



# THE VOICE OF KOL EMET

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## Are You Strong Enough To Ask For Forgiveness?

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We are entering the final month of the Jewish year of 5769. This is traditionally a time of year when we do a personal accounting of actions over the past year. It is also a time of year when we should remember that it is a mitzvah to say I am sorry.

Over the years I have heard people say to me; "Rabbi, you don't know what it is like to live in the real world. In my business, if I were to ever admit that I made a mistake in the way I treated a customer, I would pay dearly for it. It is very nice for you as the Rabbi to talk about the importance of apologizing, but we who live in the real world know better than to acknowledge our mistakes."

For those who believe that apologies can only lead to a painful outcome, I would like to share with you the experience of Dr. Sandeep Jauhar, a cardiologist who can teach us all about the power of an apology. Dr. Jauhar got a call from an emergency room. He was asked to evaluate a young man who was admitted with chest pains. The doctor found the patient's blood tests were normal, and so was his EKG. Therefore, he figured that he must have been suffering from a benign inflammation of the membrane. Indeed, with a dosage of ibuprofen, the patient's pain subsided completely.

The next set of blood tests on the patient showed signs of minor cardiac muscle damage, but he figured that the problem was probably just an instance where the inflammation of the membrane sometimes affects the heart muscle.

Within a short time, the patient developed chest pains that lasted through the night. Further blood tests showed evidence of continuing heart muscle injury, but Dr. Jauhar ruled out coronary disease. An hour after an angiogram showed a complete blockage, the doctor

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went in and opened the blockage with a balloon and a stent.

Afterwards, Dr. Jauhar says that he said to his colleagues: "How on earth could I have missed this? I knew the trends concerning young men like those of my patient and yet somehow my mind just suffered a block and I didn't think of any of these things."

Now the question was: what should Dr. Jauhar do now. He had made mistakes before, but never one this big. Should he tell his patient what had happened? Should he apologize – or not?

He waited until the patient was in the recovery room. He took a deep breath, and then said, "I was sure that what you had was pericarditis. I was obviously wrong, and I am sorry."

A few days later, just before being discharged, Dr. Jauhar stopped by the patient's room. He asked the

patient whom he was going to choose for his new cardiologist to follow up his case (the patient was given a number of cardiologist names to choose from). He said to Dr. Jauhar, "if it is okay with you, I would like to stay with you. You have been terrific. Thank you so much". Dr. Jauhar felt so relieved that he could not find the words to express his emotions. Finally, he said, "you are much too generous. Thank you so much".

Dr. Jauhar was so relieved that by telling the patient he had made a mistake, that no lawsuit followed, and that the patient was not angry with him, that the doctor made a study of what happens in other such cases. His findings showed that doctors who tell their [patients that they have made a mistake and that they are sorry, are sued far less often than doctors who deny their responsibility and refuse to admit any liability.

The evidence gathered by Dr. Jauhar strongly suggests that an apology has the power to heal a hurt and to calm an angry spirit, and it creates a bond between people. I urge us to accept the doctor's advice and not to ask for a second opinion, but to resolve, to apologize, to those of we have wronged this year. It may hurt for a while when you do this, but trust me, and trust the doctor, the pain will not last and the healing that will take place will. If we are strong enough to ask forgiveness from those we have wronged, we will emerge healthier because of it.

And may G-d forgive us all. Shana Tova!



## The End of Summer

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The end of summer often is a sad time, because it means the end of summer delights, like camp, family vacation and late-night ice cream runs. This year, however, it almost seems like a gift, because it has been such a difficult summer for Kol Emet. I'm sure that many of you have wondered how we can move on. There certainly is no one-size-fits-all practical answer for each of us. But, Jewish Tradition provides us with very simple and straightforward spiritual guidance.

During Elul, the month which precedes the Jewish New Year, we are called to begin the process of *teshuvah* ("turning," or repentance) which will carry us into Yom Kippur. Each day of Elul, we sound the *shofar*, our spiritual alarm clock, to remind ourselves that many opportunities for *teshuvah* lie before us. A famous tale is told of a young man who sat in study at the feet of the *tzaddik* ("righteous person"), Rabbi Mordecai of Nadvorna. Before Rosh Hashanah, the student rose

and asked for permission to be dismissed from the lesson. The rabbi asked: "Why are you in such a hurry?" He replied: "I'm leading services for the New Year, so I must look into the *machzor* ("High Holiday prayer book") and put my prayers in order." The rabbi responded: "The *machzor* is the same as it was last year. Better to look into your deeds and put yourself in order."

Most of us put ourselves in order for the New Year through *tefillah* ("prayer"). We'll make sure we have our High Holiday tickets for services. We'll gather on the evening of September 12<sup>th</sup> for *selichot* (petitional prayers of "forgiveness") and ask for divine guidance to muster the strength to change and become the person we once aspired to be. On Yom Kippur, we'll stand together to offer a communal *vidui* ("confessional"), seeking forgiveness of G-d for the ways that we have missed the mark *beyn adam l'makom* ("between us and G-d") by not keeping the *mitzvot* and not keeping our promises to G-d.

But, Tradition is very clear: *tefillah* ("prayer") is not enough. For the ways we have missed the mark *beyn adam l'adam* ("between ourselves and our fellow human being"), we can only seek forgiveness from the person whom we have wronged. A few hours in services are a piece of cake in comparison with this! What stands in the way? For most of us, it's pride. How many of us have not spoken with a parent/sibling/child/friend rather than apologize for some silly comment we made years ago? We assure ourselves that nothing could help at this point. Well, I'm not so sure. Look into your own heart – when you've been wronged, wouldn't your hurt melt away if only the other person would apologize? No doubt the same is true for the person whom you have wronged. Now is the time for us to approach those whom we have disappointed, defamed or insulted and ask for forgiveness. As the great sage, Hillel, taught, "If not now, when?"

And yet, praying to G-d and asking forgiveness from those whom we've wronged *still* isn't enough. Our *teshuvah* is only complete when we act differently. The Talmud (Yoma 86b) teaches: "How does a person know that s/he truly has done *teshuvah*?" Said Rabbi Judah: "if the opportunity to commit the same sin presents itself on two occasions and s/he does not yield to it." In his ethical work, *The Gates of Repentance*, the medieval moralist, Rabbi Jonah Gerondi, goes one step further, encouraging us to use those same negative impulses for noble purposes: "The repentant sinner should strive to do good with the same faculties with which s/he sinned. ... With whatever part of the body s/he sinned, s/he should now engage in good deeds. If his/her feet had run to sin, let them now run to the performance of the good. If his/her mouth had spoken falsehood, let it now be opened in wisdom. Violent

hands should now open in charity. ...The troublemaker should now become a peacemaker.”

As summer fades, let all of us resolve to use each precious day of Elul to reflect on our behaviors this past year, to pray to G-d for forgiveness, to seek amends with those whom we have wronged, and to act in loving and generous ways. Then, may we enter the New Year for goodness, for peace and for blessing as individuals, as families and as a healing community, and let us say, *Amen*.



### President's Message

**By Lisa G. O'Rourke**  
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This is my first article for the Kol Emet Voice in my new role as President of the congregation.

At this juncture in the synagogue's history, I find myself in a unique position to influence its future. As I pause to consider those dedicated individuals who have held this position before me, I ask myself, "What is it that I would like to achieve during my time as President? What special contribution can I hope to make that will have a lasting, positive impact on our synagogue during my term in this office?"

When I look back and contemplate how far we have come over the years I feel a great sense of joy and pride. From our humble beginnings meeting as a small group in the living room of one of our founding members, to the thriving synagogue we are today, tremendous changes have occurred which have defined the character and make-up of Kol Emet. These achievements have been the result of countless individuals. This work continues today in our vibrant community.

What I hope, and pray, to do while President is to aid in the development and realization of a common vision and purpose. One way to accomplish this goal is to facilitate communication. In this regard, I have spent considerable time these past few weeks contacting and meeting with numerous individuals including the Rabbis, the staff, board of directors and the executive board, and the membership at large. The friendship, warmth, and love that each and every one of them has extended to me during this time has been a tremendous source of joy, and makes me realize how fortunate I am to be a part of this community.

My term as President has just begun. Already I have a sense of the magnitude of the work before me. I pledge that I will try my best to meet the expectations placed on

me and to strive to fulfill my duties with the same degree of integrity and commitment of those who have served in this position before me. I am confident that with the support of all of you who also share a passion for this blessed congregation, I will succeed.



**From Carrie**

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One of the key highlights of this past summer was the week I spent at Camp JRF. Camp JRF is the national Reconstructionist overnight camp for our children, located in the Pocono mountains. This year Kol Emet students enjoyed friendships, traditions, and celebrations with 200 Reconstructionist children from all over the United States.

Jewish overnight camping is a magical experience. In all honesty, I have never seen our children happier! I always wonder how I can incorporate the camp spirit within our school's soul. This summer I received a beautiful email about the magic of summer camp. I would like to share this letter with you. The letter speaks volumes of the happiness, exuberance, and community an overnight camping experience provides. Add in the Jewish component, community, prayer, and spirituality and you have the perfect inspirational Jewish community!

I went to visit a world last summer and rediscovered a fantastic place of family traditions. A world where people sit down and eat 3 meals together every day, serving their food from platters and talking with one another throughout the meal. A world where 15-year-olds set the table and take all the dishes back to the kitchen without complaint; a world where 13-year-olds don't play video games every night, nor do they watch TV or sit in front of a computer. In this world, I saw 11 year-old girls walking together and holding hands as they walked back into their cabins – right out in the open. No girls there send mean instant messages to one another; they don't IM at all! Instead, they sing! When they are making their beds (they do that every day) and sweeping up, they sing together spontaneously with no adult leading them.

These aren't even the most fantastic things I witnessed. I saw a world where 19 and 20 year olds spent hours swimming, diving, and playing ball with 11-year-old boys and they all seemed to enjoy it equally. When playtime is over the boys hang out with the young adults and ask them questions. They also walked to dinner together, sometimes with smaller boys hugging and hanging on the bigger boys who don't seem to tease them or seem

annoyed. Even more amazing, at the end of each evening, the 20-year-olds sit with older adults and listen to them tell stories about their lives. The young ones aren't sarcastic or dismissive – they seem eager to learn from their elders, night after night.

As you probably have guessed by now, it is a summer camp I am describing! It had been 40 years since I had last attended one myself, and I was struck by how rarely I see children engage in these activities anywhere else; not in school, not in neighborhoods, not in families. It made me wonder if summer camps are one of the last places that kids can learn so-called “family values” that hard-pressed families no longer have time to teach. “Fun and friends” are the two most important things that parents say they want their kids to get from camp. And though the children I saw were having fun, I don't think that was the core of the campers' psychological experience. From my viewpoint, 3 elements dominated the campers' days. They were living in a multigenerational community, they were following hallowed rituals that were universally respected, and they had a lot of downtime. The rituals started early with reveille, ritual surrounded every aspect of meal time including songs, and everyone, no matter what their age, participated in and respected the camp traditions, right down to lights out at night. Despite what parents say, I don't think that families send their children to camp just for fun. They are sending them away to get something more fundamental. It is the job of adults to create environments where they have the time, freedom, and safety to grow at their own pace. I hope that camps will be able to maintain their traditions in the face of the frantic, competitive zeitgeist of modern America. In fact, I am planning to go back next summer and do some singing. I don't seem to have time for it in my house!

## Kol Emet Community

### Social Action Committee

We have been busy weeding, harvesting, & delivering the KE Garden's vegetables this summer. I would like to thank Marc Berger, Sue Mager, Deborah Zelitch, Sara Organic, and Dina Bortnichak for their continuous hard work all summer long! I would also like to welcome Sherry Friedman to the Social Action Committee.

Thank you for bringing in your newspapers, magazines, junk mail, & papers to our recycling bin. We have saved 255 trees (13.67 tons) of paper! Please keep the papers coming. Encourage your neighbors, friends, relatives, & businesses to also use our recycling bin. All of the money raised will be going to help save the rain forest!

We are in need of a few more people who want to help out with Mitzvot throughout the year. We try to meet 1x a month on Sundays at 10am. I have the whole year

already planned out. Each member takes the lead on a project, but we work as a team. I'm involved in all of the projects. We are a small group and we have recently lost some members. We really need some more dedicated people like you to help.

The next meeting is on Sunday, Sept 13th. @ 10am. We will be working on the High Holiday Food Drive. Please contact me if you would like to join the Committee at [wellwatched@verizon.net](mailto:wellwatched@verizon.net) or (215) 321-1465. In addition, mark your calendars for Mitzvah Day; it's on Sunday, Nov. 1st!

Thank You, Wendy Jacobson-Simon

### Finance Committee

CPAs, MBAs, CFAs, etc. needed...

The mission of the Finance Committee is to ensure the financial stability of Kol Emet by analyzing, managing & planning the budgetary, accounting, financial and investment policies and strategies. In doing so the finance committee will liaise with other Kol Emet committees.

The Finance Committee is looking for volunteers from all cross-sections of our congregation to help execute its mission. Committee members will help in the accounting and budgeting processes, financial analysis, and provide recommendations for prudent investment strategies. No CPA, MBA, CFA, etc. designations required - just a desire to help the committee carry out its important function.

Interested congregants in good standing are encouraged to contact Andrew Finkle, Board representative, at [aefinkle@gmail.com](mailto:aefinkle@gmail.com) or (215) 968-7520.

### Youth Group

Our mission is to develop programs that provide social, educational, and community oriented activities for two age groups: 4th and 5th graders and 6th through 8th graders. Our youth groups help to develop friendships, leadership, and responsible young adults. Some of our activities include in-house events such as movies, mitzvah projects, game night, a Shabbat evening service, and the Purim Carnival. Our off-site events include parties at the NAC, Cosmic bowling, Ultrazone, BounceU, and volunteering at Manor Care.

How you can get involved: We are always looking for new ideas, chaperones, or committee members. We welcome your involvement whether it be for one event or for the whole year!

Contact: Lisa Shiller, VP liaison at [lizshiller@yahoo.com](mailto:lizshiller@yahoo.com).

### Membership Committee

Volunteer opportunities with the Membership Committee are year-round and consist of providing information about Congregation Kol Emet and welcoming new members. We meet 2-4 times annually to prepare for events we host. During the summer, we host prospective members at a few Friday night services. This is an opportunity for new and prospective members to talk with the Rabbi in a small group setting before a Shabbat service, and to learn more about Kol Emet. We volunteer during June at the Jewish Festival and throughout the year at several community-wide events for the Jewish community. We are also active greeting congregants during the High Holiday services and helping the Ritual Committee with logistics. This year we are planning on inviting our new members to join with us for our Congregational Selichot Dinner in September. Our main goal is to provide a welcoming and informative presence and to help make the transition into the Kol Emet family a smooth one.

Contact: Jacki Folkman 267-566-4452

### **Communications Committee**

Email Shouts, Weekly Whispers, monthly newsletter Voices, Employment Wiki, web page postings and calendar events... How do *you* discover what is happening? How do *you* connect with your Kol Emet congregants?

All of these electronic forms of communication are accomplished with the help of just a few people. Imagine what we could do with another bright mind and nimble fingers? If technology is a friend of yours, and you have a single hour of time per week, reach out to Brad Pedrow and ask how you can help.

If you don't have any time to help, but you have a good idea, share it! Would you like to see:

- Web page Discussion Board
- RSS feed
- Personalized Home Pages
- Online Leadership Video Blurbs
- Webcast of Shabbat Services
- Guest Columnists in the Voice
- Less email
- More email
- ???

Kol Emet has succeeded in going green partly by eliminating much of its paper in its embrace of electronic tools, we are not turning back. Please embrace the potential of electronic communication and make it work for you. Tell us what you like, don't like, and want more of! So get up, walk over to your desk, take out your stationery and write a note – STOP! – just kidding... email Brad at bpedrow@gmail.com.

## Announcements

### Bowling Makes a Difference

This past September the Kol Emet Bowling League was formed. The thought, aside from the joys of bowling itself, was to promote the spirit of participation at Kol Emet, and to raise money for causes that the bowlers, as a group, agreed on. We wish to thank the members of the league for their selection of and generous donation to the Interfaith Seder this year. Members in the fall and spring leagues included: Ralph Asplen; Barbara Averill; Gene Covell; Jeff Epstein; Harvey Fried; Pete Forest; Carole & Yaacov Garini (from Beth El); Karen & David Katz; Phil Lebovitz; Michael Levine; Rob Malissa; Dave Ostrow; John Pazdera; Bruce Preisman; Jason Simon; Brad Singer; Jonathan Weber; Michael Weinberg (Beth El); Fred Weiner; Janet & Norm Weistuch; Susan Wilson and Jerry Mathers as the Beaver.

### Look Out! Bowling Is Almost Here!

Yes, in just about one month from now the LBSB (Lower Bucks Synagogue Bowlers) begins its Fall Season. On Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 9:15, we begin our 2nd full year. All are welcome regardless of age or gender. The cost is only \$16.00 per week for 3 games. (Shoes are \$1.00 if you need 'em). Part of the money we collect goes toward a charity that we all pick and vote on at the end of the season. Last year we donated over \$1,500.00, split among 4 causes.

The league is very friendly and fairly non-competitive. We have good bowlers, mediocre bowlers, and crappy bowlers. So, don't worry about your level of skill. It's all about having a good time and meeting some good people.

Bowling is at Morrisville Lanes. If you can't make it every week they offer pre-bowling AND post-bowling. It couldn't be easier.

Come on! Give it a try. You **will** have fun!

### Bowling Top 10 List

1. The light at the end of the tunnel is said to be a bowling alley.
2. Bowling trophies can be used to bludgeon a small animal.
3. Sharks have never attacked a bowler.
4. If you lift a new born calf on the day it is born and every day thereafter, by the time the cow is full grown you will still be an idiot. But picking up a bowling ball will be no problem.
5. Bowling will give you 1 pack abs.
6. Bowling is the basis of all religions.
7. Middle East peace will never happen unless all the disputing parties bowl together.
8. If all bowlers in the United States dropped their bowling balls at the same time it would make a loud noise.
9. The bowling ball was the original symbol of peace now replaced by the dove.
10. Bowling leads to harder drugs.
11. White House is considering bowling as alternative to health care.
12. Bowling ball threatens Florida panhandle.
13. Eagles sign bowling ball as back-up quarterback. Ball claims to only have owned poodles.
14. Bowling balls have no calories and are low in trans fats.
15. Chinese declare that 2011 will be the year of the bowling ball.
16. Bowlers can't count. Nor are they responsible for the drivel they write.

For more information or to join up please contact Fred Weiner at 215-750-7865 or [fhwhome@gmail.com](mailto:fhwhome@gmail.com).

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I would like to thank all the wonderful friends who acknowledged my Adult Bat Mitzvah.  
Judy Kaufman

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- Shouts: Emails sent to alert you to imminent events and meetings.
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Make sure all the adults in your family get The Weekly Whisper e-mail.

If your family has more than one e-mail address, please feel free to sign-up your multiple addresses. To get The Whisper, send an e-mail to [office@kolemet.org](mailto:office@kolemet.org).

# Kol Emet Business Directory

Advertisements from members of the Kol Emet community

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In the spirit of building community, *The Voice* includes text advertisements from Kol Emet congregants who have businesses offering products and services. Text ads only, no business cards or graphics. In addition to your text, we will list your name (if not included in your copy) so the reader knows which Kol Emet congregant is involved in the business.

Your listing will include:

**Name of Company**  
**Address** (if business has a store-front location)  
**Contact** (Phone, Email, and/or Web Address)  
**50 word description**

Cost is \$10/issue.

Send information to the Kol Emet Office  
([office@kolemet.org](mailto:office@kolemet.org)) by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month for a listing  
in the next issue.

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