

PICNIC



CKA Summer Picnic-in-the-Park

Sunday, July 26, 12:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Hazel Dell Park 2300 NE 68th Street

Bring a dish to share

Great activities coordinated by DJ & Shelley

Play equipment & softball field available

Lawn chairs helpful



A note from Lauren...

I'm on my way to the airport to go to Israel. It has been a whirlwind few weeks of saying good-bye to friends and family in Portland and in Florida, and of course to my second family at CKA.

There aren't enough thank yous to give all of you for all you have given me the last three years. I learned more than I could have ever imagined at this job. The biggest and best surprise was how close I became with you all. CKA is my second family with the good, the bad, and the ugly – just like my biological family. I never doubted for a minute in my three years that if I needed help or advice I could call any number of people and within minutes I'd have my problem solved. If I need a chuckle there was always an uncle or aunt type near by to tell a joke. If I needed updates on popular culture there was always a tween or teen around to tell me what was actually cool, instead of my perception of what is cutting edge. The family



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Social Action *ACTION*

The Social action Committee is sponsoring a Group Volunteer Opportunity (GVO). We will again be helping in the 4-H Youth Development Organic Community Garden. Last year this garden yielded over 2,216 pounds of produce that was donated to the North County Food Bank.

Sunday, July 19, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Appropriate for individuals as well as families (ages 8 and up would be best). Located at the WSU extension campus at 11104 NE 149th in Brush Prairie.

Potential tasks include:

- General Garden Maintenance
- Weeding, planting
- Digging an irrigation ditch

Enjoy the outdoors, feel the earth between your fingers, join friends and family as we celebrate summer by doing *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). If we can count on your participation, please sign up at the SAC table at KALC or contact Deawn H.



“Make a World of Difference”

Sunday, July 26, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

A Portland area Pre-Parliamentary event to the 2009 Parliament of the World’s Religions, subtitled “Hearing each other, Strengthening our Community.” This regional interfaith activity, in part sponsored by Greater Vancouver Interfaith Assoc, will be held at First United Methodist Church (18th & SW Jefferson in Portland).

Gathering in small groups at round tables and drawing on the hospitality and compassion of the world’s religions and spiritual traditions, this is an opportunity to engage in conversations about what we care about deeply, what we are doing in our communities and the world, and what gives us hope.

Admission is free. Check out website www.tinyurl.com/portland-vancouver. To commute/attend with a group from Vancouver, contact Sue M

Joni’s Green Corner

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I can personally attest to the quality of his work, just ask me!

Ecolution NW LLC is a hybrid store offering both green building options as well as lifestyle products in one. They are located in uptown at 1709 Broadway, Ecolution has a large assortment of flooring and counter tops, as well as supplies. All products sold here are manufactured or supplied by distributors within a 500 mile radius. This new local company is making a positive impact on the planet, so let’s support them. Check out their website (ecolutionnw.com).

It is with great pleasure that we invite our congregation and community to join in the celebration as our son

Mitchell Erlin

is call to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

July 11, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

Highlighting the event is nationally known Cantor Lori Corrsin from Temple Emanu-el, New York City accompanied by guitar maestro Helene Rottenberg.

Kiddush luncheon and Israeli dancing to following the service.



Turn Your Furniture into \$\$\$\$

Divine Consign, a project of Nonprofit Network, is a community fundraiser that provides the opportunity to donate gently-used home furnishings. Their goal is to raise funds for nonprofits, charities, and faith-based organizations enabling them to accomplish their missions and come together in strong communities.

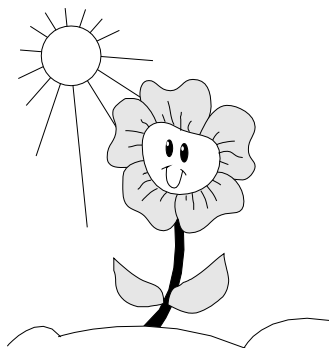
They provide a simple, convenient way for you to lighten your load or open up space for a fresh new look while supporting tikkun olam through the Social Action Committee. Here's how:

Bring, mail, or email a photo of the item(s) to Divine Consign. Include original price, age of item, and manufacturer's name, if possible. Their in-store appraisers will help you set a fair selling price.

They accept clean, gently-used home furnishings and accessories (no damaged items). They will pay for pick up of donated items in the Vancouver area. You will receive an in-kind tax receipt when they receive the furniture. Designate Congregation Kol Ami as your favorite charity, and we receive a share of the proceeds when the items sell.

They accept deliveries Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 904 main Street, Vancouver. Contact them at 360-695-6443, divineconsignfurniture.org, shop@divineconsignfurniture.org.

NOTE: Divine Consign does not accept mattresses or box springs, baby furniture, pots, pans, or kitchenware, appliances, sewing machines, water beds, sporting or gym equipment.



Please join us as my son

Aaron Spiro

Is called to the Torah to become a Bar Mitzvah



Saturday, July 25, 2009



10:00 in the morning

With Congregation Kol Ami
At First Congregational Church

1220 NE 68th Street

Vancouver, Washington

Kiddush luncheon

immediately following the service

Please RSVP to Barbara

Tuesday, July 7, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Women of CKA are invited to the Felida home and garden of Connie M

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share

Wine and soft drinks provided

R.S.V.P. to Connie



Mazel Tov to Sue

Kol Ami's 2009 Song of Miriam Honoree



Sue was honored at a ceremony with other women who are outstanding volunteers at 18 Jewish organizations in the metro-area. This is the 17th year that the Song of Miriam awards have been presented. Sue is Kol Ami's second honoree. Last year CKA honored Lorna L. Both women have been active in our congregation since before it was incorporated. As you know, both women continue to be very involved in congregational life, serving on committees, attending services and events, and volunteering in innumerable ways. They also both go out of their way to build a sense of community between all of us. When you next see Sue, extend congratulations – and THANKS – to her.

Song of Miriam Thank You

I just wanted to say thank you to the members of Kol Ami for the honor of representing our congregation at the Song of Miriam Awards Brunch this year. It was quite a surprise when Doug announced that I was Kol Ami's nominee at a Friday night service, I had no idea that it was going to happen. Thank you to all those who came to support me at the awards brunch, it made the event even more special to have my Kol Ami family there providing the only standing ovation of the morning. I am so proud to belong to the Kol Ami family, and look forward to all that lies ahead for us as we plan for and build our permanent home.

B'shalom,

Sue

Blue Card Fund Raiser

Saturday August 29, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

At the home of Craig and Michelle H

Entertainment will be provided by Jim Fischer, who will play a selection of piano favorites.

Established in the 1930's, The Blue Card provides ongoing financial aid directly to Holocaust survivors whose needs surpass what is received from other sources, such as welfare, SSI, prescription plans, food stamps, and reparation payments. Over seventeen million dollars have been given to Holocaust survivors over the last 75 years through this charity, but the need is a continual one. Unlike many charities, 100% of your donations go directly to support the over 200,000 survivors themselves.

Michelle has been named team captain for the newly founded New York Marathon Blue Card charity running team and would welcome your support of her as she runs to raise awareness for this cause. Please consider attending this fundraising event for Blue Card. Direct your questions to Michelle H.

CKA is in need of several items.

Can you provide any of the following?

- Digital projector
- Some kitchen towels and dishrags
- Broom & dustpan

Please contact Tony G if you can help with any of these items.

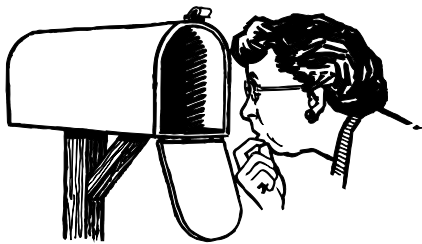


Oneg thanks and plans for the future

Sincere and YUMMY THANKS to these people who hosted Oneg Shabbat over the past months:

Arlene & Richard B, Ann B & David W, Enid & Leah B, Joni & Todd B, Bill C, Coralee & Waymon C, Heather D, Kathy & Izzy E, the Fergusons, Barbara G, Marcialee & Paul G, Teri & Tony G, Elaine G, Barb & Doug G, Ann & Michael J, Diane & John K, Judy & Steve K, Karen K, Debbie K, Deawn & Deni H, Linda & David H, Terry H, Lorna & Julian L, Sue M, Wendy & Roger M, Susan M, Cheryl & Mark R, Dalyah & Joe R, Lauren & Jeff S, Maxine & Bob S, Alan S, Barbara S, Allison & David W.

It's a new fiscal year at CKA. 5770 is the year we start assigning every member-family to host one oneg Shabbat and help at one festival or event. Watch your mail for details including your assignments, including information on changing/trading dates if necessary. It's easy, and we'll give you all the information you need to succeed.



Lauren (Continued from page 1)

I gained at CKA made my job so much more than a paycheck. I never really thought this is how my life would unfold – working at a synagogue in the Pacific Northwest and heading off to further my Jewish studies in graduate school. I was overwhelmed with gratitude at the Shabbat/Shavuot service. All the gifts and the kind words were unnecessary, but very much appreciated. You all gave me more than I deserved in so many ways. Thank you.

I'm so glad this is my life, and I'm so grateful that I was able to meet you all and share three of the best years of my life (so far) with you.

I will keep in touch. I'm an excellent pen pal. I will be updating a blog (hopefully with some regularity).

We want YOU

Do you want to commit to a committee? To try something new? Meet new people? Share your ideas?



Talk to a board member, a current committee chair, or Rabbi Dunsker if you are interested in getting involved in a Kol Ami Committee.



Please join us as

Eli Scott



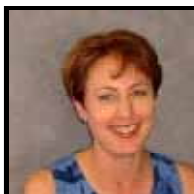
Is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, August 1, 10:00 a.m.

Congregation Kol Ami
at First Congregational Church
1220 NE 68th Street, Vancouver

Kiddush following the service

Jeff and Lauren



Lee Schiller

Assoc. Broker, ABR, MBA

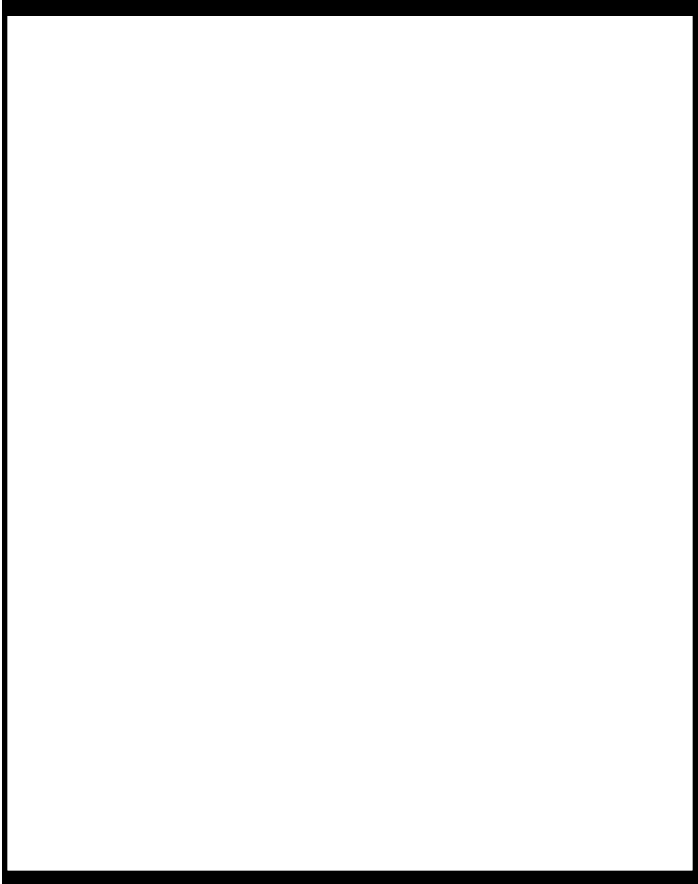
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Congregation Kol Ami July 2009 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3 Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm (MIB child care available) 	4 Torah Study, 9 am Shabbat Service, 10 am 
					10 Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm	11 (No Torah Study) Shabbat Service and bar mitzvah of Mitchell K 10 am, FCC
					12	13
19 Social Action/Group Volunteer Opportunity, 9 am	20	21 Lunch & Learn, noon CKA Calendaring meeting, time TBA 	22	23	24 Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm	25 (No Torah Study) Shabbat Service and bar mitzvah of Aaron G, 10 am, FCC
26 CKA Picnic 12-2:30 pm, Hazel Dell Park 			29	30	31 Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm	1 (No Torah Study) Shabbat Service and bar mitzvah of Eli S 10 am, FCC



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