



The Voice

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Preparing Ourselves for Renewal

Rabbi Simon Stratford



At the time of this writing, we have just observed the holiday of Tisha B'Av, the 9th day in the month of

Av. Tisha B'Av is a day of mourning and the saddest day of the Jewish calendar year. It commemorates the destruction of the ancient temple of Jerusalem and other calamities that have befallen the Jewish people throughout history. The holiday marks seven weeks from the beginning of the Jewish New Year and the High Holidays. As we prepare to enter the month of Elul and celebrate Rosh Hashanah soon afterwards, allow me to share with you a few ways we can prepare ourselves for this year's holidays.

Our tradition says that each person should spend the entire month of Elul, the month leading up to the High Holidays, looking inward and reflecting upon their actions in the past year. There are a number of ways, both traditional and contemporary, that we can prepare for the upcoming high holidays. In many communities,

it is the custom to blow the Shofar every morning during the month of Elul. The ram's horn, Shofar, helps us "wake up" to the work of Teshuvah – repentance. The sounding of the Shofar each morning in the month of Elul is designed to rouse us from our complacency. Elul is also the time to begin the process of asking forgiveness for wrongs done to other people. Our tradition teaches that God cannot forgive us for sins committed against another person until we have first obtained forgiveness from the person we have wronged. During the month of Elul, prayers of forgiveness are added to the daily liturgy. These are only a few of the more traditional means of preparing ourselves for the holidays.

Rabbis and Jewish educators are always coming up with new ways to observe the Jewish holidays and make Judaism relevant and meaningful in our lives today. The month of Elul and high holidays are no different. Rabbi Phyllis Sommer of Glencoe, IL began a #BlogElul campaign a few years ago where she marks each day of the month with a moment of gratitude and a social media post about what she

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Message to the Congregation

Dan Sieger, President



We are sad to inform you that Rabbi Simon Stratford has shared with the Board of Trustees that he will be leaving Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick after the conclusion of his contract, which expires on June 30,

2020. He will be pursuing other opportunities for professional growth and development.

We are all deeply grateful to Rabbi Stratford for everything he has brought to our congregation. We will miss his warmth, his humor, and his intellect. He has made countless contributions to our community throughout his tenure here. He has inspired deeper congregational engagement and volunteerism, revitalized attendance at Friday night services, and brought many exciting new programs to Kol Ami.

A Transition Team has formed to begin the thoughtful process of identifying a new rabbi for our congregation. Joanna Sieger, past president, is the lead. Please email her at pastpresident@kolamifrederick.org with any questions or suggestions. During the next year, we pledge to keep the community informed of our progress. We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition to guarantee the continued growth of Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick.

The Board of Trustees is unanimous in our heartfelt desire to honor Rabbi Stratford and thank him for his many contributions during his years at Kol Ami. We appreciate his service, and we will plan opportunities in the upcoming months for all congregants to have the chance to celebrate Rabbi Stratford's years here and wish him well in his future endeavors.

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 Rabbi Simon Stratford

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is grateful for or reflecting upon that day. Her materials can be found at imabima.blogspot.com. The Jewish musical artist, Craig Taubman, and his Pico Union Project began Jewels of Elul a few years back. Jewels of Elul is a booklet with short, inspirational anecdotes and insights for the month of Elul. Lastly, the folks at REBOOT, a Jewish arts and culture non-profit organization with the goal of reimagining and reinforcing Jewish thought and traditions, have launched 10Q. 10Q is an online tool for individuals to reflect upon the year that was and revisit their goals one year later, around the time of the High Holidays. Today's rabbis and educators are coming up with new ways for Jews to connect to our tradition

during this important time of year.

This High Holiday season will be my third with Congregation Kol Ami. It has been an honor and a pleasure to accompany you on our yearly journey the past two years, and I look forward to celebrating a meaningful High Holiday season with all of you again this year. As I have witnessed our congregation grow over the past two years, I am proud of our accomplishments and of the relationships that have been formed. I look forward to being with you this High Holidays and want to encourage everyone to devote some time in the next month to prepare yourselves for renewal this High Holiday season.

High Holiday Services Volunteer Requests

Jodi Duckhorn

This year Kol Ami's High Holiday services will return to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation. The High Holidays are most meaningful when we all help. Planning and executing the High Holy Days requires about 80 volunteers. There are roles for everyone, including your teenagers. The tasks are varied, and we can assure you get one that works for you – and complies with the time you have available.

Please sign-up to help using this link: signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48ADAE2FABF58-2019

Let's work to make the upcoming High Holidays Kol Ami's best ever. If you have any questions or concerns, please email at highholidays@kolamifrederick.org or jodiduck@gmail.com.

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September 9, 16, and 23
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Religious School Update

Joanna Sieger, Director of Education

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! We want you involved! Do you have a talent or story to share with our religious

school students? We love crafts, songs and stories! Don't be shy! Email me at education@kolamifrederick.org

Additionally, if you ever have a question or concern, do not hesitate to contact me.

As we prepare for the school year, I want to share our calendar through November.

September 8

First Day of Religious School. Please join us for a parent meeting after the assembly.

September 15

September 22
Rosh Hashanah - our students will be celebrating in school with a special snack (apples and honey), crafts and stories

September 29

No School

October 6

Yom Kippur - our students will be learning about this important holiday

October 13

Sukkot - our students will be celebrating by making crafts for the Sukkah

October 20

Simchat Torah - join us at 11:30 am as we gather the students to celebrate.

October 27

November 3

Offsite activity

November 10

November 17

November 24

The New Website has Launched

Diane Rifkin

We are happy to announce that Congregation Kol Ami's new website and database have launched! The new website (www.kolamifrederick.org) will be our most comprehensive way of communicating with our congregants and to visitors, our prospective congregants. Go ahead and browse through our attractive, easy-to-navigate, user friendly and mobile compatible website. Try out the easy-to-use online payment page, under the Support menu, for all your donations, religious school tuition fees, membership dues, and event payments. Visit some new sections of the website including Hebrew Resources and Prayers and Blessings, in the Education menu. Click on links in the Holidays section of the Worship menu to learn more about celebrating the Jewish Holidays at home and the upcoming High Holidays. We have also included a Congregation Wish List in the Support menu so congregants can help support many of our needs and wishes.

I would like to thank the members of the Communications and Public Relations Committee including Betsy Maymon, Herb Messite, Jon Rottenberg, Sharry Veil, Tom Brancato, Carolyn Plaisance, Steven Lazerowich, and Colt Black who worked tirelessly for over a year on the new website and database. These congregants dedicated their time and energy to researching both web designers and database management companies, obtaining references about these companies, participating in online demonstrations of ShalomCloud, our data management

company, making decisions about design format and content, providing and proofreading content for the website and photos for the website, and offering support and technical guidance to me.

Additionally, I would like to thank the database users of our congregation who participated in online demonstrations of the database, supplied important data to ShalomCloud, participated in trainings for the new data management company, worked efficiently to solve problems with the new database company, and worked diligently to ensure that congregants can transition easily from the website to the payment page.

Thanks to the generous contributors in our congregation to the Advertising and Communications fund, we were able to raise necessary funds to help pay for the new website and database. I would also like to thank Rabbi Stratford for providing informative content for the website. Thank you to Eric Dubbin who has supplied us recordings of his beautiful music. We are working on adding music to the website in the future.

I would also like to thank Kol Ami congregants for their assistance in providing content and beautiful photos for the website. Finally, I would like to thank both Addicott Web and ShalomCloud for their expertise in developing our new website and database. Both of these companies have offered outstanding support and guidance and provided informative training sessions. Enjoy the new Congregation Kol Ami website!

Please welcome new members!

Leila Berner and Franna Ruddell

Ellen and Al Steinbach

Lisa Solomon

Alycia Nickol, and Lela and Alexia

Join us for Services at the UU!

September 6, 7, 20 and 21 and October 18 and 19

Upcoming Events

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah



Caelyn Lasko September 7, 2019

Caelyn is the daughter of Mary Catherine and Jeff Lasko and the sister of Mitch and Eliana. She is in 8th grade at Walkersville Middle School. Caelyn is a straight A student who loves all types

of art. Her hobbies include learning guitar, watching YouTube videos and playing video games. She recently joined Scouts BSA Troop 3017, Frederick's first all-female troop. Caelyn is looking forward to her Bat Mitzvah and helping at religious school as a *madricha*.



Addie Erin Shavell September 21, 2019

Addie is the daughter of David and Tracy Shavell and sister of Reece. She is in 7th grade at Windsor Knolls Middle School. Addie is a sweet, compassionate, silly, smart young lady. She is an A/B Honor Roll student and

has worked very hard to maintain good grades. She loves to draw and is darn good at it. Addie loves horseback riding during summer camps and plans to take actual lessons this fall. Addie releases her energy after school by attending classes in Krav Maga, a form of self-defense first developed by the Israeli army in the 1940s. Addie has a cockatiel named Kiwi, which is being taught how to sing the "Adams Family" theme song. She also loves her 3 canine siblings, Joey, Gizzy, and Charlie. Her family has a very lively home, to say the least.



Brooke Avery Lieberman October 19, 2019

Brooke is the daughter of Samantha and Michael Lieberman and sister of Grant and Hunter. She is in 7th grade at Urbana Middle School. Brooke is involved in dancing, gymnastics, poms, lacrosse and theater. She also

loves music and baking. Brooke won awards this year for her academics and artwork. She is working on a mitzvah project to help animals in shelters!

Sept. and Oct. Brotherhood Dinners

Join us for the upcoming Brotherhood dinners.

Tuesday, September 3 at 6:30 pm

**Oscar's Ale House
906 N. East Street
Frederick, MD**

Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30 pm

Interested and able to join us? Please RSVP, using the following link so that we have an accurate head count:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JSRYR5B>



August Brotherhood barbecue

Sukkot Potluck Dinner in the Sukkah

Sunday, Oct. 13 from 5-7 p.m.

All are welcome for a potluck dinner celebration of Sukkot at the House in the Woods Farm in Adamstown. Please sign up for what you would like to share on our Sign Up Genius. [Signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AFA72FA57-sukkot1](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AFA72FA57-sukkot1)

For additional information, please contact Rabbi Stratford.

Upcoming Events

Women's Coffee

Wednesdays, Sept. 4 and Oct. 2

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

NEW—Girl's Night In!

Thursday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Pot luck at the home of Frannie Kessler

Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 pm

Pot luck at the home of Carolyn Plaisance

Watch for the sign-up.

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NOVEMBER 2, 2019: THE FRISCO KID (1979)

JANUARY 11, 2020: THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE YOU (2014)

MARCH 14, 2020: A PRICE ABOVE RUBIES (1998)

MAY 9, 2020: EVERYTHING IS ILLUMINATED (2005)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

Rabbi Simon Stratford rabbi@kolamifrederick.org or (240) 575 - 9690

KATY'S CORNER

SAVE THESE DATES

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH @ 2:00 PM

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH @ 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH @ 5:00 PM

DECEMBER 6TH - 8TH SHABBAT WEEKEND

DECEMBER 14TH @ 5:00PM

REGISTRATION VIA BULLETIN OR WEBSITE CALENDAR

A PERIODIC PUBLICATION REGARDING UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE YOUTH OF CONGREGATION KOL AMI & FRIENDS

Sunday, Sept. 8th, 2019

KATY goes to Laser Tag

Join us for an afternoon at Shadowland.

Saturday, Oct. 19th, 2019

Interfaith Haunted Cemetery Tour

In conjunction with the youth group of Calvary Methodist Church

Saturday, Nov. 16th, 2019

KATY's Chai Flyers: Eat Dinner, Make Havdalah and Jump Around at Sky Zone

Open to 6th, 7th, & 8th Students (KATY678) & to KATY & Friends

December 6th - 8th, 2019,

NFTY678 Mid Atlantic Junior Youth Kallah (MAJYK: Open to 6th - 8th Graders)

Join dozens of your peers from across the region and take part in a transformational Shabbat experience as part of NFTY-MAR

Saturday, December 14th, 2019,

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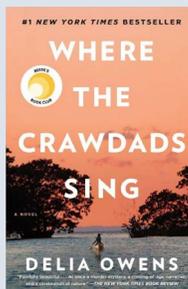
CONTACT RABBI SIMON STRATFORD WITH QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS

The Sisterhood Book Club

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 12:30 pm.

Note New Location:
Old Dominion Grill And Sushi

Evergreen Square
5732 Buckeystown Pike (Route 85) Frederick, MD



Where the Crawdads Sing
by Delia Owens

Go the following link to RSVP and read a synopsis of the book: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45a9a92d6-kolami1>

High Holiday Services Update

Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick is proud to offer our 17th season of High Holy Day religious programming. This year's services will be at the Universalist Unitarian Congregation of Frederick (4880 Elmer Derr Rd., Frederick). As a reminder, all registrations, orders and payments for the High Holy Days can be made online. Please place all orders and registrations no later than September 14th at www.kolamifrederick.org/worship/holidays.

For more information, visit www.kolamifrederick.org/worship/holidays or feel free to email highholidays@kolamifrederick.org with any questions.

Tickets

You should have received your High Holy Day information packet in the mail, which includes tickets for members. Tickets are required for everyone over age 13, and tickets will need to be presented to gain entry to every service. People who are not members who wish to join us are welcome to use the online form to request and purchase tickets. We offer a discounted rate for tickets for out-of-town relatives who are not members of another synagogue.

Children

Children's services and programming are free for those who pre-register and are available for children 5 to 10 years old (generally K through 5th grade). PLEASE register your child online by September 14 so we can ensure adequate supervision and materials.

Yizkor Book and Greetings

Names of those no longer with us will be read during the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur. This will include the names submitted by members on their membership applications. Additional names may be added online. Members are encouraged to perform the traditional *mitzvah* of *tzedakah* for the High Holidays. All requests received by **September 14** will be included in the Yizkor service. **Names submitted with your membership application do not need to be resubmitted for the Yizkor service.**

Mitzvot

Members are encouraged to perform the traditional *mitzvah* of *tzedakah* for the High Holidays. Go online to kolamifrederick.org/worship/holidays. Please note, after placing an order or registration online, you will receive a confirmation email right away. If you have any problems filling out the online form, please email webmaster@kolamifrederick.org. **All registrations, orders and payments for the High Holidays can be made online at kolamifrederick.org/worship/holidays.**

Yom Kippur Break Fast – New this year

Since there will not be a congregational Break Fast after Yom Kippur services this year, we are asking those who are hosting a Break Fast in their homes to consider opening a seat or two at your table for others in our community to join you.

Please volunteer to have guests through our High Holiday Signup Genius. For those who are interested in participating in Break Fast, please be in touch with Rabbi Stratford and we will coordinate efforts to find a place for you.

Rosh Hashanah

September 29

7:30 pm Evening Service

September 30

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

October 8

7:30 pm Kol Nidre

October 9

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

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



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.

2019–2020 Congregation Kol Ami Religious School Teachers



Angela Kearney, 1st and 2nd Grades

Angela and her husband Mike live in Middletown. They have three grown daughters and a grandson, with another on the way. They also have a “Chessie” named Maggie. Angela and Mike own several local businesses, Strike Zone Batting Cages and Happy Paws, Inc. Angela is working towards becoming a professional dog trainer. This is her fourth year teaching 2nd grade.



Michaela Black, 3rd and 4th Grade

This is Michaela's third year teaching at Kol Ami. She taught pre-school for six years before teaching at Kol Ami. Michaela lives with her husband Colt, their three children, dog, goats and cats in the mountains close to Camp Louise. Michaela and Colt own a local funeral home. She loves to be out in the sun reading or around a campfire with friends.



Colt Black, 5th Grade

Colt is the owner of Black's Funeral Home in Thurmont, MD and a licensed Maryland Mortician and Pennsylvania Funeral Director. He holds multiple emergency services credentials. He is married to his loving wife Michaela and is the proud father of three children: Denver, Atlas and Liberty. When not working, Colt enjoys spending time with his family and doing outdoor sports. This is Colt's second year teaching at Religious School and he is looking forward to the challenge.



Joe Anderson, 6th Grade

Joe, a Virginia native, relocated in 2013 from Richmond to Frederick with his wife Michelle and daughter Anna, a second-grader at Oakdale Elementary. He is a data scientist for the Army, and has taught Bioinformatics and Internet of Things Engineering to high school and college students. Joe also builds motorcycles, welds, does woodworking, and travels widely. He is a new Religious School teacher this year, but you'll most likely recognize him, as he manned the door for us many times last year. He aims to set a good example as a Jewish man and looks forward to having a great year and doing mitzvot with his students.



Samantha Lieberman, 7th Grade

Samantha is beginning her eighth year teaching at Kol Ami and her third year teaching 7th grade. She feels privileged to work with students and their families as they are reaching their B'nai Mitzvah. In addition to teaching religious school, Samantha works at Beth Sholom's pre-school. She lives in Urbana with her husband Mike and their three children: Grant, Brooke, and Hunter. Samantha also serves on the congregation's Board of Trustees.



Ali Lazorchak, 8th Grade

A native Baltimorean, Ali is married to Rob and lives in Point of Rocks with their son Hayden. Ali studied English education, special education, and educational leadership and has taught at Frederick High School for 23 years. The Lazorchak family runs a non-profit, Hayden's Heart Heroes, which was established to honor her son. In her spare time, Ali maintains a blog, cooks, travels, does volunteer work for the Johns Hopkins Children's Center and Frederick Regional Youth Orchestra, and spends time with her family and friends. The Lazorchaks have been members of Kol Ami for ten years, and Ali serves on the Board of Trustees and is a member of the Education Committee.



Joanna Sieger, Director of Education

After teaching for eight years in Kol Ami's Religious School, Joanna became Kol Ami's Director of Education. She is also the director of the Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center in Frederick, where she teaches the two-year-old class. Additionally, she serves on the Executive Committee of Kol Ami as the Immediate Past President, having served as the President from 2016 to 2018. She is the mother of three children—Molly, Zachary, and Sarah. She feels that our children's Religious School education is incredibly important because it is where our youth gain their sense of community.



Mary Cat Lasko, Assistant Director of Education

Mary Cat has been married to Jeff for 19 years and lives in Walkersville. They have three children; Mitch, Caelyn and Eliana. Mary Cat works full-time as a medical coder for a local billing company. The Laskos have been members of Kol Ami since 2012 and Mary Cat serves on the congregation's Executive Committee as Vice President. She also volunteers for the Boy Scouts as the Troop Committee Chair.

Wish your friends a happy birthday and give to Kol Ami!

Everyone likes to be remembered, and it's time to celebrate our October and November birthday "girls and boys".

All you have to do is cut out the list, place a checkmark next to the name(s) of those you want to send a greeting, (at \$1.00 per greeting), and sign the list the way you want your name written on the card. Please make your check out to Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick, and mail it to
Judi Feldman, 5005 Small Gains Way, Frederick, MD 21703.

Judi will send out a festive card, to each recipient, with the names of those sending birthday wishes. Please respond ASAP and before Sep 25 for both months.

Very Important: Please check the list and make sure we did not omit your name or the name(s) of your family members. If you have any questions, please call Judi at (216) 402-5543.

Thank you very much!

Birthday greetings from: _____

(Please indicate how the cards should be signed, i.e. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Jane Smith, or The Smith Family)

October Birthdays

- Bob Blumenthal
- Judy Bravman
- Marissa De La Viez
- Mia Farber
- Jeannie Fawley
- Amy Gober
- Andrew Gordon
- Scott Gordon
- Samantha Koitz
- Jacob Levitan
- Lindsey Levitan
- Brooke Lieberman
- Joshua Nail

- Newton Plaisance
- Brody Schwab
- David Tuwiner
- Katelyn Vaughan

November Birthdays

- Jared Berkowitz
- Aaron Yale Bilow
- Elizabeth Bilow
- Eric Dubbin
- Jodi Duckhorn
- Berta Farbman
- Steve Fleisher
- Sonya Goldstein

- Amy Gordon
- Andie Hoffrichter
- Jason Holman
- Marsha Meehan
- Anne Miller
- Mary Mills
- Jaques Reifman
- Kerry Reynolds
- David Shavell
- Tracy Shavell
- Hadrian Vaughan
- Dennis Whitaker
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High Holiday Donations and Greetings

David and Brenda Silberman

Steven and Valarie Lazerowich

As we begin the year 5780, we pause to remember Miriam Lazerowich, Samuel Lazerowich, Ida Zinn-Madnick, Thomas Zinn, and Robert Zinn

—from Valarie & Steve Lazerowich, Craig Lazerowich, and Caryn, Rod, Aldan, Alexander & Avery Simmons

Bernie and Betty Loeb

Happy New Year to our Kol Ami family

Howard and Harriet Buxbaum

Cliff and Faith Miller

Betsy and Jeff Maymon

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 Paryshot for September and October are as follows:

September 7 – *Shofetim*, Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

Israelites are told to pursue justice in order to merit the land that God is giving them. Three sanctuary cities are designated as places of refuge.

September 14 – *Ki tetse*, Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

Moses reviews a wide variety of laws regarding family, animals and property. Israelites are commanded to remember the crimes of the Amalekites.

September 21 – *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 28 – *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.

October 5 – *Vayeilech*, Deuteronomy 31:1-30

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

October 12 – *Ha’azinu*, Deuteronomy 32:1-52

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

October 19 – *Chol Ha Mo-eid Sukkot*, 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 26 – *Bereshit*, Genesis 1:1-6:8

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

Two Thoughts on Deuteronomy

By Kerry Reynolds

During most of September/October, our Jewish calendar completes the reading of Deuteronomy. The fifth, and final, Book of Torah, Deuteronomy may be viewed as a farewell discourse from Moses to the Israelites on the eve of their crossing the Jordan. Moses essentially reviews the entirety of their experiences together – then sends them into the Holy Land under Joshua’s leadership, while he retires to Mount Nebo to breathe his last.

Most modern scholars consider Deuteronomy to be written far more recently than the first four Books, perhaps dating to the reign of King Josiah in 622 BCE. Nonetheless, the official rabbinic position for well over two millennia was that Deuteronomy still represented the spoken/written words of Moses and, as such, was not to be challenged as anything but that. Of course, modern Reform scholarship operates somewhat differently.

When our Torah Study Group took up the first *parsha* from Deuteronomy (*Devarim*) on August 5, we addressed the matter of how best to examine the weekly questions presented in our Book. I was struck by a quote from Mordecai Kaplan, an influential rabbi in the early twentieth century. According to Kaplan, “The search for truth is hampered by the universal tendency to treat as the last word what is really only the first word in any revelation or discovery.” So, Deuteronomy may be a summing up, but what does that review mean to you?

As we began to examine the *parsha*, we soon encountered a second question. In the preceding weeks, we had been reading our way through Numbers (Book #4). Numbers covers about 38 years of the Israelites’ time in the wilderness, so much of what Moses relates in his valedictory was somewhat fresh in our minds. And what we encountered almost immediately was that the retelling often did not seem to jibe with the original presentation. For example, in its story of The Spies, Deuteronomy 1:29-30 has Moses saying, “Dread not, neither be afraid of them. The Lord your God who goeth before you, He shall fight for you.” But in Numbers 14 he did no such thing. What to make of this inconsistency? Is the nature of humans to gloss over their flaws as they tell their life story? What is the likelihood that Numbers and Deuteronomy likely were written by very different authors at very different times?

Since some of the details were so markedly at odds with each other, our first reactions were to get on Moses’ case for putting too positive a spin on some of his earlier actions. As we talked our way through this question, however, we began to cut Moses some slack – especially factoring in the “two authors” theory. Revisiting old stories and presumed axioms in the light of more recent knowledge can be a good thing (see Kaplan, above). But legacy and teaching lessons are important too, and as we study Torah we need to find the right balance.

Successful Summer Keys Baseball Fundraiser

Valarie Lazerowich

The partnership between the Frederick Keys and Congregation Kol Ami is over for this year. The volunteers from our congregation have worked many hours pouring soda and beer, putting hot dogs in rolls, filling plastic baseball helmets with popcorn, ringing up food orders, and helping at other concession stands. This group of volunteers did so with smiles on their faces, laughing together, while helping to raise much needed funds for the congregation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the individuals who gave their time during this first season working the Keys game.

Michael and Anne Cohen
Harriet and Howard Buxbaum
Jennifer Cohn
Raleen Damanti
Cathy and Jacques Reifman
Tom Evans
Charlotte Mayberry
Faith and Cliff Miller
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Tess and Bob Blumental
Angela Kearney
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Rachel and Jeff Tuer
Mary Cat and Jeff Lasko
Amy Gober
Frannie and Dick Kessler
Ruth Stuart
Jill and Richard Cody
Judy and Al Feldman
Joe and Anne Miller
LeeAnn Zobrist
Diane and Michael Rifkin
Andrew Gordon

As we prepare for our second season with our Frederick Keys partners, I hope to have more members of the congregation volunteer for this extremely successful fund raiser.

Again, for all those who volunteered this first season, תודה רבה, thank you very much.



Volunteers at the Keys Game Fundraiser

TRIVIA NIGHT

5th "Annual" Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick Trivia Night

**Saturday October 5, 2019
7PM-9PM
Clover Hill Clubhouse
8122 Glendale Drive
(Note-this is a new location)**

Create a team of 8 or be paired with some "trivia experts"!
Find out why trivia has become so popular and fun!

**Advanced registration is \$10 per CKAF member
and \$12 for non-members.
Payment at the door will be \$12 for CKAF members
and \$14 for non-members.**

Price includes snacks and a drink. Prizes for the winning team!
50/50 raffle will also be available, so bring some cash.

Trivia night is for adults and KATY age participants only
Friends and neighbors are welcome too!

To register, go to kolamifrederick.org and click on the trivia night link

Any questions, contact David Silberman at: dssilberman@aol.com

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You can also go to kolamifrederick.org and find the link on the home page.

Sponsoring an Oneg

Are you celebrating a special anniversary, birthday, graduation, or promotion? Do you have someone in mind that you would like to thank or honor? Sponsoring an oneg is a great way to do that! For \$80 you can have us provide a cake with a message of your choice, and some other yummy snacks after services. If you would prefer to do the preparation and baking yourself, you can do that too. Please provide a challah (you don't have to bake it yourself!) if you are doing your own baking.

We will publicize it in the weekly bulletin, so your friends and family will be sure to come to services to be part of the celebration. Your name and the occasion will be announced during services.

In order to sponsor an oneg, please contact Joanna Sieger, at education@kolamifrederick.org. She will make sure the date is available, order the food, and get the information in the weekly bulletin.

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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Howard & Harriet Buxbaum, in honor of 50th anniversary of Faith & Cliff Miller
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Frank & Ralene Damanti, in honor of 50th anniversary of Faith & Cliff Miller
Tom Evans & Charolette Mayberry, in honor of 50th anniversary of Anne & Michael Cohen
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Berta Farbman, in honor of 50th anniversary of Anne & Michael Cohen
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Richard & Jill Cody, in honor of our son Rick's move from the west coast to Brooklyn, New York
Allan & Judi Feldman, in honor of 50th anniversary of Anne & Michael Cohen
Allan & Judi Feldman, in honor of 50th anniversary of Faith & Cliff Miller
Allan & Judi Feldman, in honor of 50th anniversary of Ralene & Frank Damanti
Michael Goldfinger & Martha Cohn, in honor of 50th anniversary of Faith & Cliff Miller
Frannie & Dick Kessler, in honor of the high school graduation of Michael Holman, grandson of Bernie & Betty Loeb
Frannie & Dick Kessler, in honor of the high school graduation of Patrick Damanti, grandson of Frank & Ralene Damanti
Frannie & Dick Kessler, in honor of the high school graduation of Emma Feldman, granddaughter of Allan & Judi Feldman
Frannie & Dick Kessler, in honor of 50th anniversary of Anne & Michael Cohen
Frannie & Dick Kessler, in honor of 50th anniversary of Ralene & Frank Damanti
Barry & Ellen Koitz, in honor of Valarie Lazerowich for her work arranging the volunteers to work at the Keys games
Gloria Levine & Don Krosin, in honor of 50th anniversary of Faith & Cliff Miller
Steven & Valarie Lazerowich, in honor of 50th anniversary of Anne & Michael Cohen

Steven & Valarie Lazerowich, in honor of 50th anniversary of Ralene & Frank Damanti
Sara & David Levine, in honor of 50th anniversary of Ralene & Frank Damanti
Bernard & Betty Loeb, in honor of 50th anniversary of Faith & Cliff Miller
Bernard & Betty Loeb, in honor of 50th anniversary of Anne & Michael Cohen
Bernard & Betty Loeb, in honor of 50th anniversary of Ralene & Frank Damanti
Bernard & Betty Loeb, in honor of special birthday of Carolyn Plaisance
Bernard & Betty Loeb, in honor of the marriage of Matt and Morgan Silberman, son and daughter in law of David & Brenda Silberman
Bernard & Betty Loeb, in honor of special birthday of Carolyn Plaisance
Michael & Liliane Loube, in celebration of our 52 fantastic years of marriage, in anticipation of many more and in hope of sharing those times with the wonderful people of Kol Ami
Faith & Cliff Miller, in honor of 50th anniversary of Anne & Michael Cohen
Faith & Cliff Miller, in honor of 50th anniversary of Ralene & Frank Damanti
Margery & Dennis Rapport, Wendy & Michael Grinberg, and Evan Rapport & Sarah Vezina, in honor of 50th anniversary of Faith & Cliff Miller
David & Brenda Silberman, in honor of 50th anniversary of Anne & Michael Cohen
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Michael & Diane Rifkin
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General Fund - Jahrzeits

Judy Bravman, in memory of Sumner Bravman, husband of Judith Bravman
Howard & Harriet Buxbaum, in memory of Victoria Cohen, mother of Harriet Buxbaum
Richard & Jill Cody, in memory of Irene Bluethenthal, mother of Jill Cody
Michael & Anne Cohen, in memory of William Cohen, father of Michael Cohen
Berta Farbman, in memory of Yetta Grossman, mother of Bertie Farbman
William & Jeannie Fawley, in memory of Phyllis DeLouise, mother of Jeanne Fawley
Kenneth Feldman, in memory of Gregory Feldman, son of Kenneth Feldman
Bernard & Betty Loeb, in memory of Marilyn Entis
Michael & Liliane Loube, in memory of Joseph Nahoum, father of Lili (Michael) Loube, grandfather of Sabrina (Charles) Nail, great-grandfather of Joshua, Aaron, and Noah Nail
Joseph & Anne Miller, in memory of Edythe Miller, mother of Joe Miller
David & Brenda Silberman, in memory of Edith Silberman, mother of David Silberman
Katelyn Vaughan, in memory of Vincent M Jones
Dennis & Rachel Whitaker, in memory of Irving Brodsky, father of Rachel Whitaker

Membership Relief

Mark & Barri Hoffrichter
Steven & Valarie Lazerowich
Ruth Stuart

Music Fund

Eric & Susan Dubbin
Beth & Mitch Polonsky, in honor of 50th anniversary of Faith & Cliff Miller

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Nick & Brett Dabruzzo, in honor of Rabbi's support and officiating at our son Max's Bar Mitzvah
Leslie Dieter
Lois Simpson, in memory of Harry Simpson, husband of Lois Simpson, father of Judy Simpson, grandfather of Matthew Goldstein

Religious Activities Fund

Robert Klein, in honor of 50th anniversary of Faith & Cliff Miller

Sacred Text Fund

Peggy & Ron Kestenbaum, in honor of 50th anniversary of Ralene & Frank Damanti

Targeted

Berta Farbman, for rental of the facility for Trivia Night



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September/October 2019 Upcoming Events

September 2019

Sept. 2		No Torah Study
Sept. 3	12:30 pm	Fundraising Meeting
Sept. 3	6:30 pm	Brotherhood Dinner
Sept. 4	10:00 am	Women's Coffee
Sept. 6	6:30 pm	Tot Shabbat Service
Sept. 6	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Sept. 7	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning service - Bat Mitzvah of Caelyn Lasko
Sept. 9	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Sept. 11	12:30 pm	Sisterhood Book Club
Sept. 16	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Sept. 20	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Sept. 21	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning service - Bat Mitzvah of Addie Shavell
Sept. 23	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Sept. 23	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Sept. 26	6:30 pm	Girls' Night In
Sept. 29	7:30 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah service
Sept. 30		No Torah Study
Sept. 30	10:00 am	Rosh Hashanah services

October 2019

Oct. 1	12:30 pm	Fundraising Meeting
Oct. 1	6:30 pm	Brotherhood Dinner
Oct. 2	10:00 am	Women's Coffee
Oct. 7	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Oct. 8	7:30 pm	Kol Nidre services
Oct. 9	10:00 am	Yom Kippur services
Oct. 9	2:00 pm	Yom Kippur Discussion Groups
Oct. 9	4:00 pm	Yom Kippur Yizkor Service
Oct. 9	5:00 pm	Yom Kippur Ne'ilah Service
Oct. 13	5:00 pm	Sukkot at the Freedman farm
Oct. 14	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Oct. 18	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Oct. 19	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning service - Bat Mitzvah of Brooke Lieberman
Oct. 21	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Oct. 24	6:30 pm	Girls' Night Out
Oct. 28	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Oct. 28	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting