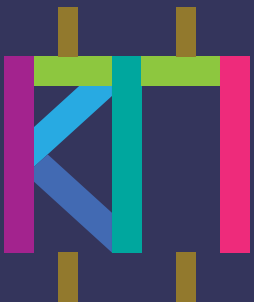


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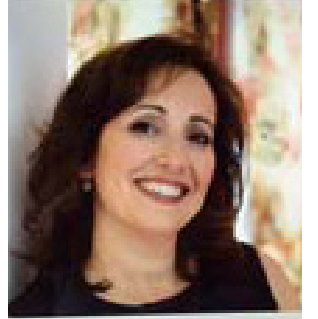
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## From the President...



Unsurprisingly, the summer months flew by and now the community is in back-to-school mode. We are fortunately coming closer to the High Holiday season, a time to reflect on the past year in order to create a vision and plan for our future.

I think that the past few months have felt different because we have embraced thinking “outside the box.” You know that we are constantly faced with the challenge to keep you, our congregation, a vibrant part of our community.

You welcomed Rabbi Goldberg and Daniel to join our veteran Cantor Sklar and her family to establish a powerhouse clergy team. In November we celebrated your 130th Anniversary at a special Gala with more than 200 people and, despite some weather obstacles, we persevered to execute a wonderful event. Rabbi Goldberg introduced new places to pray on Shabbat, Adult Education classes and engagement with the greater Rye Brook/Port Chester community, such as handing out cookies during Hanukkah at the Port Chester train station and bringing everyone together after the tragedy in Pittsburgh. You opened your space to a shared facility program that enables a local church that lost its space to have a place to pray, and we fortunately benefit from this relationship as well. You have taken a big step in negotiations to sell some of our land and finally you created a new membership platform for ECP Families to become members of KTI.

Recently, a non-member approached me in town and said “Wow! *There is so much going on at KTI: so much buzz around town!*” I couldn’t help

but smile. This amazing and satisfying feeling becomes infectious and members are just doing more, whether it be attending Kabbalat Shabbat, Shabbat morning and Sunday minyans, joining committees and getting involved with our programming and events.

**We owe it to ourselves and to you, to continue the momentum, continue to strengthen the Jewish community in our neighborhood.**

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Here is how you can make a difference:

**Spread the word.** Tell your friends about how much you and your kids love the ECP. Tell your friends about the exceptional education we provide in the Religious School. Tell your friends about Rabbi Goldberg and Cantor Sklar, our warm and meaningful services and all of the amazing programs that we have to offer.

**Get involved.** Come to Shabbat or Holiday services. Come to a program that interests you or help create programming that interests you by sharing your ideas or joining a committee. Want to help others in the KTI community? Join the Hessed committee. Want to help out with the November 2nd Casino Night? Join the planning committee, donate items for the



silent auction, and come celebrate with us. Have other ideas? Reach out to Margot and me at [presidents@congti.org](mailto:presidents@congti.org) and let us know.

**Support KTI financially.** KTI cannot exist without your financial support. Just like every synagogue, dues and tuition alone cannot fund KTI’s operations, schools and facilities. A successful High Holiday appeal is crucial to our ongoing fundraising efforts. Please be as generous as you can when making your High Holiday donation this year. Our goal is 100% participation. It is up to all of us to make the commitment and investment so that KTI can grow and thrive.

On behalf of Margot and the entire Board of Trustees, I wish you and your families a happy, healthy and sweet New Year!

*L’shana Tovah,*



**Joanie Rosenbaum**

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## Dates to Note

Please see High Holiday Schedule for Holiday related services & programs.

### Upcoming 2019 B’nai Mitzvah

September 7	Ana Savitt
October 19	Jason and Brandon Schwartzman
October 26	Michael Berman Annunziata
November 9	Rose Penan
December 14	Benjamin Sculky

### Upcoming KTI Programs

Wednesday, September 11	Information Session / Land Sale, 8:00 PM Jewish Learning Fellowship Wednesdays ongoing, 7:30 PM
Thursday, September 12	Campus Antisemitism: A Memoir, 7:30 PM
Saturday, September 21	Community Seliḥot Program and Service, 7:00 PM, Westchester Reform Temple, Scarsdale
Sunday, September 22	Cemetery Memorial Service 10:30 AM <i>Come From Away</i> , NYC Outing 3 PM Congregational Meeting / Land Sale Vote, 7:30 PM
Sunday, October 13	ECP Family Planting Day, 11 AM Sukkot at the Berman’s, 5:30 PM
Thursday, October 17	Pizza in the Hut, 5 PM Sweets in the Sukkah, 7:30 PM Rabbi’s House
Monday, October 21	Simḥat Torah Celebration honoring Rhoda and Richard Shapiro, 6:30 PM
Friday, October 25	Fall Tot Shabbat, 5:30 PM
Tuesday, October 29	College Night with Hillels of Westchester, 7:30 PM
Wednesday, October 30	On Your Game! KTI congregant/author, Marcy Axelrod, 7:30 PM
Saturday, November 2	Casino Night 8:00 PM
Thursday, November 14	Janet Heiser Game Night, 7 PM
Friday, November 15	Musical Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 PM
Sunday, November 17	Asylum Seekers Released by ICE, 4:30 PM

### Upcoming Adult Education Programs

Wednesday dates in September/October/November	Torah Stories You Thought You Knew <i>Introduction to Rabbinic Midrash</i> 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM
Thursday dates in January & February	The Ethical Life, Part II: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice, 7:30 PM
Saturday, November 23	Westchester Night of Jewish Learning, Beth El Synagogue Center, New Rochelle, 7:30 PM
Saturday, December 7	Shabbat Mishpahaḥ, 9:30 AM
Wednesday, December 18	Teen Hanukkah Party, 7 PM
Thursday, December 19	ECP & K - 2 Hanukkah Party, 5 – 6 PM
Friday, January 24	Tot Shabbat, 5:30 PM
Friday, February 7	Musical Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 PM
Sunday, March 8	Purim Carnival
Monday, March 9	Megillah Reading & Purim Celebration, 6:30 PM
Sunday, March 22	Mitzvah Madness!
Saturday, March 28	Hei / Vav Class Shabbat, 9:30 AM
Thursday, April 9	Community Seder, Rabbi’s House
Sunday, April 19	Tour of Eldridge Street Museum
Friday, April 24	Musical Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 PM
Saturday, May 9	Gimel / Dalet Class Shabbat 9:30 AM
Tuesday, May 12	End of RS/Lag BaOmer BBQ, 4 PM
Thursday, May 14	ECP Art Show
Friday, May 15	ECP End of Year Tot Shabbat, 5:30 PM
Thursday, May 28	Tikkun Leil Shavuot, 7 PM
Thursday, June 11	ECP Happily Ever After Graduation
Friday, June 12	ECP Picnic, 10:30 AM
June 15 – 19	Safety Village

# Message From the Rabbi



The High Holidays offer us an annual annual opportunity for introspection and reflection. We use this time to take an honest look at ourselves, to assess our accomplishments and shortcomings as people, and to resolve, with God’s help, to do better in the year ahead.

These days can be associated with the infamous “Jewish guilt,” the nagging feeling that no matter what, we can never be good enough.

One rabbinic text suggests that the Ten Days of Repentance, including Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, correspond to the Ten Commandments. This text imagines that, because we accepted the Ten Commandments, those personified commandments become our advocates. They intercede, as it were, with God, advocating for God’s mercy to overwhelm God’s justice.

It matters that we hold ourselves to high standards for how we live our lives. For sure, we will not always live up to those standards. But at least we are trying, at least we want to be held to those standards. That counts for something.

We are not perfect. But we can be better, and we want to be better. Resolving to change is the first and most important step. We have work to do, but we also have the faith that God will meet us along the road to transformation and renewal.

These days offer us the opportunity to come home, to renew our relationship to our values, our community, our heritage, and our God. We are reminded of the kind of people we want to be, of the standards by which we aspire to live.

May our experiences of the High Holidays as a community lift us upward and onward into the new year.

*Benjamin Goldberg*

Rabbi Ben Goldberg

# Notes from the Cantor



This summer I was privileged to be able to take a month-long sabbatical, during which I attended a Jewish Spirituality retreat. I recently shared a bit about my experience, and now I'd like to reflect and expound upon one particular part of what I had written.

As I mentioned, this was my first formal introduction to the world of Jewish spiritual practices grounded in mindfulness, though the the concept is not exactly new to me. My own sense of Jewish spirituality drew its first breaths through music.

During my time at the retreat I was introduced to a teaching by Rabbi Kalonymus Kalman Shapira, the Piaseczner Rebbe, in which he wrote, *“It will happen sometimes that as you sing, without intending it, you will spontaneously begin to speak words of prayer to God. If at first these words may be associated with the life and desires of the body, the more you become spiritually aroused, and your soul comes out of its sheath to fly upwards, the more you will leave this world and its concerns, and from the depths of your heart you will cry out in pure prayer to God.”*

When I read this text, I immediately connected to it. Singing is the way that I pray, and really the way that we pray as a Jewish community. That sense of spiritual connection that happens when I become engrossed in a melody is exactly

what drove me to become a cantor in the first place. It is easy to forget about that, to stay in the day-to-day. But my heart is only really open when I can transcend to a place of pure spirituality. And in that place is when real prayer happens.

In the 5th chapter of the *Mishneh Torah*, Maimonides writes of the necessity of mindfulness in order to pray. In telling of how to attain this state of mindfulness, he writes, *“How is intent (achieved)? A person should turn his heart from all thoughts and envision himself as if he is standing before the presence of God.”*

These High Holidays, when you join me in prayer through song, I invite you to immerse yourself in the experience. Try to let go of everything around you, even if only for a moment, and delve into prayer with your whole self. For many of us this can feel really foreign and uncomfortable – to truly put yourself into the moment. But perhaps you will come through the High Holidays with a sense of connection - to your own thoughts, desires, and needs, to the community around you, and hopefully even to the divine.

May your High Holiday season be meaningful, sweet, and truly fulfilling,

*Alexis K. Sklar*

Cantor Alexis K. Sklar





KTI Religious School is an inclusive community that transmits our Jewish heritage as a source of ethical and spiritual development to the next generation. Through formal and experiential techniques, we foster the growth of rich Jewish identities, character development, and a lifelong love of Jewish learning, doing mitzvot, and participating in Jewish community. We create a positive social atmosphere in which students develop relationships with one another and have a strong sense of local community. We work to meet the learning needs of every student as they begin their lifelong Jewish journeys.

Outcomes

- By the time students complete the KTI Religious School, they will:
- Be fluent in the Shabbat morning service and demonstrate this fluency at their bar/bat mitzvah
  - Possess a highly developed set of values and character, derived from Torah and Jewish wisdom
  - Participate fully in the life of the Jewish community and live according to the Jewish calendar and life-cycle
  - Identify proudly as a Jew and see themselves as part of the story of the Jewish people from ancient times to the present

Curricular Strands

- Prayer: How can I express my own spirituality through the siddur?
- Values: How can Judaism teach me to be a good person?
- Living: How does Judaism help me sanctify time and relationships?
- Story: How do I fit in to the story of the Jewish people?

Program Highlights

- Students participate in their class service and in learning to lead prayers.
- Students are exposed to disability awareness through the Gateways Inclusive Education program.
- Students get to participate in our Chanukiyadah and Purimkiyadah team competitions.
- Students have opportunities to participate in our

- Havdalah Sleep Under, Mitzvah Madness and various *hesed* and *tzedakah* programs.
- Students participate in our Jewish art program where they make *mezuzot*, *tzedakah* boxes, challah boards, and matzo boxes.
  - Students in 5th, 6th and 7th grade get to participate in *Bechira*, our elective program where they choose to focus on Jewish cooking, Modern Hebrew language, art, acting out the *parsha* (Torah portion), Hebrew Yoga, and Israeli popular culture.
  - Our Vav students (6th graders) make their own *tallit* and, in the process, better understand why this ritual object is what it is-demystifying it and personalizing it. They learn to don *tefillin* and to understand what *tefillin* are, how they are a tool of worship, whether or not they come from homes where these are familiar.
  - Our *B'nai Mitzvah* students learn about the Holocaust and become paired with a Holocaust twin through *Remember a Child from the Generation After*.
  - Families participate in programs like Moving Traditions in the Zayin year (*B'nai Mitzvah*, generally 7th grade) to prepare students to transition into adulthood - to ask their parents questions about their own transitions as students are put in positions where they must decide who they are and who they want to be.

Class	Day	Time
KTI Kindergarten	Thursday	4 - 5:30 pm
Kitah Aleph / 1st grade	Thursday	4 - 5:30 pm
Kitah Bet / 2nd grade	Thursday	4 - 5:30 pm
Kitot Gimmel / 3rd,	Grades 3 - 6 attend 2 days	
Dalet / 4th, Hei and Vav/	Tuesday	4 - 6 pm
5th and 6th grades	Saturday	9:30 am -12 pm
Kitah Zayin / 7th grade		
Special programs & activities with Rabbi Goldberg. Please be in touch with Cantor Sklar or Rabbi Goldberg for more information.		

Meet Our Religious School Faculty



Religious School Director

Cantor Alexis Sklar began directing KTI's Religious School in July 2017, after 7 years of already being a vital part of the school's music and Tefillah program. She brings a great sense of enthusiasm, organization, and fun into our Religious School, aiming to inculcate in every child a true love and knowledge of Judaism that will serve as a lifelong foundation for their Jewish education.

To contact Cantor Sklar and learn more about our Religious School email [cantorsklar@congkti.org](mailto:cantorsklar@congkti.org) or call 914.939.1004 ext.207.



Elaine Atzmon has been teaching children of different ages and learning styles. She completed her education in Israel where she lived and taught English as a second language. A teacher at Solomon Schechter for over thirty years, she received the Gruss Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching. She is a veteran Hebrew School teacher and is adept at working with those needing remedial or enrichment courses. Elaine loves new challenges and teaching! *Kitot Aleph & Dalet*



Ellie Gluck is thrilled to be working at Congregation KTI this year. She lives in Stamford, CT. She is a graduate of Rutgers University with a B.A. in Art & Jewish Studies, and a graduate of Rutgers Graduate School of Education Online with an Ed.M. in Learning, Cognition, & Development. She has taught Religious School for over ten years, and she excels at engaging students creatively, planning exciting lessons, and infusing *ruach* into all that she does. She is really looking forward to a wonderful Religious School year with *Kitah Vav*!

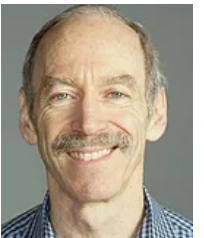


Dahlia Marcus has many years' experience working in religious schools. Dahlia taught 3rd and 4th grade Hebrew at Shaaray Tefila for 23 years and tutored remedial students in their Resource department. She taught Hebrew at Chabad and teaches

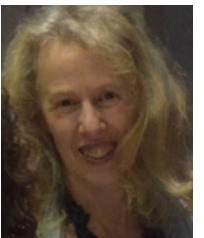
at Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester. Dahlia is a certified Teaching Assistant and taught for fifteen years in special education at Mount Pleasant Blythedale School in Valhalla, where she taught students with intellectual and physical handicaps and learned many approaches in Special Education. Teaching Hebrew is Dahlia's passion and she is delighted to be teaching here at KTI. *Kitah Hei*



Jimmy Rachlin is very excited to be part of the team here at KTI. He has been teaching Hebrew school and Sunday school in Westchester for the past seven years. He has a Master's degree in Judaic Studies from Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and he also recently received a Master's in Education from Long Island University. It is Jimmy's goal and desire to educate the younger generation in classical Jewish studies, Jewish history, and what it means to be Jewish. He is a big proponent of learning through fun, and he is thrilled to be able to impart his knowledge to a new group of students this year! *Kitah Gimel*



For the past 30 years, "Moreh Jeff" Siegel has been teaching all ages in religious schools and has worked in the early grades in Greenburgh Central School District and in Camp Mohawk. He holds Master's degrees in Elementary Education and Social Work. Jeff lives with his wife and two of his four children in Rockland County. Jeff loves teaching children through stories, games, and interactive experiences. *Kindergarten*



Karen Stamatis has been teaching at KTI for over 20 years and enjoys inspiring and being inspired by our students. She focuses on Hebrew language in art classes, its calligraphy and all aspects of Jewish art. She encourages appreciation of the earth's beauty and its maintenance through recycling (*ba'al tashchit*), repairing the world (*tikkun olam*) and helping those in need (*tzedakah*) with art projects.

Karen also teaches the popular cooking elective in our Bechira Program, where students explore cuisines of Ashkenazic, Sephardic and Romaniot Jews, and create dishes that are an integral part of the Jewish holidays.



# Executive Director's Greeting



The days from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur are considered a time for reflection on our actions during the previous year, a time to contemplate and judge ourselves as we try to improve in the coming year.

As seems true of all beginnings, a new year is an opportunity to take hold of where we are, identify where we want to go, and map out a plan to get there. This applies to us as individuals and, also, collectively to us as a synagogue; we envision our future, capitalize on our strengths, strategize and plan to achieve our goals together as board members, volunteers, clergy and staff.

In the KTI office, we strive to attain the ideal balance of serving and accommodating the needs of the sacred community we are with effectively and efficiently managing the institutional operation we also are. As we work to improve and advance on systems and procedures, we are concurrently assessing how to best tend to our extended family while also being responsible to the administrative and financial requirements of the synagogue.

All of the above in the context of *who are we and who do we want to be?* as individuals and as a collective. One particular program here at KTI prompts this question. I hope you will take note of our November 17 program about asylum seekers (at the border and beyond) as we learn of their plight and how we can help. (See page 17 for an overview.)

With our renewed personal and communal calls to action for 5780, I applaud all you do to help make our synagogue community the best we can be.

*Best wishes for a happy, healthy, fun, relaxing & prosperous 5780!*

Suli A. Fassler

# Welcome New Members!

Judy and Adam Capon

Ellen Coin

Erin and Andrew Coren

Michelle and Alan Dancyger

Deborah and Martin Enowitz

Edith Halpern

Rachel and David Hudesman

Lisa and Michael Kanner

Susan Luttinger and Felix Koyfman

Vicki and Stephen Lurie

Wendy and Ron Mayer

Leah and Scott Mittelman

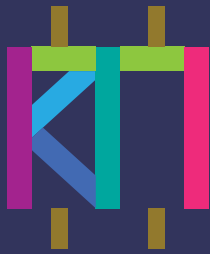
Svetlana and Jonathan Samuels

Elinor and Seth Slomiak

Tina and Jason Steinberg

Judith and Ronald Wilkins

Jenna and David Yaches



# Early Childhood Program



Hello from the KTI Early Childhood Program! We hope you are enjoying the last days of summer.

We are already beginning to prepare for the upcoming year and are excited to begin school on Wednesday, September 11th. We also want to send a special greeting to our new students and their families. We are sure they will feel a part of the big 'KTI family' quickly. We are happy to report that many of our terrific teachers are returning and we will welcome some new additions as well. We really anticipate a fantastic year ahead.

September is always a busy month at the ECP. The beginning days will be filled with fun classroom activities, songs and games. The children will be meeting new friends, and adjusting to school routines and experiences. They will visit our garden and will have loads of fun on our playground as well as ride bikes, trucks and scooters.

September is also when they will begin to learn about three important holidays: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. For the New Year, they will taste apples and honey, listen to stories and hear the Shofar sound. For Sukkot, which comes in October, children will decorate and visit our sukkah. They will smell the etrog and shake the lulav!

Weekly Shabbat with the Early Childhood Program will also begin this month. All the children and teachers gather together with Rabbi Goldberg and Cantor Sklar to light the candles, begin to learn the prayers, sing songs and eat delicious challah. It is a warm and special time that we all enjoy.

A few reminders of upcoming events:

- Parent Orientation for 2s, 3s and 4s is Monday night, September 9th ~ 7pm for 2s parents and 8pm for parents of 3s and 4s
- Classes begin on Wednesday, September 11th
- Parent/Child Orientation is Thursday, September 19th at 9:30 am
- Parent/Child classes begin on Thursday, September 26th
- School is closed for Rosh Hashanah on Monday, September 30th and Tuesday October 1st

Please mark your calendar for:

- Our annual 'Family Planting Day' scheduled for Sunday, October 13th, 11am to 1pm (Rain date is the following week, October 20th)
- Pizza in the Hut in celebration of Sukkot on Thursday, October 17th from 5 to 6pm
- Our Fall Tot Shabbat on Friday, October 25th from 6pm to 7pm
- Bagels and Blocks for families of 3s and 4s on Sunday, November 3rd, 10am to 11am

These events offer very special opportunities to share time with your family and the KTI community. We hope you'll mark the dates on your calendars and join us.

Until then, we hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer! See you in September!

Robin Goldberg  
Educational Director



# Schedule of High Holiday Services 5780

## Rosh Hashanah

<b>Sunday, September 29</b>	
Evening Services	6:30 PM Main Sanctuary
<b>Monday, September 30</b>	
*Child Care	8:30 AM Gantz Building
Morning Services	8:45 AM Main Sanctuary
Young Family Service	9:30 AM Heiser List Lounge
Shofar	10:30 AM (approx.) Main Sanctuary
Youth Services	10:45 AM
• Grades K – 2	Gantz Building Moadon
• Grades 3 – 7	Daily Prayer Room
Teen Talk	12:00 PM Gantz Building Library
Tashlikh & Minhah	4:30 PM Outdoors, Rich Manor Park

<b>Tuesday, October 1</b>	
*Child Care	8:30 AM Gantz Building
Morning Services	8:45 AM Main Sanctuary
Young Family Service	9:30 AM Heiser List Lounge
Shofar	10:30 AM (approx.) Main Sanctuary
Youth Services	10:45 AM
• Grades K – 2	Gantz Building Moadon
• Grades 3 – 7	Daily Prayer Room
Congregational Kiddush	Following Services

## Yom Kippur

<b>Tuesday, October 8</b>	
*Child Care	5:45 PM Gantz Building
Kol Nidrei	6:00 PM Main Sanctuary
<b>Wednesday, October 9</b>	
*Child Care	8:45 AM Gantz Buidling
Morning Services	9:00 AM Main Sanctuary
Young Family Service	9:30 AM Heiser List Lounge
Youth Services	10:30 AM
• Grades K – 2	Gantz Building Moadon
• Grades 3 – 7	Daily Prayer Room
Teen Talk	12:00 PM Gantz Building Library
Sermon, followed by Yizkor, Holocaust Procession	11:00 AM Main Sanctuary
Minhah, Ne'ilah, Ma'ariv	4:45 PM Main Sanctuary
Havdalah, Shofar	7:15 PM (approx.) Main Sanctuary

## Sukkot

<b>Monday, October 14</b>	
Morning Services	9:30 AM Daily Prayer Room
<b>Tuesday, October 15</b>	
Morning Services	7:30 AM Daily Prayer Room
<b>Thursday, October 17</b>	
Pizza in the Hut	5:00 PM Sukkah <i>For children 8 &amp; under and their families</i>

## Shemini Atzeret and Simhat Torah

<b>Monday, October 21</b>	
Morning Services	9:30 AM Main Sanctuary
Yizkor	10:30 AM (approx.) Main Sanctuary
Simhat Torah Celebration honoring Rhoda and Richard Shapiro!	6:30 - 8:00 PM Social Hall <i>For all ages</i>
<b>Tuesday, October 22</b>	
Morning Services	7:30 AM Daily Prayer Room

**\*Child Care**

Reservations required at congkti.org - ECP will not be able to accommodate walk-ins. Child care is only for children ages 3 - 6. Children must be out of diapers and trained. Kosher nut-free non-dairy snacks provided, no outside food permitted. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the blowing of the shofar. Children must be picked up within 15 minutes after Services end.

## Cemetery Memorial Service

**Sunday, September 22, 2019  
10:30 AM**

**Riversville Cemetery**  
99 Memory Lane  
Glenville, CT

This brief and beautiful service is a most dignified way of remembering and honoring all of our loved ones, wherever they may be laid to rest.



## Congregation KTI Extends Condolences to

Rosenberg family on the loss of beloved mother, **Jean Rosenberg**

Starr family on the loss of beloved mother and grandmother, **Malka Starr**

Sheryle Goldstein and family on the loss of beloved husband and father, **Edward Goldstein**

Wurtzel family on the passing of Dan's beloved mother, **Gwen Wurtzel**

Berman family on the passing of Debra's beloved father, **Alan Lind**

Balter, Feigin, and Toll families on the passing of beloved sister, mother, and grandmother, **Marlene Follick**

Scharf family on the passing of Jared's beloved father, **Seymour Scharf**

Gotlib family on the passing of **Barbara Gotlib**



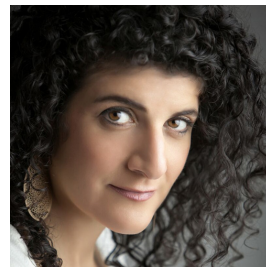


# Selihot

## Community Program and Service!

Saturday, September 21, 2019, 7:00 PM

Westchester Reform Temple  
255 Mamaroneck Road, Scarsdale



Together with friends from local congregations, we will welcome Middle Eastern vocalist and composer, Galeet Dardashti, who will perform her acclaimed work, Monajat. Monajat (a Persian word meaning dialogue with God) re-imagines the Selihot ritual with an acclaimed ensemble of musicians, an electronic soundscape, and dynamic live video art. Using Persian melodies and Hebrew texts, the work pays homage to Dardashti's grandfather, a master Persian classical vocalist. Through electronics, she defies time and performs with her grandfather.

Following the program, join us for our Selihot service, as we reflect on the meditative themes of Selihot and prime ourselves for the spiritual renewal of the Days of Awe.



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Community Synagogue of Rye



# Please join us and participate in the Tashlikh ceremony and Minhah service.

Everyone is welcome!  
Remember to bring bread crumbs!

Monday, September 30  
4:30 PM

Rich Manor Park  
Rye Brook, NY

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly  
reap the corners of your field, or gather the gleanings of your  
harvest... You shall leave them for the poor and the strangers:  
I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:9-10

# KTI's Annual Food Drive

## "The Corners of Our Fields"

Please donate food to be used at  
St. Peter's ecumenical soup kitchen.

Choose from the items listed below. Nutritious meals are prepared weekly using  
these items most frequently:

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|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| < Canned Tuna Fish                   | < Mustard, Ketchup,<br>Mayonnaise,<br>Salad Dressing | < Iced Tea and<br>Cold Drink Mix |
| < Canned or<br>Powdered Soups        | < Pasta<br>(no spaghetti or lasagna, please)         | < Cookies and Crackers           |
| < Canned Vegetables,<br>Beans, Fruit | < Pasta Sauce  | < Paper Towel Rolls              |
| < Canned or<br>Powdered Potatoes     | < Jello Mix  | < Napkins                        |

Bags for food donations will be available at High Holiday Services. You may also bring  
food donations in your own bag.

A special fund is in place to receive *monetary donations* that will be  
used to purchase cooking pots and utensils, paper goods, fresh meats  
and dairy products as needed.

Please send checks to KTI, payable to KTI/food drive.

Because the land will always have those who are in need,  
which is why I command you: open your hand to the poor and  
needy kinsman in the land.

Deuteronomy 15:11

Thank you for your help and support.





# Campus Antisemitism: A Memoir

**Thursday, September 12, 2019**

**7:30 PM** KTI Social Hall

Early in his career, Professor Marc Dollinger endured calls for his firing as he was labeled “a self-hating leftist Jew” in the newspaper of a right-wing college. Resigning his tenure because of threats against him, Professor Dollinger moved to a leftist university where he was considered a right-wing Zionist colonial imperialist. How could it be? To answer that question, Professor Dollinger is writing his next book, *Campus Antisemitism: A Memoir*. Join us to learn about how his new book is developing and what it’s like to be a Jewish scholar in the current campus and political environment.

Free & open to the community. Light fare reception with Professor Dollinger.  
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## Save the date **Janet Heiser Game Night**

**Thursday, November 14, 7:00 PM**  
**KTI Social Hall**

**Mah Jongg! Canasta! Bridge!**  
**Bring your friends!**

Pam Kaplow & Laurie Landes, Co-Chairs  
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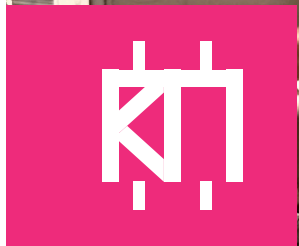
**Monday,**  
**October 21, 2019**  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM,**  
**Social Hall**



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Live band! Desserts!  
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# CASINO NIGHT

Saturday, November 2, 2019



save  
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## Silent Auction

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8:00PM

KTi Social Hall

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Select Wed. dates in Sept/Oct/Nov - 7pm,  
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## Torah Stories You Thought You Knew

An Introduction to Rabbinic Midrash

Wednesdays, 11:30am - 12:45pm  
Gantz Library

September 4, 11, 18, 25  
October 30  
November 6, 13

All sessions taught by Rabbi Ben Goldberg.

Feel free to bring your own nut-free dairy or pareve lunch.

Free and open to the community.

## What's Happening with Asylum Seekers Released by ICE?

### A Volunteer's Personal Experiences

Marti Michael has been volunteering near the Arizona border (Tucson and Phoenix) as asylum-seeking families have cleared their "credible fear" interview and are released to local churches with their children. They are in the country legally as their asylum process continues. They haven't bathed, they wear dirty clothes, and they are hungry, confused, and afraid. Hear their stories, see photos of their release, and learn about the trials of their journeys to their sponsors in the U.S. where they await their asylum hearing. Marti has recently returned from working with the Underground Railroad in Ohio, helping the released families as they transit to their sponsors. She will share what she has seen and learned, and then open the program up for questions and discussion.

If you are interested in learning more about the plight of asylum seekers, and how volunteers—even those far from the border—can play a role in assisting them, join us for this fascinating program!

Sunday,  
November 17  
4:30 PM save the date!





# Mitzvah Opportunity!

Jewish Family Services of Greenwich is seeking volunteers for their Bikur Cholim program. The Bikur Cholim Program operates onsite at Greenwich Hospital, and at six Greenwich facilities that serve the elderly and infirm. Translated, visiting the sick, our Bikur Cholim Program reaches out to and engages the frail elderly, the infirm and the disabled; our volunteers and staff visit with and care for Alzheimer's patients, participants in adult day care, residents of assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and hospital patients.

After a thorough training, volunteers commit to visiting patients for 1 hour each week. This is a wonderful opportunity to offer the supportive presence of the Jewish community. Volunteers often feel that they get as much out of the visit as the patients do.

Please contact Lisa Goldberg at [imgoldberg@jfsgrwich.org](mailto:imgoldberg@jfsgrwich.org) or call 203.622.1881 to sign up. A training session will begin this fall.

# Lulav & Etrog Sets

Order deadline - Wednesday, October 2, 2019 - [congkti.org](http://congkti.org)

KTI will not be able to accept orders past October 2nd. Lulav & etrog sets must be picked up in the KTI office on Thursday, October 10th between 10 AM – 5 PM or on Friday, October 11th between 10 AM – 2 PM.

Lulav & etrog set adult - \$54 each  
Lulav & etrog set child - \$36 each (5 - 10 years of age)

# Our College Students!



We would like to keep in touch with our college students throughout the 2019-20 school year.

Please email [info@congkti.org](mailto:info@congkti.org) with your name, school address & your student's email address if parent is submitting.

## Cinnamon Raisin Baked Apples

### Ingredients

8 red apples  
1½ cups raisins  
4 tablespoons brown sugar  
1 teaspoon kosher salt  
1/8 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/8 teaspoon ginger powder  
Toasted coconut to taste.

### Directions

Soak the raisins in warm water for 20-30 minutes, then drain.  
Wash and core the apples. Place in a baking dish.  
Toss the raisins with the brown sugar, salt, cinnamon and ginger.  
Stuff the mixture into the empty core of each apple.  
Drizzle the apples with honey and dust lightly with cinnamon.  
Bake uncovered at 350°F for 30 minutes.  
Sprinkle with toasted coconut.

Serves 8.



## High Holidays 2019 -5780

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July 1 – August 25

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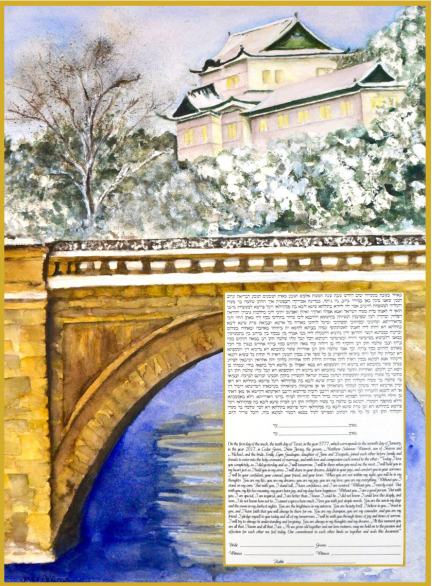
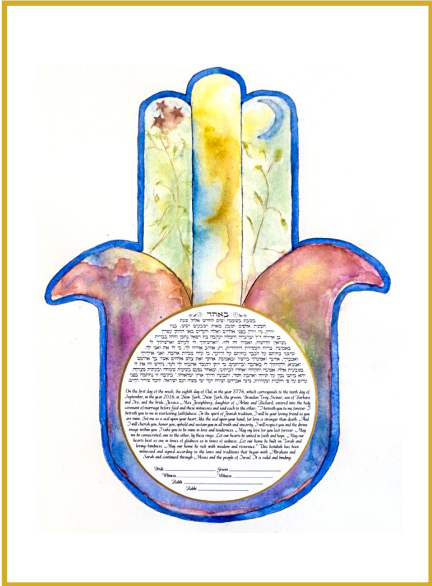
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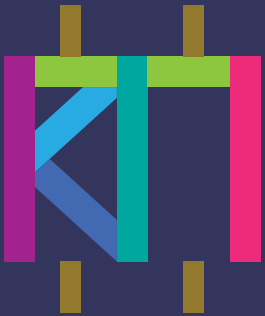
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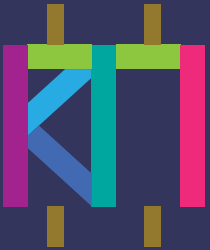
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