About Kolot Chayeinu

We are a Jewish congregation in Brooklyn, where doubt can be an act of faith and all hands are needed to build our community. We are creative, serious seekers who pray joyfully, wrestle with tradition, pursue justice, and refuse to be satisfied with the world as it is. We share a commitment to ending structural racism and becoming an antiracist congregation. And, as individuals of varying sexual orientations, gender identities, races, family arrangements, and Jewish identities and backgrounds, we search for meaningful and just expressions of our Judaism in today’s uncertain world.

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High Holy Days Services Led by
Rabbi Miriam Grossman & Cantor Lisa B. Segal
Student Rabbi Noah Westreich
Members, staff, musicians, and educators of Kolot Chayeinu

Introducing Rabbi Miriam Grossman
On July 1, Rabbi Miriam Grossman officially joined Kolot Chayeinu as our new full-time rabbi. The congregation voted to hire her after conducting an extensive search in which hundreds of members participated, had a voice, and provided feedback. We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Miriam and excited to journey forward with her into the next phase of Kolot’s future!

Kolot’s next chapter starts now—with you! Make this the year you become a member and find your place in this vibrant, diverse and sacred community, our Kehila Kedosha, where all hands are needed. We invite you to join other prospective members in Kolot’s Sukkah at 11 am on Sunday, October 20 to learn more. Our Fair Share Dues policy reflects, honors, and supports the economic diversity of our community. For more information, visit kolotchayeinu.org/membership.

New Year. New Space!
We are so excited to be at NAB Theater at City Tech in downtown Brooklyn for this year’s High Holy Days, a space that is fully accessible, with 1,000+ comfy seats, where we will be able to accommodate everyone who wants to join us. There will be no need to arrive especially early or to stand on line, and we can all be together for one Kol Nidre service. Built-in air conditioning and modern facilities throughout mean we will be able to more fully focus on the holy and less on the mundane. Some of us will have to travel a little farther than we are used to in order to reach City Tech, all of us will benefit from the more enhanced experience in the space. And, there are a multitude of subways located nearby.

Our Journey Forward
Did you know that we are starting the second year of Our Journey Forward, Kolot’s three-year capacity-building fundraising campaign? Learn more about it and join us on our journey! kolotchayeinu.org/support_us

All Hands/Open Doors
Kolot’s High Holy Days services and celebrations are open to everyone, and no ticket or advance reservation is required. However, to help us plan and better meet the needs of our members and friends, this year, we really do want to know if you plan on joining us. RSVP here: urllz.com/8PGzG

Not surprisingly, the costs for such a fully accommodating, comfortable, and accessible space are higher than Kolot is used to. This year more than ever, Kolot’s commitment to openness requires that we all pitch in. Kolot asks for a donation of $360/person ($720/couple) for non-members and $180/person ($360/couple) for dues-paying members with our longstanding policy. “Please give more if you can, less if you must.” To ensure that Kolot’s doors will always remain open—during these Days of Awe and year-round—and that we can be back at City Tech next year, we need the financial support from ALL who attend High Holy Days services.

You can contribute here: kolotchayeinu.org/support_us

And as always, many hands are also needed to make our High Holy Days run smoothly! Join our volunteer/Avodah team here: urllz.com/1vq7p.

For Updates, Information, to Join or Support Us
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Artist statement by Kolot member Mike Cockrill
One of the most valuable things to me about making art is that it creates a conceptual place for me to meet others under the framework of an idea. I cannot be there alone. For art to exist it needs a viewer to complete the work. A beautiful metaphor for this idea is when we come together under a tallis. Judaism comes alive when it is shared. Community gives Judaism power, life and meaning.

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Days of Awe & Fall Festivals
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KOLOT CHAYEINU
Building a Progressive Jewish Community in Brooklyn

Kehila Kedosha: Creating Sacred Community

NEW LOCATION! NAB Theater at City Tech in Downtown Brooklyn
Selichot Across Brooklyn  Sat, Sep 21  Park Slope Jewish Ctr
9:30 am  Enter the Days of Awe with havdalah, a deeply reflective prayer service, and gorgeous music with local Brooklyn synagogue communities, rabbis, cantors, musicians, and other sacred partners (ends at 12:15 am)

Erev Rosh HaShanah  Sun, Sep 29  City Tech
7:30 pm  Service (childcare available; advanced registration required*)

Rosh HaShanah – 1st Day  Mon, Sep 30  City Tech
9:30 am  Breakfast
10 am–12:30 pm  Childcare open for drop-off for 6 and younger*
10–11 am  Activity room open for 7–10-year-olds (they will be brought to 11 am Youth and Family Service)*
10:30 am  Main Service
11 am–12:30 pm  Youth and Family Service in Atrium*
12:30 pm  Shofar Service for all ages in main sanctuary

Rosh HaShanah – 2nd Day Ritual  Tue, Oct 1  Prospect Park
11 am–12:15 pm  Join for a brief shofar service under the “Tallis Tree,” followed by a short walk together to Tashlikh (Check website for rain updates by 9 pm the night before as we will cancel in the event of severe weather.)

Shabbat Shuvah/ Shabbat of Return  Sat, Oct 5  Kolot Chayeinu
9 am  Torah study
10 am  Breakfast
10:30 am  Service

Kol Nidre  Tue, Oct 8  City Tech
7:30 pm  Service (childcare available; advanced registration required*)

Yom Kippur  Wed, Oct 9  City Tech
9:30 am–12:16 pm  Childcare open for drop-off for 6 and younger*
9:30–11 am  Activity room open for 7–10-year-olds (they will be brought to 11 am Youth and Family Service)*
10 am–11 pm  Main Service
11 am–12:30 pm  Youth and Family Service in Atrium*
1:30 pm  Adult Learning—watch for updates
2:30 pm  Re-gathering for brief afternoon service
3:45 pm  Creative interpretation of Jonah and Avodah services
5 pm  Yizkor—Memorial Service
6:30 pm  Neilah—Concluding Service
7 pm  Community Break-Fast

On Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur we invite you to engage in quiet conversation or contemplation to honor the holiness of this day, as well as foregoing leather if possible, and wearing clothing that helps you enter the day with intention.

Sukkot
Please note: Kolot’s Sukkah will be open Sunday, Oct 13 to Sunday, Oct 20 for meals, meetings and meditation. Bring all you need and take out all trash and materials, and enjoy planned and chance meetings with others. See kolotchayeinu.org and check Facebook for updated Sukkot schedule.

Sun, Oct 13  Prospect Park
4:30 pm  Help decorate our Sukkah followed by celebration of Sukkot beginning at 6 pm, with rituals, music, and a potluck vegetarian supper

Fri, Oct 18  Prospect Park
6:30 pm  “Third Friday @ Kolot”—Kabbalat Shabbat with singing and rituals in the Sukkah and a potluck vegetarian supper

Sun, Oct 20  Prospect Park
11 am  Open House Brunch for Prospective Members in the Sukkah

Shabbat during Sukkot  Sat, Oct 19  Kolot Chayeinu
9 am  Torah study
10 am  Breakfast
10:30 am  Shabbat Sukkot service

Simkhat Torah  Mon, Oct 21  Kolot Chayeinu
6 pm  Light supper
6:30 pm  For kids and adults of all ages: Celebrate the New Year for Torah. Communal celebration, unscrolling, revealing and dancing with Torah!
8:15 pm  Join Brooklyn-wide celebration with Hakafot and dancing, at Grand Army Plaza

Avodah: All Hands are Needed
Avodah means work and service and prayer.
Have you signed up for avodah to make the Holy Days services possible? Tell us when you can help out and we will connect you with an important task. Sign up at uries.com/1Ng7p or send an email to hhdcoor@gmail.com.

*Childcare and Youth and Family Services
For the first time, we are pleased to offer drop-off childcare for Erev Rosh HaShanah and Kol Nidre services (7–9:30 pm) by advance registration only. Please RSVP at this link for childcare services.

Drop-off childcare will also be available for youth through age 10 on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur Mornings.
• Youth ages 7–10 in the Activity Room will be brought to the Youth and Family Service in the Atrium at 11 am where parents are free to join them, if desired.
• Youth ages 6 and younger will remain in childcare until picked up.

This year we are also excited to offer a new Youth and Family Service at 11 am running simultaneously with the main services. This musical, interactive High Holy Days service is geared towards school-age youth. We welcome all families with younger children, though children ages 6 and younger must be accompanied by a responsible family member or adult. This will be a family-friendly space for all ages.

Location Key
(all locations in Brooklyn)
Kolot Chayeinu/Voices of Our Lives
1012 8th Avenue (between 10th & 11th Streets)
City Tech (NAB Theater at City Tech)
285 Jay Street (between Tillary Street & Tech Place, downtown Brooklyn). A,C,F,R to Jay Street; 2,3,R,4,5 to Borough Hall.
Park Slope Jewish Center
1320 8th Avenue (at 14th Street)
Prospect Park
Tallis Tree in the Park Enter at 11th Street & Prospect Park West, cross the inner road, and walk directly ahead (it’s to the left of the horse corral). Directions: kolotchayeinu.org/Tallis__Tree. Tashlikh on wooden bridge along path found as you face Doggie Beach, then walk left along the pond, following path and take a sharp right at the first opportunity.
Sukkah at Prospect Park West (between 4th & 5th Streets in front of Litchfield Manor).