

Rabbi
Joel Wasser
Memorial

Scholar in Residence W E E K E N D

Congregation Kol Ami,
Sisterhood and Brotherhood

cordially invite you to

Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial
In Person & Virtual

**Scholar in Residence
Weekend**

with special guest
Rabbi Gordon Tucker

Friday, March 25 &
Saturday, March 26, 2022



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**Please join us for this exciting, enlightening,
and engaging Scholar in Residence,
Sisterhood and Brotherhood Shabbat!**

This event will be taking place in person
at Congregation Kol Ami, on Zoom, and Livestream.

Friday, March 25

Shabbat Evening Service at 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Gordon Tucker will present a D'var Torah.

A Surprisingly Sound Pedagogical Lesson in the Haggadah

We will take a very different look at the familiar interlude of the Four Children, and in the process reveal a crucial educational lesson that aligns with a message central to the Haggadah and to Passover.

Shabbat Dinner following services at 7:30 p.m.

RSVP at www.kolami.org or to the synagogue office.
Shabbat dinner is included with Sponsorship.

Saturday, March 26

Shabbat Morning Service at 9:30 a.m.

Rabbi Gordon Tucker will present a D'var Torah.

Slavery, Mastery and Technology:

Lessons from Passover and Shavuot

The annual period of the Counting of the Omer bridges the festivals of freedom and of lawgiving. We will explore the lessons we can take from this meaningful time in the liturgical year, teachings critical for a time when technology generates both great blessings and deep anxieties.

Kiddush Luncheon at 12:00 p.m.

*Rabbi Gordon Tucker will present a D'var Torah
following Kiddush luncheon.*

The Night of Learning in B'nei B'rak: A Reconstruction

The Haggadah describes an all-night meeting of five sages in B'nai B'rak. What were they doing? Why in B'nai B'rak? And who was not there? Was this about war strategy? We will see how Israeli author Yochi Brandes (in *The Orchard*) used clues in the Talmud to answer these questions and put the meeting in an entirely new light.

Havdalah, Discussion & Dessert Reception at 8:30 p.m.

A Discussion About Pluralism and Conservative Judaism

Pluralism and Conservative Judaism have always been intertwined with one another, and both have been repeatedly misunderstood and underestimated. This open, informal discussion will allow questions and comments to be aired and for some helpful perspectives to emerge.

Zoom Link for all Weekend Events

<https://zoom.us/j/795031104> | Meeting ID: 795 031 104

Livestreamed here: www.kolami.org/streaming.html



Rabbi Joel Wasser (z"l) served as rabbi of our congregation from 1996 to 2008. His spirit, great energy and love of the Jewish people helped Congregation Kol Ami grow in many ways. He made it meaningful, fun and "cool" to be a Jew.



Rabbi Gordon Tucker is Vice Chancellor for Religious Life and Engagement at The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), and a Senior Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America. He served as Senior Rabbi at Temple Israel Center in White Plains, NY, from 1994 to 2018, and is now Senior Rabbi Emeritus. He holds an A.B. degree from Harvard College, a Ph.D. from Princeton University, and Rabbinic Ordination from JTS. From 1984 to 1992 he was the Dean of the JTS Rabbinical School, and from 1982 to 2007 he was a member of the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law and Standards. He has also been deeply involved in the cause of religious pluralism in Israel, through the Masorti Foundation, of which he is a past Chairman. In 1979-80, he was a White House Fellow, and served as Special Assistant and chief speechwriter to U.S. Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti. He is married to Amy Cohn, and has three children and five grandchildren. He hikes and bikes every chance he gets, and is a devoted fan of opera, the Boston Red Sox and the New York Rangers.

Education was a prime interest for Rabbi Wasser. His vision of how learning helps us develop as Jewish adults encouraged us to expand our Adult and Family Education program to become Torah University, an award-winning program.

Rabbi Wasser understood the importance of both formal and informal Jewish education for our congregational children, encouraging them to attend Camp Ramah and participate in Kadima and USY. Many of the "young people" from our congregation began to consider attending college at The Jewish Theological Seminary or majoring in Jewish Studies. Several of our students have established careers as Jewish professionals; at least one is a rabbi. In order to perpetuate Rabbi Wasser's passion and ideals, it was fitting that Congregation Kol Ami rename its Scholar In Residence program to the Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar In Residence. We were fortunate to have Rabbi Joel Wasser as our everyday Scholar In Residence for 13 years.

I/We are pleased to attend the 2022 Rabbi Joel Wasser Memorial Scholar in Residence Weekend!

Friday, March 25 – Saturday, March 26

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Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Friday Shabbat Dinner

Please indicate your choice of entrees below.

Saturday Kiddush Luncheon

Number attending: _____

(no charge)

Saturday Evening Reception

Number attending: _____

(no charge)

Worksheet

\$ _____ Chai Supporter (___ x \$180)

\$ _____ Double Chai Supporter (___ x \$360)

\$ _____ Patron (___ x \$500)

Friday Shabbat Dinner

\$ _____ Adult dinner (_____ x \$30)

How many of each? _____ Vegan Felaful or _____ Moroccan Salmon

\$ _____ Children's dinner (_____ x \$18)

All dinners include Israeli Salad, Hummus, Babaganush, Couscous, Roasted Vegetables, and Dessert.

Donation

\$ _____ Please accept my donation in support of the SIR Program.

Total: \$ _____

Enclosed is my check payable to Congregation Kol Ami.

Please bill my account.

Please RSVP by Friday, March 11, 2022

RSVP with this form or [RSVP online](#)

No dinner reservations will be accepted after March 11, 2022.



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