

Kol Ami Women of Reform Judaism invites you to  
Break-the-Fast with Congregation Kol Ami  
September 18, 7:15 p.m.

Downstairs at FCC

Requested donation:  
\$10 adults (13 and older); \$5 children 5 to 12; under 5 - no charge

Reservations very much appreciated

KAWRJ18@gmail.com  
or reservation forms available at KALC and High Holy Day services

### Celebrate Sukkot

Saturday, September 25

11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

The festivities start with  
kiddish lunch at KALC

Then craft some decorations for our  
Sukkah and shake the lulav and etrog

### Simchat Torah

Wednesday, September 29, 7:00 p.m.

**NOTE: Special location!**

This year Kol Ami  
ROCKS around the Torah with  
professional klezmer musicians

→ Salmon Creek Elementary School  
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Don't miss it!



### **CORRECTION: Religious School registration**

Kol Ami Religious School ("KARS") starts on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (September 12, from 10:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.). Registration forms have been mailed to returning students. You may contact the office if you need a form.

Here's the correction: You **MUST** register in advance! Registrations will **NOT** be accepted on the first day of religious school, it's just too hectic already that day.

## Notes from Rabbi Dunsker

The High Holy Days are upon us and just as school is getting rolling as well! There is a lot going on all at once, and sometimes it is hard to do everything (believe me, I know how hard it is to be everywhere at once!), but it is the way it goes.

I told someone recently that I'm already angry about this year's Rosh Hashanah schedule. Erev Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday, Thursday for the first day, Friday for the second day, then Erev Shabbat services, then Saturday morning services, and then we start Sunday school and have memorial services at the cemetery. And then it's Yom Kippur just a few short days later! I'm exhausted just thinking about the schedule, let alone preparing for it. The person I was speaking to said, "who are you angry at...God?" "Yes!" I answered. It might not be the best mindset to enter the Holy Days with, but I'll try to get my frustrations out before the Days of Awe truly begin.

I wish we could complain to someone about this busy time of year. I wish it could be spread out so we could take each moment when we are prepared for it. But there is something about being forced into each moment as it comes whether or not we are ready. There is something about the mad rush to prepare for something we always know will be coming. We know school will start, we know the High Holy Days will come, and yet it never feels as though there is enough time to prepare. Perhaps these days come one after another in quick succession for exactly that reason. The preparation for them must take place all year long. Then we can arrive at those important times ready, whenever they come. Perhaps if we just allow ourselves to be there for those moments regardless of what else is happening, we will emerge better for it. That is my prayer anyway.

I do hope many of you will join us at the Learning Center for our **Slichot program Saturday, September 4.**

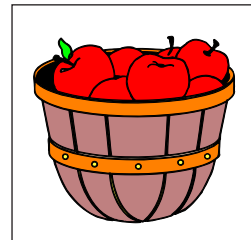


Slichot always falls the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah and it is the official opening to the Holy Day season. It is an evening of thought and preparation. This year we will be watching the Academy Award nominated Israeli film *Beaufort* about the Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon from a soldier's perspective. It is a film full of deep soul-searching about the role of the army, how Israel conducts herself, and what it means to defend something. This is a deep and difficult film, which is not suitable for

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## Message from our president

On my way home the other day I noticed that my neighbor's apple tree is laden with apples beginning to turn red. This promise of fall and the beginning of the harvest leads up to the most joyous and holiest days of the Jewish calendar. There is anticipation and introspection. We anticipate what we will be eating and prepare to savor familiar comforting food with our loved ones. We anticipate what we won't be eating and thinking about what will be consumed after the last note of the Shofar is sounded. We look inwardly to savor the joy of sharing the New Year with our family, our community and our people. A few short days after that we look inwardly again to find ourselves, to grieve, and to search for repentance.



After we have spent much time looking inward we begin to look outward again. When we celebrate by eating, sleeping, and praying in the Sukkah we get a renewed view of our place in the world. We begin to understand how our presence affects the people with whom we share the planet and how we affect the planet itself.

We all need to think about our place in the world and the things we can do to make it a better place. It is obvious that we need to live with a focus on the environment to make the world better, but less obvious is how we can live as Jews to make the world better. We are in the process of making a new place for ourselves in our community as we develop our land and begin to build our synagogue. We are of course thinking about how we will affect the land but as yet we are not thinking much about how we as a spiritual community, affect the larger community. Jews have always been in the forefront of the civil rights movement. Until all citizens have the same legal rights that work still remains to be done. As individuals we are frequently asked to respond to issues that are occurring in Israel. Since there are as many different responses as there are Jews, it is difficult for us to say what we support and what we would prefer not to endorse. Perhaps, there is no single response but rather a call to understand the issues and present a Jewish response that is not only thoughtful but gives an equal view to all sides of an issue. Anti Semitism still exists, and it exists in places we do not expect.

So for these High Holy Days and beyond, let us look in ourselves and with the support of our community,

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## High Holy Days: The season of CKA's semi-annual food drive

Please bring non-perishable foods to the lobby of FCC or KALC for donation to a local food bank.

Another option is to make a monetary donation to Mazon: the Jewish Response to Hunger (see above); envelopes will be available at FCC and KALC.

### Rabbi's message *(Continued from previous page)*

young children. It is unrated, so parents must make their own determinations as to the suitability for high school students. We will spend time discussing the film and then conclude with a short Slichot service and hear the shofar blast for the first time this year. It should be a very powerful evening.

### Yizkor

This year we are beginning a new practice for our congregation, but an old one for the Jewish people. It is traditional to visit the graves of loved ones between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. For many of us our loved ones may be buried in many different places, but as a community we will gather on **Sunday, September 12 at 12:30 p.m.** at our congregation's cemetery, Kehilat Olam in Ridgefield, for a memorial service to remember all of our loved ones regardless of where they are buried. This will be an opportunity for all of us to say Kaddish during this holiest time of year.

I do look forward to seeing you all many times over the next few weeks. Following Yom Kippur of course we jump right into Sukkot and Simchat Torah, this year with live Klezmer music!

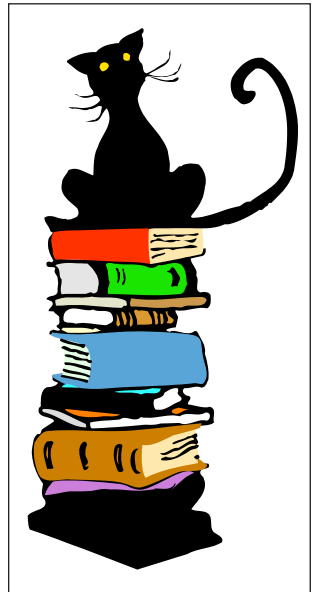


L'shanah Tovah, may we all be written for a sweet and joyous year.

## The 10-10-10 1st Annual Kol Ami Women of Reform Judaism Used Book Sale

KAWRJ will be holding its First Annual Used Book Sale on Sunday, October 10, 2010, right here at Kol Ami. We NEED YOUR HELP to make this a success. Please start collecting books and DVDs of any and all genres for donation. Bring donation items to the Kol Ami office and pick up a reminder book mark. Questions? Contact Lori A or Joni B.

Please plan to attend, and bring a friend. Who doesn't love a deal?



## Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

**Sunday, September 19 in Portland**



Kol Ami Women of Reform Judaism is forming a team. Won't you help us support this very important cause? Teams must have at least 10 participants (men, women, children), and team members can sign up for any of the events (timed/untimed walk or run for adults, untimed walk or run for kids, and Sleep in for the Cure). The fees to register range from \$10 (6-12 years) to \$30-\$35 for adults, depending on the activity. Children 5 and under are free but must register.

The team is open to everyone; you do not need to be a member of KAWRJ to participate. For more information about the Portland Race for the Cure, go to: [http://www.komenoregon.org/Race\\_for\\_the\\_Cure/Portland](http://www.komenoregon.org/Race_for_the_Cure/Portland).

If you are unable to participate, support the cause with an online donation.

### President's message *(Continued from previous page)*

rework and define who we are as individuals. Then let's look outward and see what we can do with the strength of our community to make the world better.

Mark and I wish you all a Sweet New Year.

Shanah Tova,

*Cheryl*

## Social Action *ACTION*

**September 12, 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

We will have a chance to garden and harvest some crops from the 4-H community garden in Brush Prairie. These vegetables and herbs, many of which we planted last spring, will be taken to the food bank to help feed the hungry of Clark County. For this event we need a minimum of 10 people, so please sign up today. RSVP to Deawn H.



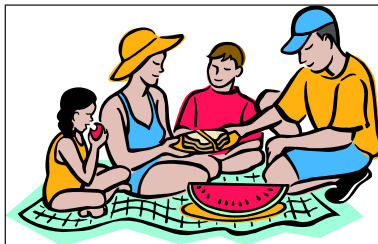
**September 26, 3:00–5:00 p.m.**


We will join the interfaith community to remove English Ivy (*Hedera helix*) from around the trees at Lacamas Lake Park. (Ivy is an aggressive, invasive plant that threatens our trees, native plants, and wildlife.) After the weed pull, we'll have a potluck picnic (please bring a dish to share) with our neighbors from Our Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, The Islamic Society of



SW Washington, and other faith groups. For more information, or if you are interested in participating in this event, contact Carol S.


Both of these options are open to adults, and children supervised by an adult.





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## High Holy Day Service Schedule

Kol Ami is pleased to open our doors to all who would like to observe the High Holy Days with the congregation.

Service times are listed below. Admission tickets are not issued, but nametags are distributed at the door; we ask that guests register in advance by contacting the Kol Ami office (360-896-8088). Kol Ami office is closed for Jewish holidays; please call in advance. Suggested donation for attendance throughout the holidays is \$200. **Child care** with activities and snacks is available during evening and morning services (cost is \$7 per service); contact the office to reserve space.



Most services are held at First Congregational-UCC (FCC) located at 1220 NE 68th Street in Hazel Dell.

Those that will be held at Kol Ami Learning Center (KALC) located at 1006-B NE 146th Street in Salmon Creek are noted.

### **Wednesday, September 8**

Erev Rosh Hashanah service, 7:30 p.m.

### **Thursday, September 9**

Rosh Hashanah morning service, 10:00 a.m.

Rosh Hashanah family service, 3:00 p.m., *KALC*

Tashlich service, 4:30 p.m., *Klineline Pond in Salmon Creek*

### **Friday, September 10**

Rosh Hashanah second day service, 10:00 a.m., *KALC*

### **Sunday, September 12**

Yizkor at Kehilat Olam in Ridgefield, 12:30 p.m.

### **Friday, September 17**

Kol Nidre, 7:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, September 18**

Yom Kippur morning service, 10:00 a.m.

Yom Kippur adult study, 1:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur family service, 3:30 p.m.

Mincha, 4:30 p.m.

Yizkor, 6:00 p.m.

N'eilah and closing service, 6:45 p.m.

Havdallah and break-the-fast, 7:15 p.m.\*

\*Reservations for break-the-fast are requested so we can prepare enough food. Suggested donation is \$10 per adult; \$5 per child. RSVP to KAWRJ18@gmail.com.

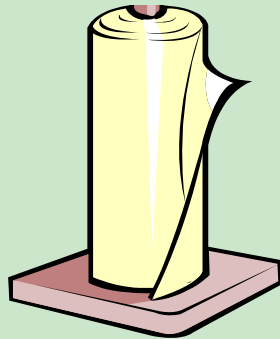
## Joni's Green Corner

Living in the northwest it is easy to take our beautiful surroundings for granted. Each season we are reminded how much our trees add to our environment. Now imagine these forests disappearing just so we can have extra soft toilet tissue and paper towels. Not such a great trade off, is it?

Once again, it comes down to what we buy.

- Choose products with high recycled content, including high post-consumer content. Post-consumer fibers are recovered from used papers that would end up in a landfill.
- Look for products labeled totally chlorine-free (TCF) or processed chlorine-free (PCF). Chlorine used in bleaching processes contributes to the formation of harmful chemicals that end up in our air and water, and are highly toxic to people and fish.
- If every household in the US replaced just one package of virgin fiber napkins (250 count) with 100% recycled ones, we could save 1 MILLION TREES; replace one roll of paper towels and save 544,000 trees; replace one roll of toilet paper and save 423,900 trees... and the list goes on.

The paper goods at Whole Foods offer your best choice for recycled content and PCF. Kimberly-Clark products (Scott, Cottonelle, Kleenex, and Viva) use more virgin wood and therefore are less environmentally conscientious choices.



## Sisterhood = Friendship



### Something magical happens when women come together.

Kol Ami Women of Reform Judaism (KAWRJ) is the local chapter of Women of Reform Judaism, the women's affiliate of the Union for Reform Judaism. The mission of KAWRJ is to bring together all women who are supportive of Reform Judaism to benefit the Congregation, the community, to build connections, and to support individual growth.

Annual dues are \$36: benefits are many. For more information contact Dalyah R (kawrj18@gmail.com).

### Mark your calendar for these upcoming KAWRJ events

- 8/31/10 Social & General Meeting
- 9/18/10 Break-the-Fast
- 10/10/10 Used Book & DVD Sale
- 10/23/10 Couples Social
- 11/16/10 Hanukkah in a Bag wrap-up event
- 12/25/10 Kung Pao Christmas Family Day
- 1/19/11 Ladies Night Out
- 1/22/11 Couples Bunco Night
- 2/12/11 Couples Chocolate Evening
- 3/4/10 KAWRJ leads Shabbat service
- 3/13/11 Hamentaschen baking
- 3/15/11 Ladies Night Out
- 4/14/11 Passover baking
- 5/12/10 Ladies Night Out



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# Congregation Kol Ami September 2010 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> KAWRJ General Meeting, 6:30 pm	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> Shabbat Service 7:30 pm (MIB babysitting available) <b>CHILD CARE</b> 	<b>4</b> Torah Study, 9 am Shabbat Service, 10 am
<b>5</b> <b>Labor Day</b> 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Rosh Hashanah	<b>8</b> Erev Rosh Hashanah service, 7:30 pm, FCC	<b>9</b> Rosh Hashanah service, 10 am & 3 pm, FCC (see p.4 for more service details)	<b>10</b> Rosh Hashanah Day 2, 10 am, KALC Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm	<b>11</b> Torah Study, 9 am Shabbat Service, 10 am
<b>12</b> KARS, 10 am (see p1) Yizkor, 12:30 (see p3) GVO: Gardening 2-4 pm (see p4)	<b>13</b> Social Action Committee Meeting, 6 pm Board Meeting, 7:15 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Erev Yom Kippur, 7:30 pm, FCC	<b>18</b> Yom Kippur (See p.4 for details) Break-the-fast with CKA, RSVP required (see p1)
<b>19</b> Race for the Cure (see p3)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Erev Sukkot <b>חג הסוכות</b>	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm	<b>25</b> Torah Study, 9 am Shabbat Service, 10 am Celebrate Sukkot 11:45 a.m. (see p1)
<b>26</b> GVO: Remove ivy (see p4) 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b> Simchat Torah with klezmer, 7 p.m. (see p1) <b>שמחת תורה</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm	<b>1</b> Torah Study, 9 am Shabbat Service, 10 am

## High Holy Day Food Drive

Please bring non-perishables to any September service or to KALC for donation to the Food Bank.



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### Gift Shop Hours

*Monday through Thursday*  
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

*Sunday*  
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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