- Weekly Friday and Saturday Shabbat Services
- High Holiday and Festival Services
- Youth and Adult B'nai Mitzvah Preparation
- Daniel Rothman Religious School
- Cemetery
- Adult Education
- Life Cycle Events
- Talmud and Torah Study
- Sisterhood
- Men's Club
- Children's Events and Services



Our Kol Shalom logo pays tribute to *Etz Chaim*, the tree of life, and the natural beauty surrounding our sanctuary. Its branches are composed of the Hebrew letter Ayin, twelve in all, representing the twelve tribes of Israel.

As in the land of Israel, those who came first planted their roots for all generations. In this spirit, Kol Shalom sincerely hopes you will make this your spiritual home for prayer, learning and community. Welcome. Congregation Kol Shalom is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Rabbi Philip Pohl is a member of The Rabbinical Assembly- the organization for all rabbis formally affiliated with the Conservative Movement of Judaism.

Through both its lay constituency and rabbinic leadership, Kol Shalom is proudly and purposely aligned with Conservative Judaism.

Directions from Route 50: Take Exit 24 to Bestgate Road. Continue straight on Bestgate until you reach Severn Grove Road. Turn right onto Severn Grove Road to Hidden Meadow Lane and turn right. Please drive slowly. Thank you.

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CONGREGATION KOL SHALOM

An Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue May the door of this sanctuary be wide enough to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for fellowship.

May it welcome all who have cares to unburden, thanks to express, hopes to nurture.

May the door of this sanctuary be narrow enough to shut out all pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.

May its threshold be no stumbling block to young, or weary, or straying feet.

May its portals admit no complacency, selfishness, or harshness.

May this sanctuary welcome all who seek serenity, renewal, and truth;

May it be, for all of us, the gateway to a richer and more meaningful life.

Siddur Hadash Media Judaica, NY "Each Shabbat we sing, we study, we pray in a most intimate, peaceful and meditative setting. Located on the aptly named *Hidden Meadow Lane,* tucked away in the woods, the lack of outside distraction will open a path within you that will lead toward an encounter with the presence of G-d."

- Rabbi Philip Pohl, D. Min.

Many decades ago Conservative Judaism was described by the slogan "Tradition and Change." This teaches that we are best understood as a Jewish community that strives to live with the tension between our strong commitment to tradition and a realistic assessment of the need for change. Our struggle with this tension often elicits our most unique and creative contributions to the panorama of Jewish life.

Perhaps the most important aspect of Conservative Judaism is that we welcome the advances of modern scholarship in all educational fields and disciplines. We believe in Torat Emet – that the Torah remains true and valid for us not despite, but often because of, what we learn from science, psychology and archaeology. We see the Torah not as a fence that isolates us from the rest of the world, but rather as a gateway to help us view the rest of what we learn about the world more clearly and with a specific religious focus.



When you enter Kol Shalom you will immediately become aware of our bias for tradition from the structure of our facility and the content of our worship. Our beautiful, intimate sanctuary invites you to easily participate as a "dovenner." You are never far from those leading the service and yet, there is ample opportunity to just sit, pray and meditate without interruption. It is possible to frequently alternate from experiencing the individual privacy of G-d's inner presence and the more public connection of communal worship.

We are committed to praying mostly in Hebrew, the universal language of our people, and yet we look to provide greater access to many texts through transliteration into English. We are a thoroughly egalitarian synagogue where both women and men consistently lead us in our worship services. At Congregation Kol Shalom all voices are welcome and are heard. We welcome your voice and hope you will join us in our songs and prayers.

> Shalom, -Rabbi Philip Pohl, D. Min.