difference in your life. You look around and see that something small that you did without thought had a big impact on another person. Just imagine if you took a moment and thought about something that you could do to make a positive change.

There is so much change that is needed in the world today. An extra can of food purchased at your weekly shopping trip and given to a food bank or a local food drive changes lives. Extra school supplies donated to your local school (even if you do not have children in that school) can change a child's life. You may not witness the benefits some of these changes make, but you will know that you made a change for the better for someone.

In the New Year, please take a moment to change: change yourself for the better, change a friend's life for the better, and

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Religious School Update



Join us every
Sunday to be part
of your children's
religious education!

By Joanna Sieger, Religious School Director

s we gear up for the High Holidays, the beginning of school is not far behind. Religious School begins on September 16, 2018. Congregation Kol Ami is starting the 2018-19 school year with a slightly different format, which will tie into our new curriculum goals, and help to reinforce our Jewish studies program. All classes will begin at 9:30 a.m. Rabbi Stratford will lead an assembly in the cafeteria. We encourage and hope parents will stay and check it out! In years past, at our previous location, parents would remain at religious school and hangout, chit-chat, and spend time mingling. Since we moved to the St. John's building – which is close to shopping, restaurants, and places to go, we have found that parents do not mingle on Sunday mornings. We want to see you! We want you to hang out! And we want you to get to know one another.

If you have an idea how we can help with that effort, please let us know (education@kolamifrederick.org). On October 7, I'll be hosting "Coffee with the Religious School Director", and I hope that you will join me so we can better get to know one another and help to promote this warm environment many of us seek.

Our teaching staff has been preparing for the year. We come from varied backgrounds, and all of us are dedicated to the children enrolled in our program. Our goal is to create a positive, warm, and memorable Hebrew school experience for our students and families at Kol Ami. We are welcoming feedback from you, our valued families. Our goal is to make this Religious school experience so positive that the students will want to continue long after their B'nai Mitzvah.

How can you help? Please support our teachers and our school. If you have time to spare on a Sunday, please let me know. If you hear of a comment or concern about our school, please let us know. If you have a suggestion, we want to hear it. Our teachers receive minimal compensation for all that they do. This job is a labor of love. They are committed to doing good work for the children and families of Kol Ami. We appreciate your time and effort in bringing your children to learn at Kol Ami and look forward to a fun 2018-19 school year.

From Rabbi Simon Stratford

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Donate: You can donate to organizations like the Anti-Defamation League, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Southern Poverty Law Center, Simon Wiesenthal Center and more. Organizations that promote non-violent response to hate and educational programs to prevent hate make a big difference. Through activism and lobby they have already moved us forward.

Attend: Peaceful rallies, interfaith and interracial community events, educational seminars, cultural festivals – these are all ways of knitting together our American community and keep it from being torn apart.

Speak Out: Support is good, but being a vocal, personal proponent of a diverse country is one task that cannot be delegated. Let your friends, neighbors, coworkers and other know you believe no one in this world should be hated for the color of their skin, the nation they come from, or any superficial quality.

Condemn: Petitions and posts are a good start but be prepared to call hate 'hate', racism 'racism', fascism 'fascism'. We must protect free speech, but that includes our right to condemn that which is abhorrent to the very nature of God's world. Remember the truth of the first chapter of Torah—all of humanity was made in the image of God.

As individuals we ask ourselves how this coming year will be different from the past one. What resolutions shall we make in order to edge closer to becoming the people we aspire to be? Are there steps we must take with our friends and family toward healing, building and deepening the connections that shape our lives? Each of us is the author of our own narrative; the decisions we make will determine how the year ahead will differ from the one now ending.

Shanah Toyah U'mitukah – To a Sweet New Year!

From The President

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change the life of a stranger for the better. We at Kol Ami are working to make change happen too. We are working to better ourselves, better Frederick, and better the Jewish way of life for all. You can either make a change or allow change to make you. You are the one that has the control.

Please welcome new members!

Michelle Baird

David Bass and Tom Brancato

Marsha and Ken Meehan

Jennifer Cohn

High Holiday Services Update

Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick is proud to offer our 16th season of High Holiday religious programming. The services will be at the Universalist Unitarian Congregation of Frederick (4880 Elmer Derr Rd., Frederick).

Rosh Hashanah

September 9

7:30 pm Evening Service

September 10

10:00 am Morning Service

10:00 am Children's Service and Programming

(for ages 5 to 10)

Apples and honey will be available after the morning service. Tashlich ceremony to follow.

Yom Kippur

September 18

7:30 pm Kol Nidre

September 19

10:00 am Morning Service

10:00 am Children's Service and Programming

(for ages 5 to 10)

2:00 pm Afternoon Discussion Group led by Rabbi

Stratford and Eric Dubbin*

4:00 pm Yizkor

5:00 pm Ne'ilah Service 6:15 pm Break Fast

*Please note that the afternoon series of discussion groups is intended for adult participants.

Tickets

High Holiday information packets included tickets for members and were mailed in early August. Tickets are required for everyone over 13 years of age and to gain entry to each service. Non-members are welcome to participate with the Congregation by requesting and purchasing tickets online. Relatives of congregants, who are members of an out-of-town synagogue, can request complimentary tickets, using the online form. Congregation Kol Ami offers a discounted rate for tickets for out-of-town relatives who are not members of another synagogue.

Children

Services and programming are available for children 5 to 10 years old (generally K through 5th grade) and require pre-registration before September 1. Please register your child online so that our Congregation can ensure adequate supervision and materials.

Yizkor Book and Greetings

In memory of those no longer with us, a Yizkor book is read during the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur. The Yizkor book contains the names submitted by members on their membership applications or submitted prior to August 16, 2018. Please note that any names received after **August 16** will be read during the Yizkor service, but will not be printed in the Yizkor book. Additionally, the Yizkor book includes High Holiday Greetings from those families who contributed general High Holiday Greetings or honored the memory of a loved one.

Break Fast

We will be hosting our annual Break Fast at 6:15 pm on September 19, 2018 at the Universalist Unitarian Congregation of Frederick. Registration and payment were due online by August 16th. The Sign-Up Genius online tool is used to coordinate food and dessert contributions. Bagels, cream cheese, drinks, and paper goods are included with the participation fee.

Mitzvot

Congregants give hundreds of volunteer hours for the High Holidays programming. The committee extends a huge thank you to the many people who give their time and talents to support Congregation Kol Ami and enable us to celebrate together. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign-up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c48adae2fabf58-2018.

Members are also encouraged to perform the traditional *mitzvah* of *tzedakah* for the High Holidays. You can make a donation on our website at kolamifrederick.org/highholidays or email highholidays@kolamifrederick.org with any questions.

All registrations, orders and payments for the High Holidays can be made online at kolamifrederick.org/highholidays.



When is it appropriate to give a donation to the synagogue?

Receiving an honor in the Synagogue is a special experience. It draws a blessing for the individual, family and entire community. And much more so when this honor occurs during the High Holidays.

It is a custom in many *shuls* around the world to associate a donation/pledge with the privilege of being honored in front of the Torah on the High Holidays. It is considered to be very meritorious to connect these honors with an act of *tzedakah*.

It is also customary, as a thank you, to make extra donations of charity to the synagogue at the time of a *yahrzeit* or when a clergy member officiates at a life cycle or other special event for a family.

Upcoming Events

Tickets on Sale!



Our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Kol Ami will host the humorist **Jeanne Robertson** on October 20th at the
Weinberg Center. Tickets are now on sale
and are going very quickly. We will hold
50 tickets specifically for Kol Ami members

on a first-come, first-served basis.

Questions? Contact Ralene Damanti at financialsecretary@kolamifrederick.org.

Join us for Torah Study

Fascinating topics, interesting discussions.

Mondays at 12:30 p.m. at the office
(October 1 is at Buckingham's Choice)

September 17 and 24

October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Women's Coffee

Wednesday September 5 Wednesday, October 3

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: RSVP: signupgenius.com/go/4090a45a9a92d6-womens

Join us for Services at the UU!

September 9, 10, 18, 19 and 21 October 5, 6, 19 and 20

Join us for Girl's Night Out!

Thursdays, September 27 and October 25 6:30 p.m.

Stay tuned for details.

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

Wyatt Migdal - Oct. 6 Marcus Hirsch- Oct. 20

Brotherhood Dinner

Tuesday, September 4 at 6:30 pm

Attention, Men of Kol Ami!

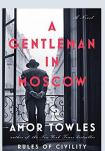
Interested in some time out with the guys? Hoping to avoid yet another meeting? The Kol Ami Brotherhood gathers on the first Tuesday of each month for dinner. (Depending on holidays, sometimes the second Tuesday!)

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.

Tuesday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. Location Oscar's Alehouse, 906 North East St., Frederick

Interested and able to join us? Sign up using the link below: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JSRYR5B

Kol Ami Book Club



Wed. September 12 at 12:30 pm NEW LOCATION!!!

Serendipity Market and More 14 E Patrick St., Frederick, MD

A Gentlemen in Moscow by Amor Towles

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

HONEY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

This year, we will be selling honey again for the High Holidays! Please contact Samantha Lieberman at samanthalieberman@gmail.com if you would like to make sure your name is on the pre-order list. Last year we sold out!

Upcoming Events



Our 3rd "Annual" Trivia Night fundraiser will be Saturday, October 6 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Villages of Urbana Clubhouse, 9123 Harris Street. Come see why trivia has gotten so popular and is a lot of fun!! Create a team of 8 or you can be paired with some "trivia experts".

Advanced registration for Kol Ami members is \$10 per person and \$12 for non-members. Payment at the door will be \$12 for Kol Ami members and \$14 for non-members. Price includes snacks and a drink. There will be prizes for the winning team!

Trivia Night is for adults, KATY members, and teens (13+). Friends, family and neighbors are welcome too!!

To register, go to kolamifrederick.org, and click on the link for Trivia Night. For more information, email David Silberman at dssilberman@aol.com.

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MARCH 2, 2019: THE GATEKEEPERS (2012)

MAY 4, 2019: THE FRISCO KID (1979)

JULY 20, 2019: STRANGER THAN FICTION (2006)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT Rabbi Simon Stratford rabbi@kolamifrederick.org or (240) 575 - 9690

Stay tuned for times and locations!



Sukkot Potluck Dinner and Shabbat Service in the Sukkah

Friday, Sept. 28 7:00-9:00pm

All are welcome for a potluck dinner celebration of Sukkot and Shabbat at the House in the Woods Farm in Adamstown. There will be age appropriate activities for children and adults. Please sign up for what you would like to share on our Sign Up Genius. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0549A8AA2FA75-shabbat

For additional information, please contact Rabbi Stratford.

Rabbi's Introduction to Judaism Class

Learn fundamentals of Jewish thought and practice in a year-long class. This course is perfect for interfaith couples, those from different faith backgrounds considering conversion, and Jewish adults looking for an adult-level introduction to Jewish education.

Drop-Ins are always welcome; please let Rabbi Stratford know in advance if you are interested in attending a particular class so that a copy of the session's reading can be distributed to you. All classes are held at the Kol Ami Office, 182 Thomas Johnson Drive, Suite 204.

October Topics

October 1: Sacred Text

October 14: The World of the Bible and the Rabbis October 28: The Jewish World through Enlightenment

For more information about the course, future sessions, or questions pertaining to the possibility of working toward conversion to Judaism, contact Rabbi Simon Stratford at (240) 575-9690 or go to kolamifrederick.org.

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 September and October are as follows:

September 1 - Ki tavo, Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

The Israelites are encouraged to show thanks to God for their freedom and bountiful harvests by tithing 10 percent of their crops.

September 8 - Nitzavim, Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20

Moses tells the assembly that God's covenant applies to them and to ALL following generations, but they need to follow His commandments.

September 15 - Vayeilech, Deuteronomy 31:1-30

Moses prepares the Israelites for his death and announces Joshua will succeed him.

September 22 – *Ha'azinu*, Deuteronomy 32:1-52

Moses sings his last song – a love poem to God and a chastisement to the people. Then Gods tells him to ascend Mt. Nebo.

September 29 - Chol Ha Mo-eid Sukkat, Exodus 33:12-34:26

Through Moses, Torah sets forth the 13 attributes of God. By trying to emulate these attributes, we can create the goodness that allows us to know God.

October 6 - B'reishit, Genesis 1:1-6:8

God creates the world and everything in it, but humans quickly give Him second thoughts.

October 13 - Noah, Genesis 6:9-11:32

God causes a flood, life starts over again, the Noahide Commandments are listed, a rainbow symbolizes the first covenant, the Tower of Babel is not a hit, and the 10 generations from Noah to Abraham are listed. Whew.

October 20 - Lech L'cha, Genesis 12:1-17:27

The story of Abram, Sarai and Lot begins. God establishes a covenant with Abram.

October 27 - Vayeira, Genesis 18:1-22:24

Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot's life doesn't progress well. Isaac and Ishmael are born; then Ishmael is sent away. God tests Abraham in the very perplexing Akeidah story.

Moses: Conscience of Israel?

By Jill Cody

As we enter September and begin to contemplate the High Holy Days, our annual Torah cycle reaches the remaining chapters of Deuteronomy. The final book of Torah, and written more recently than the first four, Deuteronomy probably was written around 622 BCE during the reign of King Josiah. It is comprised of 3 discourses from Moses to his fellow Israelites, just prior to their crossing the Jordan to the holy land – without him.

The Second Discourse begins in *Va-et chanan* (Deut. 3:23-7:11), wherein Moses reviews the covenant at Sinai and speaks the words of the *Sh'ma*. But I am attracted to Moses' words in the following *parsha* – *Eikev* (Deut. 7:12-11:25). Here, Moses is characterized as impassioned and is cast in the role of Israel's "conscience." I believe he is trying to ensure his positive legacy in the hearts and minds of the Children of Israel, even though God had proscribed Moses from setting foot in the Promised Land — in essence taking away his leadership role. He is now a prophet to reinforce injunctions and promises, rather than the mouthpiece of God.

It is perhaps self-evident that whoever wrote the book of Deuteronomy used it as Moses' valedictory address to give it credibility and legitimacy. It attempts to explain in simple, concrete terms what the authors of Leviticus insist upon as rules and regulations.

The meaning it has for me is that this population was by no means a uniform or monolithic group of one belief. After all, they had lived amongst the Egyptians for over 400 years. The influence of Egyptian culture and gods remained very strong. Moses himself had been raised in Pharaoh's palace and taught the skills and strategies of the military. This is another rationale why Moses would have been chosen the natural leader of the Children of Israel. There is no evidence this disparate group was even informed about the beliefs of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Moses, as the emissary and spokesman of Adonai, had to keep proving himself – as did the power and relevance of God, Himself. Hence the repetition of blessings as rewards for belief and obedience; as well as the threats, curses, and problems that would ensue if the Children of Israel reverted to old habits and beliefs. Certainly this reinforces the wisdom of spending forty years wandering before they were allowed to cross into the "Promised Land". The Israelites had to make the time to integrate these laws, exhortations, promises, and injunctions into their new culture and beliefs. Repetition, Repetition, Repetition!

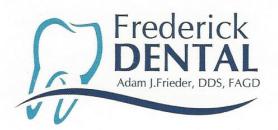
Deuteronomy seems to describe the unique elements and spiritual forces which would later unite to create Judaism as a relevant faith.



Chesed is Here for You!

Did you know...in a time of need, through illness or after the death of a family member, your Kol Ami community is here for you? We set up a Sign Up Genius and members will chip in to ease your burden. We can organize rides, company, meals, or whatever support is needed.

Contact Ilene Freedman, *Chesed* Coordinator, at Chesed@kolamifrederick.org for more information or when a situation arises to set up a line of support.



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New Advertising and Communications Fund

A new fund has been established for our congregation, the Advertising and Communications Fund, to support Kol Ami's advertising and communication efforts. This year, a Communications and Public Relations Committee has formed dedicated to helping improve communications among members of Kol Ami and help spread the word about upcoming programs and events through publicity geared toward reaching the general public and potential members. Additionally, this committee is dedicated to enhancing our presence and identity within the Frederick community.

Committee members have been diligently working on High Holiday display ads which will appear in the Frederick News-Post and the Urbana Town Courier. Additionally, we are working to upgrade our current website.

Please consider donating to the Advertising and Communications Fund so we can continue to advertise upcoming fundraising and religious programming events, social action activities, religious school programs, and fund a dynamic and user friendly website.

If you are interested in joining the Communications and Public Relations Committee or have ideas to share, please contact Diane Rifkin at 301-401-6891 or email d.rifkin@ comcast.net. We are especially seeking those individuals with experience in marketing or website development, however ALL are welcome!

Advertise Your Business in the Voice

Please contact Ilana Love at advertising@kolamifrederick.org or call 707-812-2331 with any questions, advertising rates, and to arrange a contract.

Volunteer Opportunity: Kol Ami Webmaster

In search of a computer literate person who can update the Kol Ami website, which is the key communications source for congregational events and activities.

Text and some graphic content needs updating on a weekly basis. Will require learning the web-based program used to edit and create new online forms. Will work with the Communications and Public Relations Committee to enhance the current information flow between the congregation and community.

If this opportunity interests you, please contact Diane Rifkin at 301-401-6891 or email d.rifkin@comcast.net.

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 match new members with volunteer mentors. The matches are made based on age, geography and/or interests.

Mentors are expected to contact the new members throughout their first year, invite them to join them in activities, such as services, girls/guys nights out, and social events, etc.

Mentors meet with the new member to make them feel welcome, to answer any questions they may have and find out what they would like to see in the future at Kol Ami.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Anne Cohen at membership@kolamifrederick.org to get your name on our mentor list.



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Donations

NEW! Advertising and Communications Fund

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Carolyn & Newt Plaisance, with gratitude to Judi Feldman for her great effort in planning events for the Empty Nesters Diane & Michael Rifkin

Education Fund

Timothy & Debra Manetz

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Ruth Stuart, in memory of Ruth T. Stuart, mother of Ruth Stuart Dennis & Rachel Whitaker, in memory of Irving Brodsky, father of Rachel Whitaker

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 financial commitments to the congregation is consistently among the most important thing we ask of our congregants. Without your financial support, there could be no Kol Ami.

Remember that financial assistance agreements are valid for one fiscal year (July through June). While we are aware that some members may need help from year to year, we require that you resubmit a new application each year, as we do not make assumptions regarding who requires assistance. No one will receive financial assistance without having submitted an application. Applications, found on our website, must be submitted annually by August 15th.

Some of our members find it easy to budget regular monthly dues/tuition payments. All you need to do is notify your bank online and they will mail a check to Kol Ami. No charge to you, no postage, no fuss.

Please direct any questions or concerns about your specific account and charges to Ralene Damanti, Financial Secretary, at financialsecretary@kolamifrederick.org.



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Return Service Requested

September/October 2018 Upcoming Events

| September | | | October | | |
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| Mon, Sept 3 | 12:30 pm | NO Torah Study | Mon, Oct 1 | 12:30 pm | Torah Study |
| · | 1 pm | Empty Nesters' at Keys Game | | 6:00 pm | Intro to Judaism Session 16 |
| Tues, Sept 4 | 6:30 pm | Brotherhood Dinner | Tues, Oct 2 | 6:30 pm | Brotherhood Dinner |
| Wed, Sept 5 | 10:00 am | Women's Coffee | Wed, Oct 3 | 10:00 am | Women's Coffee |
| · | 7:00 pm | Social Action | | 7:00 pm | Social Action Committee Mtg |
| | · | Committee Mtg | Fri, Oct 5 | 6:30 pm | Tot Shabbat Service |
| Sun, Sept 9 | 7:30 pm | Erev Rosh Hashanah | | 7:30 pm | Erev Shabbat Service |
| Mon, Sept 10 | 10:00 am | Rosh Hashanah | Sat, Oct 6 | 10:00 am | Shabbat Morning Service and |
| · | | Morning Service | | | Bar Mitzvah of Wyatt Migdal |
| | | NO Torah Study | | 7:00 pm | Trivia Night |
| Tues, Sept 11 | 12:30 pm | Fundraising | Sun, Oct 7 | 9:30 am | Religious School |
| | • | Committee Mtg | Mon, Oct 8 | 12:30 pm | Torah Study |
| Wed, Sept 12 | 12:30 pm | Book Club | Tues, Oct 9 | 12:30 pm | Fundraising Committee Mtg |
| | 7:00 pm | Communications & PR | Wed, Oct 10 | 7:00 pm | Communications & PR |
| | | Committee Mtg | | | Committee Mtg |
| Sun, Sept 16 | 9:30 am | First Day of Religious School | Sun, Oct 14 | 9:30 am | Religious School |
| Mon, Sept 17 | 12:30 pm | Torah Study | | 1:00 pm | Intro to Judaism Session 17 |
| Tues, Sept 18 | 7:30 pm | Erev Yom Kippur | Mon, Oct 15 | 12:30 pm | Torah Study |
| Wed, Sept 19 | 10:00 am | Yom Kippur Morning Service | Fri, Oct 19 | 7:30 pm | Erev Shabbat Service |
| Fri, Sept 21 | 7:30 pm | Erev Shabbat Service | Sat, Oct 20 | 10:00 am | Shabbat Morning Service and |
| Sun, Sept 23 | 9:30 am | Religious School | | | Bar Mitzvah of Marcus Hirsch |
| Mon, Sept 24 | 12:30 pm | Torah Study | Sun, Oct 21 | 9:30 am | Religious School |
| | 7:00 pm | Board of Trustees Mtg | Mon, Oct 22 | 12:30 pm | Torah Study |
| Fri, Sept 28-30 | | NFTY-MAR's LEAD | | 7:00 pm | Board of Trustees Mtg |
| Sun, Sept 30 | 9:30 am | Religious School | Sun, Oct 28 | 9:30 am | Religious School |
| | | | | 1:00 pm | Intro to Judaism Session 18 |
| | | | Mon, Oct 29 | 12:30 pm | Torah Study |