



The Voice

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Thanksgiving – America’s Sukkot

Rabbi Marc A. Gruber



Thanksgiving is unique among our American holidays. Most of our national, patriotic observances are secular.

Thanksgiving is a religious holiday. Incredibly, it is a religious celebration that is not limited to any singular group. All Americans no matter religious affiliation or ethnic origins celebrate Thanksgiving; each year we are united in gratitude. The Pilgrims based the original Thanksgiving celebration on the Biblical harvest holiday that we still celebrate millennia later - Sukkot.

Sitting in the flimsy, fragile sukkah that will protect us from the heat of the sun, but not the rain, we think about the vulnerability of this structure and the fragility of our lives. This awareness could lead us to depression, or we could develop a sense of appreciation. Let us choose awareness and appreciation; let us savor the abundance we enjoy and

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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.

My High Holiday Message

Dan Sieger, President



This is my third speech at Yom Kippur services. This one, unlike the others, was difficult to put down on paper. Typically, I kick around ideas in my head for a few weeks, start

writing my message a few weeks before the service, and tweak it up until the actual service. This year was completely different. As I started to think about what to speak about, I thought of everything that has happened to us in 2020, and by ‘us’, I mean the world, America and everyone watching me during the services. For the life of me, I could not come up with anything that has happened that was worth talking about.

That right there is the first item I want to address. Lying - everyone does it; it can be little white lies to full blown, “Hey, it’s wasn’t me”. We are taught at a young age that we better get to bed because if we don’t, (insert several names here) won’t come and do what they do. We lie to infants, “Here comes the airplane,” when it’s really a spoon.

Now, I am not saying that we should tell the truth every time. That is not realistic. Things happen, and things change. So, you tell your kids that you are going to Hershey Park tomorrow, and then it rains, and you don’t go. At a certain age, they can understand, but the younger one would be devastated. But what is important to understand is that everyone lies. There are some individuals for which lying is the only thing that they do. However, in this current pandemic situation with people staying indoors and not seeing friends or family, people are developing depression. If you speak to a friend via phone, zoom or

socially distanced visitations and they say ‘I’m Fine,’ and you just know better, don’t stop there, go further and get them to talk, keep checking in on them. There are too many people that are in a bad place these days. It is our *mitzvah* to make sure that they make it through.

The second and just as important issue that we are facing is the loss of social discourse. Right or wrong, left or right, black or white, I do not recall in all of my years that it was ever this bad. There is an old saying, “Don’t talk about politics, religion and her. They are discussions that you just can’t win.” My question is what happened to having any discussion, using truth and facts, and being friends at the end. These days it seems that you cannot be on the other side and be a nice person, someone that is smart, someone that seeks to understand. Instead, you are just wrong. It seems that violence is the answer for some people. If you are wearing the wrong jersey at a sporting event, you get beaten up. If you are gathering and someone does not like you, your point of view, or that you are in their area, then they use their car to make a point.

I look back to a point in our history when I can say being different, having different views on how something should be done, did not stop things from getting done. When the Republican President Ronald Reagan and the Democratic House Leader, Tip O’Neil were both in power, they did something that just seems to be unattainable today -They Worked Together. They worked on items that put the country first, not their party, the Country. That is what we need to get back to. Everyone today needs to look at the issues at hand, decide what is best for the country, state,

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give thanks. Let us learn to live each day in meaningful ways.

The most difficult aspect of Jewish life in America is creating Jewish rhythms in our lives. I believe that it is important to remember Thanksgiving not simply as an American holiday, not just as part of our civic culture, but as a time to thank God for the bounty of the harvest. We can do this in our homes.

This year, consider both our Jewish and American heritages. When your family sits down to dinner, pause for a brief service before partaking of your holiday meal. I provide three readings below. To open your service, you could read an excerpt from **George Washington's letter to the Hebrew congregation of Newport, Rhode Island**. The letter focuses our attention on the freedoms of religion and conscience that we cherish. Next read a

poem. I suggest the **'Colossus' by Emma Lazarus**. This poem is engraved on a tablet affixed to the Statue of Liberty. It is a poem of Thanksgiving and a celebration of liberty. **The poem by Rabbi Sheila Peltz-Weinberg** below is another possible selection. Take turns around the table, have each person share one blessing for which she or he is thankful. Bless the food, pray *Shehechyanu*, and delight in a joyous feast. This brief service will add much to your Thanksgiving commemoration.

From our home to yours, Renee joins me in sending each of you good wishes for a meaningful and healthy Thanksgiving holiday.

B'vrakha (with blessing) - בברכה
Rabbi Marc A. Gruber

Washington's commitment to religious liberty, the involvement of all people in the new democracy and the campaign for passage of the Bill of Rights combined on that August day in Newport, Rhode Island. The result is the Letter to the Hebrew Congregations of Newport, a profound statement of the values that make America an example to the world.

President Washington's Letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island, August 21, 1790

Gentlemen:

While I received with much satisfaction your address replete with expressions of esteem, I rejoice in the opportunity of assuring you that I shall always retain grateful remembrance of the cordial welcome I experienced on my visit to Newport from all classes of citizens.

The reflection on the days of difficulty and danger which are past is rendered the more sweet from a consciousness that they are succeeded by days of uncommon prosperity and security.

If we have wisdom to make the best use of the advantages with which we are now favored, we cannot fail, under the just administration of a good government, to become a great and happy people.

The citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for having given to mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy—a policy worthy of imitation. All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship.

It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it were the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights, for, happily, the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.

It would be inconsistent with the frankness of my character not to avow that I am pleased with your favorable opinion of my administration and fervent wishes for my felicity.

May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants—while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid.

May the father of all mercies scatter light, and not darkness, upon our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in His own due time and way everlastingly happy.

G. Washington

Emma Lazarus was a passionate immigration activist, becoming particularly involved in the plight of Russian Jewish refugees. She wrote the poem in 1883 to help raise funds for the construction of the Statue of Liberty's pedestal. Twenty years later (1903) the bronze plaque with this poem was affixed to the pedestal.

The New Colossus

By Emma Lazarus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command

The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

This Poem by Rabbi Sheila Peltz-Weinberg can help us to focus on the mitzvah of gratitude to God for the mysteries of life and the bounties of creation.

A Poem For Home Use on Thanksgiving

To smell and taste cinnamon and nutmeg spicing
apples, chestnuts, pumpkin, squash,
buttered beans, corn, sweet potatoes.

To pause in the presence of ripeness
and give thanks.

To say YES to
Interdependence, harmony, connection.
YES to belonging, to receiving, to giving.
YES to the aroma of baking bread.
YES to the eternity of love and kindness.
Thanking is reaching, climbing over the
wall/boundary of me
and you, person/planet, to hold hands, fingers
interlacing.

Thanking is dancing with the elements of life - earth
air water fire water fire earth
breath sun tears bones.

Dancing with
oceans, streams, milk, tears, sweat, rain - juices of life.

Singing with sun, passion, cooking, warming,
candles stars
hearth of life.

Laughing with
breath, wind, wings, weather, smelling, sailing -
waving of
life.

Playing with
bones, dust, mountains, grass, mud, desert - clay of life.

Thanking is amazement at the bounty
and grief at the waste.

Thanking grows on more thanking. It is a daily practice
we need to teach ourselves and our children.

Thanking is forgiving ourselves for not being perfect.
Thanking is walking toward and hugging.
Thanking is stretching the fibers of our souls until we
barely recognize ourselves.

Thanking is remembering.
Remembering that we come from the earth and unto
her bounty we shall return.

May thanksgiving be our travel guide, our friend
Teaching us to take only what we need.
To walk with gentle steps.
And to pause in the presence of ripeness.



Our School Virtually ...

Joanna Sieger, Director of Education

Things look very different for our school than they did last year. We have moved to all remote learning. We have purchased a new curriculum for the year that is designed to be used remotely. The curriculum also enables students to login and practice their Hebrew at their convenience and gives feedback when they complete something correctly or not. The Jewish Values curriculum is built on providing Jewish values through an age appropriate lens. For example, the lens for 4th grade is Self, for 6th is Community, and for 7th is *Tikkun Olam* (repairing our world).

Each issue, I will share 2-3 of those values and how different grades may be taught. The seven values are *Teshuvah*, *B'Tzelem Elohim*, *Gevaurah*, *Achrayut*, *Hakarat Hatov*, *Koach Hadibbar*, and *Shalom*.

For this issue, let's talk about *Teshuvah* – taking responsibility for your actions and *B'Tzelem Elohim* – honoring the image of God in ourselves and others.

[from the Shalom Learning curriculum]
Teshuvah for 7th Graders (the lens of

repairing our world), the concept of repentance is powerful for students in the middle-school age group. Rumors and gossip are widespread and can significantly impact students' lives. Seventh grade is a time of incredible growth and a strong understanding of the concept of *teshuvah* can help students navigate the often tough and unfair world of middle school. Words are extremely powerful, especially the words, "I'm sorry." In a world culture where "talk is cheap," where chatting with someone usually takes place in a digital room, and where "I'm sorry" becomes a meaningless line, the idea of genuine sincere repentance initiated by self-analysis and reflection is a critical life skill for middle school aged students to learn. The High Holidays give us a timeframe, boundaries, and a method for practicing *teshuvah*. The concept of *teshuvah* helps students understand that when they make a mistake, spread a rumor, gossip about a classmate, or even just standby as others use their words in a negative way, *teshuvah* is a means through which they can right a wrong, bridge a gap, or heal a wound.

B'Tzelem Elohim for 3rd grade (the lens of family) – honoring the image of God in ourselves and other is the underpinning of the Jewish value system, the notion that humans were created *b'tzelem Elohim* (in God's image). This unit explores how we can honor the image of God in ourselves and in others and how that affects the way we behave in the world. This unit is building the argument that humanity—and particularly the Jewish people who have embraced this aspect of their master creation story—have a purpose and mission to their lives of divine proportions. This value underlies the units that we will study the rest of the year; our status as images of God will help us summon the courage to act when needed, will clearly point to our responsibilities towards others, will remind us of the power in speech and words, and will make us seekers of peace and wholeness.

I am happy to answer questions about our new curriculum. Please feel free to contact me at education@kolamifrederick.org

Our religious school program goes beyond the "walls" of our school. Participating in synagogue activities and service attendance are important parts of being in a Jewish community. The following students will receive a certificate and free child's meal courtesy of Texas Roadhouse.

I would like to recognize the following students in grades K-4 who attended more than two services in September and October:

Anna Anderson
Alexis Fogelson
Micah Friedman
Sophie Friedman
Zachary Haldeman
Gavin Lavo
Jacob Levitan
Hunter Lieberman
Olive Medovoy
Poppy Medovoy
Balian Vaughan
Hadrian Vaughan

The following students are in grades 5-7 and have attended at least six services this school year:

Dylan Lavo
Joshua Lavo
Bailey Smith

From the President

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local, community, your own household and work together with all sides to achieve the result. You may not 'like' the way that it is decided to be done, but if the results (legally and ethically) achieve the goal, that is what we need to do.

Over the past year, we have had some major changes at Kol Ami. Each year we gain new members, and, on the flip side, we lose some. There are members that move out of the area, members that just have outgrown Kol Ami and recently, one member stated that they left because over the past few years, events were either never announced or cancelled due to lack of participation. This last reason is concerning to me, as that member did not attend the events that we did have and never offered to help or volunteer to help make those events happen. We are not a huge 1000+ member congregation. We are not a congregation with a long history that has had money and/or property gifted to them. We are not a congregation that charges large membership fees

and therefore, we are not able to hire several full-time individuals, whose job is to plan and make events happen. We are a small, caring, community that must come together to make Kol Ami grow and prosper. I ask that you take a moment to get involved. I ask that you take a moment when we get back to in person and attend an event. I ask that you keep your friends and family at Kol Ami in your thoughts during this time and do what needs to be done, for us all to make it to the other side of this.

So, in conclusion, do not believe people when they lie that everything is ok. Just because you are right, does not make me wrong and vice versa. Let us work together to make the world a better place. And lastly, your membership fees and donations are welcomed and needed, but please do not feel that is all. We want to see and be with you as well. That is what it means to be a family, and we are all Kol Ami family.

Brotherhood hosted tournament to pick next post-pandemic dinner location

Jeff Feiertag

Unable to have our monthly dinners at area restaurants, the Congregation Kol Ami Brotherhood held a 16-team bracket style tournament through part of the pandemic. We began with a partial list of restaurants we have visited over the last few years and grouped them into four categories: Bar Food, Mexican, Italian and Asian.

The first round featured several routs, with Oscar's Alehouse, Lucky Corner and Modern Asia all earning over 80% of the votes in their respective match-ups. Into the next round, we saw two upsets as California Tortilla edged out La Paz by one vote and Modern Asia overcame Lucky Corner by the same margin.

The final four gave us Oscar's Alehouse over California Tortilla with a dominant win, as the former's fans counted for over

three-fourths of the votes. The second match-up was not very far off from the first, with Manalu topping Modern Asia to head into the finals.

The last pairing was a classic match-up of comfort foods in a time of uncertainty: Oscar's Alehouse against Manalu, each a number one seed from their respective regions. Voting ran for several days and was even tied, heading into the later part of the week. When all was said and done, though, Manalu took the title (58% to 42% of the vote).

When it is safe for the group to head back to our monthly dinners on the town, Manalu will be our first stop. We will share a good meal and tell some stories – all for the cost of a few *pennes*.

Trivia Night– Kol Ami Social Distancing Style

David Silberman

On Saturday Oct 10, the 2nd Congregation Kol Ami Trivia Contest- Social Distancing Style, was held to benefit Kol Ami and to provide some challenging questions to the participants. There were 23 people who signed up to play via e-mail, and they had to answer such questions as:

What film did Steven Spielberg win his first Oscar for Best Director?

What is the oldest active ballpark in Major League Baseball?

What was the first state to ratify the US Constitution?

Each participant was asked to not look up the answers, but to guess based on their own knowledge!! The winner, who got 18 of the 20 questions correct, was Steve Lazerowich. Steve won a Dunkin Donuts giftcard. Honorable mentions go to Ralene Damanti and Brenda Silberman, who each got 17 correct answers, and to Anne Cohen, Michael Cohen, and Gerald Cohen, who each got 16 correct answers.

(The answers to the above trivia questions-- Schindler's List; Fenway Park; and Delaware.)

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 Parshyot for November and December are as follows:

November 7- Veyeira, Genesis 18:1-22:24

Three visitors tell Abraham he will soon have a son. Abraham argues with God about the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot’s wife becomes a pillar of salt. Isaac is born. Ishmael is sent away, and Abraham is tested by the Akeda.

November 14 – Chayye Sarah, Genesis 23:1-25:18

Abraham purchases the cave at Machpelah to bury Sarah. Isaac marries Rebekah. Abraham dies and is buried with Sarah.

November 21 – Toledot, Genesis 25:19-28:9

The birth of Esau and Jacob. Rebekah and Jacob conspire to steal Esau’s blessing. Jacob flees to Haran.

November 28 – Vayyetze, Genesis 28:10-32:3

Jacob’s dream. Jacob works 7 years for Laban for the right to marry Rachel, is tricked into marrying Leah too and must work 7 more years. Jacob and his family leave Laban’s household with great wealth.

December 5 – Vayyishlach, Genesis 32:4-36:43

Jaco wrestles with God and then meets Esau. Dinah is raped at Shechem, and her brothers retaliate. Rachel dies giving birth to Benjamin. Isaac dies and is buried in Hebron.

December 12 – Vayyeshev, Genesis 37:1-40:23

Jacob favors his son Joseph, but his jealous brothers sell Joseph into slavery and suggest to Jacob he has died.

December 19 – Mikketz, Genesis 41:1-44:17

Joseph correctly interprets Pharaoh’s two dreams. Pharaoh places Joseph in charge of food collection and distribution. Joseph’s brothers come to Egypt looking for food and eventually are ordered (by Joseph) to leave Egypt without Benjamin.

December 26 – Vayiggash, Genesis 44:18-47:27

Judah pleas for Benjamin’s freedom and offers himself instead. Joseph reveals his identity. Jacob learns Joseph is alive, comes to Egypt and settles in Goshen. The Israelites thrive in Egypt.

Wish your friends a ‘Happy Birthday’ and benefit Kol Ami

Everyone likes to be remembered, and it’s time to celebrate our December and January birthday congregants.

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 **Nov. 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)

December Birthdays

- Michelle Baird
- Liberty Black
- Lieba Cohen
- Susan Davis
- Ruth de La Viez
- Scott Friedman
- Beckett Gordon
- Hyatt Gordon
- Tom Griesacker
- Chris Haas
- Ellen Koitz
- Gavin Lavo
- Robert Lazorchak
- Sam Levitan
- Grant Lieberman
- Hunter Lieberman
- Gabe Maymon
- Linda McMullen
- Laurel Messite
- Alexia Nickol
- Robert Parnes
- Franna Ruddell
- Haley Smith
- Ilene Smith

- Lee Smith
- Al Steinbach
- Rachel Whitaker
- Avery Yancer
- Matthew Fogelson
- Marjorie Haas
- Ilise Haldeman
- Bernard Loeb
- Cliff Miller

January Birthdays

- Anna Anderson
- Tess Blumenthal
- Howard Buxbaum
- Wendy Cary
- Jill Cody
- Tom Evans
- Lee Nelson
- Joseph Schwinger
- Talia Seidman
- Brenda Silberman
- Mayson Smith
- Jack Star
- Joshua Yancer
- Matthew Yancer

The Well

Kerry Reynolds

Given Middle Eastern climate and topography, it is not surprising so many important Torah stories involve water. This includes several of the most iconic Biblical moments, such as Noah's flood (Gen. 7), Moses at the Red Sea (Exod. 14) and Joshua preparing to cross the Jordan (Deut. 34).

Meanwhile, routine daily village life tended to revolve around a well, which – as the office water cooler of its time – served as a place to meet and greet and for many Torah ancestors to begin courtships. On November 14, Reform Jews will read Chayye Sarah, wherein Abraham sends his servant to find a wife for Isaac. The servant encounters Rebekah at a well near Nahor (Gen. 24), and she will become pivotal in sustaining our faith. One generation later, Jacob meets Rachel at a well near Haran (Gen. 29), after which he receives an unexpected two wives and fathers the Twelve Tribes. In the next book, Moses will meet Zipporah at her local well in Midian (Exod. 2), launching a sojourn that includes a burning bush.

These were all happy stories, but, due their importance, wells also became the scenes of conflict. In Toledot, we learn the Philistines stopped all of Abraham's wells and filled them with dirt (Gen. 26), and Isaac struggled to reopen or build one he could secure – finally settling on one near Beersheba. In addition to ownership issues, there also was a pecking order for watering livestock. Moses came to Zipporah's attention when he prevented other shepherds from bumping her family's flock from the queue.

On November 7, we will read Vayera. During this parashah, Abraham and God draw closer after an awkward series of tests that perplex us to this day. The final (and most consequential) test is the Akedah, found in Genesis 22. That story may be the headline attraction, but two other

stories – both involving wells – serve as useful precursors in Chapter 21.

At the beginning of Gen. 21, "Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age." Both parents were delighted, and Sarah said, "God hath made laughter for me." The happiness did not last long, though. At the ceremony for Isaac's weaning, Sarah decided she did not want Hagar and Ishmael around anymore and asked Abraham to cast both into the wilderness. Abraham was reluctant to dismiss his firstborn son, but God supported Sarah – while assuring Abraham that Ishmael would "make a nation." In short order, they were in the desert, "the water in the bottle was spent," and Hagar wept in despair. At that point, God appeared and "opened her eyes and she saw a well of water."

So, problem solved; right? Abraham passed the test, God kept His word, Ishmael thrived in the Wilderness of Paran, and Isaac had an unencumbered inheritance. I have another take on this passage. Perhaps Hagar is a metaphor for us all. The solution to her problem (the well) was in plain sight. But she did not see it because of her emotional state. Sound familiar?

The second story in Genesis 21 is vastly different. Abimelech, a local chieftain who has had a mixed history with Abraham, proposes a form of peace treaty between them. Abraham uses the moment to complain that Abimelech's servants have violently stolen one of his wells. The two manage to negotiate an amicable settlement, and Abraham plants a tamarisk tree to commemorate their ability to put aside past differences. Conflict need not always end badly if the participants are open to compromise and resolution.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Bat Mitzvah of Violet Nelson

November 21, 2020

Violet is the daughter of Jessica and Lee Nelson and sister to Zachary (18) and Eliza (15).

She is in 8th grade at Folly Quarter Middle School. Violet enjoys playing her marimbas in the school band and at home. She likes music in general and singing, especially with Taylor Swift. She also loves making friendship bracelets, being outdoors, and cooking. She loves her two dogs, Ceci, a Rat Terrier, and StanLee, a rescue Chihuahua. She plans to study education in college and wants to be an elementary school teacher.

Join us for Torah Study

Mondays at 12:30 p.m.

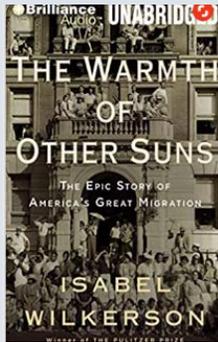
November 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

December 7, 14, 21, 28

Join us for Services

November 13, 20 and 21

December 4 and 18



Sisterhood Book Club

Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 12:30 p.m.

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson

In this epic, beautifully written masterwork, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life.

Look for the Zoom link in the weekly Bulletin.

Sisterhood Coffee

Wednesdays, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2

Come meet your friends and let us know what is happening in your life. Go to this Zoom link for our September coffee.

<https://zoom.us/j/92495529673?pwd=eTA0RWNKcVN3eHdFZDDcDI0YXJJEZz09&status=success>



Fundraising Committee Update

David Silberman

Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick has been on a hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic but will get to work as soon as things are back to normal. We hope to have another successful season at the Frederick Keys concession booth next year, which was our biggest fundraiser in 2019. Birthdays, organized by Judi Feldman continue, and we hope

you take advantage of these to offer birthday wishes to congregants and their families!

Other possible fundraising ideas in the future include a new casino night, an axe throwing evening, tubing down the Potomac River, Judaica Pottery Arts, a pickleball tournament, and several more. Any new fundraising ideas would be greatly appreciated! Please email your ideas and suggestions to fundraising@kolamifrederick.org

Special thanks to the fundraising committee, who until this past March, were meeting monthly to plan new and exciting events. Members include Anne Cohen, Ralene Damanti, Harriet Buxbaum, Bertie Farbman, Ruth de la Viez, Judi Feldman, Val Lazerowich, and Charolette Mayberry.





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for coordinating the High Holidays in the virtual format so all could celebrate together.

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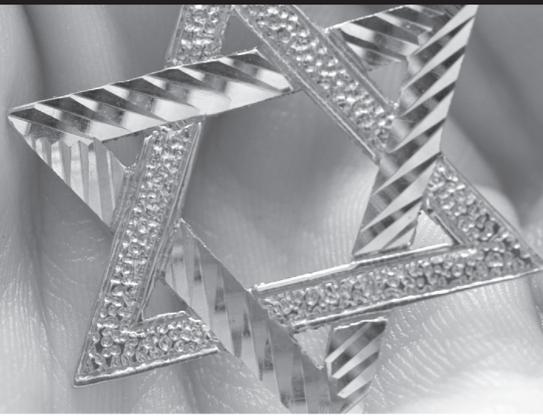
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November/December 2020 Upcoming Events

November 2020

Sun., Nov. 1	10:00 am	Religious School
Mon., Nov. 2	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Wed., Nov. 4	10:00 am	Women's Coffee
Sun., Nov. 8	10:00 am	Religious School
Mon., Nov. 9	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Wed., Nov. 11	12:30 pm	Sisterhood Book Club
Fri., Nov. 13	6:30 pm	Family Shabbat Service
Fri., Nov. 13	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Sun., Nov. 15	10:00 am	Religious School
Mon., Nov. 16	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Thurs., Nov. 19	7:30 pm	Girls' Night In
Fri., Nov. 20	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Sat, Nov. 21	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Violet Nelson
Sun., Nov. 22	10:00 am	Religious School
Mon., Nov. 23	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Mon., Nov. 23	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 26		Thanksgiving
Sun., Nov. 29	10:00 am	NO Religious School
Mon., Nov. 30	12:30 pm	Torah Study

December 2020

Wed., Dec. 2	10:00 am	Sisterhood Coffee
Fri., Dec. 4	6:30 pm	Family Shabbat Service
Fri., Dec. 4	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Sun., Dec. 6	10:00 am	Religious School
Mon., Dec. 7	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Fri., Dec. 11		First Day Hanukkah
Sun., Dec. 13	10:00 am	Religious School
Mon., Dec. 14	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Thurs., Dec. 17	7:30 pm	Girls' Night In
Fri., Dec. 18	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Sun., Dec. 20	10:00 am	Religious School
Mon., Dec. 21	12:30 pm	Torah Study
Mon., Dec. 21	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri., Dec. 25		Christmas Day
Sun., Dec. 27	10:00 am	NO Religious School
Mon., Dec. 28	12:30 pm	Torah Study