

CONGREGATION
Kol Ami
VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, April 6

There will NOT be a late service this evening in deference to the First *Seder* celebrated by families and friends in their homes and other locales.

SATURDAY, April 7

10:00 a.m. - *Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue

6:00 p.m. - Join us at our annual Second *Seder* to celebrate the timelessness of Passover

FRIDAY, April 13,

10:00 a.m. - Passover *Yizkor* Service

7:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service plus our "Second-Friday" April birthday and anniversary blessings in front of the ark

SATURDAY, April 14, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, April 20, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service and the voices of our Adult Choir

SATURDAY, April 21

10:00 a.m. - *Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue

5:30 p.m. - *Bat Mitzvah* of Ella Goldman (see page 5)

Friday, April 27

6:00 p.m. - K-2 "Show and *Qvell*" *erev Shabbat* Service; children and their families are encouraged to

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INTERFAITH SYMPOSIUM: OCTOBER 21 FROM 1:00-5:30 P.M.



Congregation Kol Ami and our Interfaith Relationship Dialogue (IRD) Committee will host a half-day symposium titled "The Interfaith Roller Coaster: Navigating the Challenges, Enjoying the Ride." The event will bring together interfaith couples throughout the region to share insights about how to thrive within the Jewish Community.

Many interfaith families feel isolated, when in fact they bring strength, vitality, and additional perspectives to Jewish life. We are excited to announce that our keynote speaker will be award-winning journalist and "New York Times" best-selling author Anita Diamant. Ms. Diamant has written six nonfiction guides to contemporary Jewish life, including "The New Jewish Wedding," "How to Raise a Jewish Child," and the international best seller "The Red Tent." In her keynote address, she will share her unique insights of interfaith relationships in the Jewish Community.

The afternoon will also include a wide variety of workshops that offer solutions, support, resources, and community to those navigating the interfaith journey.

For more information visit <http://www.InterfaithRollercoaster.com>. ■

KOL AMI PANCAKE BREAKFAST: OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Sunday, April 15, at 9:00 a.m., at 8201 High School Road, Elkins Park



Start your day right! Come on out for a hearty breakfast and visit with friends before religious school. We'll be serving pancakes, coffee, tea, fresh fruit, and juice!

In advance: Single \$3 / Family \$12

At the door: Single \$4 / Family \$15

RSVP by Wednesday, April 11, to Elaine Stevens at execdir@kolamielkinspark.org or 215-635-3110. ■

WORSHIP SERVICES

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bring something “Jewish and special” from home to talk about: a *Seder* plate, *Kiddush* cup, *Sh'ma* pillow, Jewish storybook, or something else that you really like. *Chai* Notes: our Student Choir will be with us!

7:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service

SATURDAY, April 28, 10:00 a.m.

This *Shabbat* Service will conclude at 11:00 a.m. with an *Oneg* to give everyone time to meet at Elfreth's Alley for the opportunity to truly celebrate the meaning of *Shabbat* with *mish-pachab*, the synagogue family, on our “Walking Tour of Jewish Philadelphia” (see page 14)

SUNDAY, April 29, 11:00 a.m.

Aliyah Service honoring our Grade 7 students

FRIDAY, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service with Kol Ami member David Long talking about his newest book, “Tales of a Broadway Flack: The Charmed Life of Press Agent Sol Jacobson” (see page 15) plus ‘First-Friday’ May birthdays and anniversaries blessing in front of the ark and the voices of our Adult Choir

SATURDAY, May 5, 10:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Maddie August

SUNDAY, May 6, 1:00 p.m.

Healing Service ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

April 7 - 1st day Passover

Exodus 12:21-51

Joshua 3:5-7, 5:2-6:1

April 14 - Passover Text

Deuteronomy 14:22-16:7

Isaiah 10:32-12:6

April 21 - *Shemini*

Leviticus 9:1-11:47

I Samuel 20:18-42

April 28 - *Tazria-Metzora*

Leviticus 12:1-15:33

II Kings 7:3-20 ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TO MY NIECE, A BAT MITZVAH, MARCH 10, 2012

Mazel tov.

This is a special and important day for you, our family, and our Congregation. Your parents, sister, and you are at the heart of Kol Ami. From our Synagogue's beginning almost 18 years ago, your mom and dad have selflessly devoted themselves to building this community. All of that makes today so much sweeter as you become a *Bat Mitzvah*. And this particular moment more than crossed my mind when I was asked to become our Congregation's President. What an honor for me to address you as an admiring and loving uncle.

As we all can witness this morning, Judaism effectively creates rituals to honor the big occasions in life. I hope you will always treasure this day, for your accomplishment and for what it represents as your development as a young Jewish woman.

While we all cherish our special time here today, I want to remind you that these big occasions are relatively rare. That is why I believe Judaism also teaches us the importance of appreciating the smaller precious moments in our lives. You have created many of those moments for all of us through your humor, musical talent, smile, and pearls of wisdom beyond your years. If we are to lead happy, meaningful lives, we must find ways to honor the smaller moments too.

On a weekly basis, your parents have created a special time when they bless you and Maya at *Shabbat* dinner. As Rabbi Holin often reminds us, most of us are surrounded by blessings. Unfortunately, not all of us realize and appreciate them. I wish you to continue to be the kind of person who not only is grateful for her blessings, but who also creates them for those you touch.

I would like to remind you of one other important matter. As you know, Kol Ami means Voice of My People. As a *Bat Mitzvah* you have a new responsibility as a Voice in our Jewish community. You have a beautiful voice. Your songs contain wisdom. Please share your Jewish voice with us. We have such great respect for Maya who has continued with her Jewish education here, and finds her Jewish voice as a leader at BBYO. I know that you, too, will find your Jewish voice to make a meaningful contribution. Our community needs your strong voice.

Ani ohev otach miod. I love you very much.

David Hyman

215-496-7224

president@kolamielkinspark.org ■



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

Our *Seders* conclude with the words *ba'shanah ba'ba'ah*: "Same time, next year" with a nod to the lunar calendar. This year the first *Seder* will be on Friday, April 6. Last year, it was on Monday, April 18. Next year, it will be celebrated on Monday, March 25. The dates change, but the message is constant.

The constants are the *Seder*, *Haggadah*, *Pesach* food, family and friends. The constant is the story line with the refrain *Dayenu* —"It would have been enough." One might well say *Dayenu* to one serving of *gefillte* fish or too hard *matzah* balls sitting like lead weights in soup, but the refrain is in gratitude for God's redemptive acts and gifts. Each *Dayenu* in the *Haggadah* expresses thanks by saying that even one of God's gifts "would have been enough," but it is their sum total that defines us as a People.

The first set of *Dayenus* is for the blessing of redemption from Egypt. It was the first step that led us to revelation at Sinai before we commenced our long trek to the Promised Land.

The second set of *Dayenus* bridges Sinai on either side: the splitting of the Sea of Reeds, and providing for our needs in the wilderness with manna and faith. These *Dayenus* thank God for watching over us, then and now.

The third set of *Dayenus* offers us concrete examples of how form and structure give our faith meaning and purpose: the *Shabbat*, revelation at Sinai, *Torah*, Temple and Israel.

I share with you the following thoughts of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, a brilliant scholar who has devoted his life to making the *Talmud* accessible to all Jews. His book "The Thirteen Petalled Rose" (1980) is a classic work about the *Kabbalah*, and his more recent "Pebbles of Wisdom" (2009)—an absolute treasure—is a collection of his thoughts about life, awareness, and faith from which the following quotes are drawn:

- "Revelation is the sudden recognition of a reality that was overlooked because it was considered background. It is the emergence of the essential image. It can occur in a moment by a slight alteration of one's perspective or will, for example, by consenting to be a dwelling place for the Divine." Revelation, *dayenu*.
- "The Divine essence fills everything. It is our mind that creates the barriers and forms separate existences. Prophets, like Moses, have simply broken down these fences and separations. In the *Zohar*, there is a description of such persons, declaring that they are like fish of the sea walking on land." Moses, *dayenu*.
- "As more and more people who tried it found out, you don't get a gateway to Heaven. You get, at most, a gateway into another chamber within yourself." The Beyond, Within. *Dayenu*.

May your Passover celebration be sweet and meaningful. May it be a time of introspection that leads to revelation: the discovery of "another chamber within yourself."

Shalom u'vrachah,

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■



CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences in loving memory of:

Arlene Belinsky

aunt of Sheri (Jonathan) Cutler

George Shore

brother of Tony (Patricia) Shore

May their memories forever be a blessings among our People. ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Caring Congregants Committee

Sunday, April 15, at 11:00 a.m.

Co-chairs: Elaine Gershenson, 215-887-3994, and Mindy Levy, 215-885-3672

Craft Show Committee

Monday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Karol Appel, 215-938-9330, and Ellen Horowitz Matz, 215-635-5426

Operations Committee

Thursday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. AND

Wednesday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Guy Appel, 215-938-9330, and Jeff Cohen, 215-635-3232

Spiritual Growth Group

Wednesday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Home of Natalie and Jim Dyen

Co-chairs: Natalie Dyen, 215-635-4336, and Janet Falon, 215-635-1698

Worship Enhancement Committee

Sunday, April 22, at 11:00 a.m.

Co-chairs: Jeff Cohen, 215-635-3232, and Bill Shapiro 215-517-8666 ■

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send articles by the fifth of the previous month (for example, by April 5 for the May issue) to **Janet Falon** at jfalon@english.upenn.edu. Articles may be edited as needed. Photographs/images to be included should be at least 2x3" in size and 300 DPI resolution to ensure good reproduction. ■

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Passover is almost here. Typically we plan our menu weeks in advance and begin our cleaning days ahead, but how long before that first *Seder* do we plan the spiritual experience?

The *seder* is the model of an amazing lesson plan. It incorporates multiple approaches to different learning styles. It blends *midrash* with *Torah*, dialogue, and questions. It moves through experiences like washing, eating, and singing. It also creates a dialogue between one generation and the next with storytelling and asking/answering questions. The *seder* even gives attention and responsibility to family members of all ages.

Each day of the year, we are charged with the obligation to “remember the Exodus” through our prayer. However, during Passover—and the *seder* specifically—we are charged to “relive the Exodus.” We are to experience it again. This is particularly tangible with the Yemenite (along with other Sephardic cultures) tradition of wrapping their *challah* in a *tallit*, throwing it over their shoulder, and heading out the door to march through the neighborhood. Just as we had to flee the land of Egypt with little warning, so too we begin our dinner with actual motion, leaving the comfort of our home to join our neighbors in the streets, headed in faith towards something greater.

Asking the four questions is a great family moment when the youngest at the table is finally ready to take on the responsibility of this important role. But why do the questions come at the beginning? How are our children supposed to know what to ask? Wouldn't it make more sense to have them ask once they have seen all of these things at the *seder* take place? Rather, their questions serve as an “advanced organizer,” an educational term for something that helps us keep our eyes open for additional information as it comes. It keeps our interest in the process.

The Passover story itself is told through many lenses, the first and most recognizable being the dramatic retelling of the actual *Torah* text. This adds a comfort and familiarity that allows us to throw ourselves into the moment; to greet the plagues with horror and even to add our own. The Passover story also includes allegory, connecting more obscure passages of *Talmud* and *midrash* to the familiar tale. These passages give us more to think about, pushing us to go beyond the text and to look closer at the import and meaning—challenging us to explore beyond the familiar.

Finally, the *haggadah* even shows us that it knows what it is doing, educationally speaking, as it shares with us the story of the four sons. Rabbis and teachers have used the descriptions of these four learners to illustrate that we are all individual learners, each with our own learning needs. Now it is perhaps even more common that those same teachers teach that in each of us is the potential for all of those learning styles.

So the rabbis were good educators, but what does that bring to us? The *Haggadah* is long and frustrating to plow through at times. These “allegories”

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BAT MITZVAH OF ELLA GOLDMAN

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, AT 5:30 P.M.



Ella is in the seventh grade at Jenkintown Middle School. Her favorite subjects are math, because it is her best subject, and art, because she enjoys nurturing her artistic ability to improve.

She plays field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse on her school teams, as well as GYAC basketball and indoor lacrosse. She also plays the drum in her school band.

Ella's *Bat Mitzvah*—*Mitzvah* Project was serving as assistant basketball coach for the Jenkintown Youth Basketball league's fourth-grade basketball team.

She writes: "One of the most powerful Jewish experiences in my life was when I went to Israel with my family. Toward the end of our trip, I had a particularly memorable experience at the Western Wall. I got to write a note to God and put it in the Wall. While we were there, my brother, Ethan, celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah*. It felt amazing because we were where I always wanted to be, and my brother left that place a different person: as a man. He read his *Torah* Portion surrounded by our Israeli friends, and I remember that it was right around the time that I learned *Hatikvah*. Out of a sense of pride, I asked everyone to sing it with me. It sounded beautiful, and one of my hopes is that my *Bat Mitzvah* will be just as marvelous as Ethan's.

"I was motivated to celebrate my *Bat Mitzvah* by my family. Seeing my brothers both have amazing *Bar Mitzvahs* made me want to have one of my own. Knowing that my Dad had a *Bar Mitzvah* and even lived in Israel for a while made me want to have one even more after I met the family that he stayed with. Part of my reason for wanting a *Bat Mitzvah* is that I think this is what God would want. It's a way that I get to show all that I have learned. It is a way for me to be a woman in my own eyes and in the eyes of the Jewish community.

"God gives me comfort in my life. Sometimes I feel mad at Him or Her because of something that has happened, and I also feel grateful for the blessings in my life. I feel that I can always ask questions even if they are not answered. God gets me thinking about the world around me. I find myself struggling with ideas that I never thought about before to find out what I truly believe. For example, I keep thinking why bad things happen to good people if God could prevent it. Before studying for my *Bat Mitzvah*, I never gave it much thought. Now I stop and see the good things that I have. I look and see other people suffering. I really think about these things at *Shabbat* services in particular."

We congratulate Ella's parents, Mark and Sandra, and her brothers, Sam and Ethan, who celebrated their *Bar Mitzvahs* on November 25, 2006, at Kol Ami and on April 9, 2009, in Jerusalem, respectively. ■

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

(GRADES 4 & 5)

National Liberty Museum!

Just in time for Passover, we're going to the National Liberty Museum! Here in Philadelphia, "the Cradle of Liberty," we'll be learning and talking about freedom and tolerance in America. It's sure to spark reflections that you might share at your seder.

Date: Sunday April 1, 2012
(no religious school that day)

Time: 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

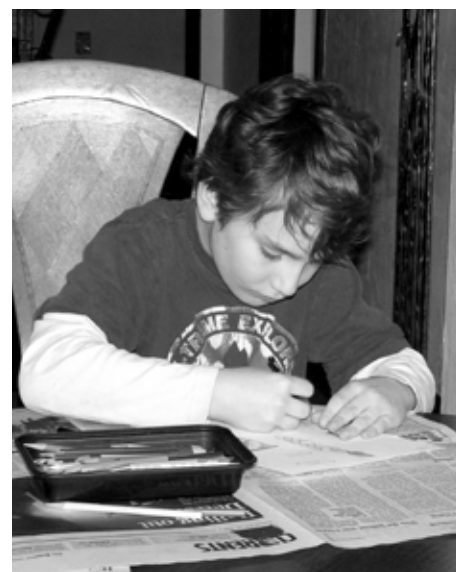
Cost: \$5.00 per student
\$7.00 per adult

Place: National Liberty Museum
321 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia

Watch for flyers in your e-mail and school bags!

Last Month's Havdalah Event

Kol Ami's fourth and fifth graders celebrated the special rituals of *havdalah* on March 3 with blessings, braided candles, spice boxes, and songs! Below Abe Moss completes a creative activity while the group spent an enjoyable evening hosted at the England residence. ■



KOL AMI Nursery School

presents



performed by the

Walnut Street Theatre's Touring Outreach Company

FREE ADMISSION

Following up on our most successful outreach program ever are the continuing adventures of Nate, Sam, Zoe and Bob the Bully Buster from *The Boy Who Cried Bully*. Students will laugh and learn from Nate and his friends as they dream of escaping school bullies using light saber duels, Harry Potter's magic, by being a cowboy and a super hero. In the end Bob teaches the kids that only respect can make a school safer.

Sunday, April 29th at 2:00PM

8201 High School Road Elkins Park, PA 19027

To RSVP please call 215-635-4180

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CONCERN'S CHILDREN

by Ruth Hausen

This November, as in the past seven years, we collected cash and gifts for the children of the CONCERN foster agency. The Southeast Office of CONCERN is a not-for-profit foster agency that serves children in Delaware, Montgomery, and Bucks counties. Kol Ami has recognized CONCERN with the *Tikun Olam* award in the past while making their holiday season brighter.

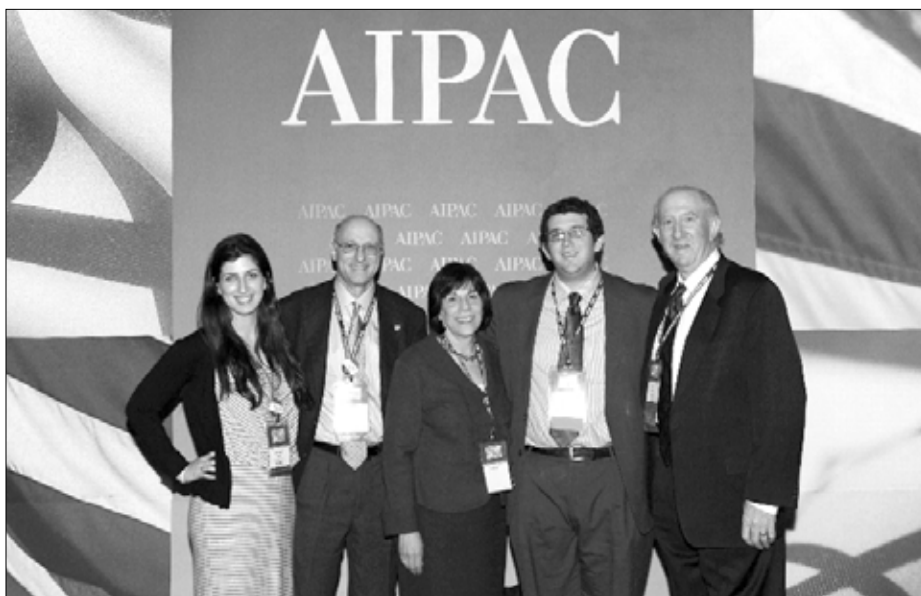
This year we collected over \$1400 plus numerous gifts through both the religious school and a generous donor from the synagogue. I even had one congregant stop me while shopping to hand me cash. We use all of this to purchase something for all 38 children listed. In several instances, we were able to buy everything on a child's list due to your generosity. When we went to deliver the gifts, all the case managers came out personally to thank us. To my unending embarrassment, hugs were mandatory.

Later that day, I noticed that there was one young woman who had not received anything. I scanned her list and couldn't find anything to buy with the money left over. Then I had a thought and contacted my next-door neighbor, Gene Shub, owner of YEV Jewelry store in Burlington, New Jersey (609-747-9191), and he offered to make her a custom necklace with the girl's name in silver for the remaining funds. When we delivered this necklace, tears were visible all around. It certainly would not have been possible without many people's generosity.

All the children of CONCERN thank you and so do I. It has been a pleasure being your conduit for these kids. I get many accolades for spearheading this project, but it's really my pleasure. Thank you again for your continuing generosity. You'll hear from me again next fall.

KOL AMI MEMBERS ATTEND AIPAC CONFERENCE

Becca Leifer, Stewart Eisenberg, Karen Gurmankin, Jonathan Holin, and Janet Felgoise (not pictured) joined Rabbi Holin at the 2012 AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, DC, on March 4 through 6.



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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and expansions of the text are hard to fully understand (especially if encountered in Hebrew). What good is a lesson, even an incredible one, that is planned for a different audience than our own?

This is where planning for the *seder* comes into place. There are hundreds of ways to go about it—books like “A Different Night” by David Dishon and Noam Zion, who share different traditions from other cultures that, if incorporated, might bring more excitement to the evening.

My family always begins with the Yeminite tradition mentioned above and the Iraqi tradition of hitting each other with leeks during *dyenu* (trust me, it's great fun!). Occasionally, we begin our *seder* in the living room so that we can truly “recline” while we eat and often we have other kosher-for-Passover foods to dip after we have dipped the parsley.

These are just a few off-the-beaten-path options. There are also books like “The Passover *Seder*” by Ron Wolfson that help us better understand what the *seder* is trying to do while also giving us more modern ideas of how to draw everyone into the experience. But basically our goal should be clear: Through varied means and approaches, on this one night a year, we need to “relive” the exodus, and not just talk about it.

I wish you all a wonderful *seder* experience with your family and friends. I am happy to help with ideas or plans anytime!

Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Selilah Kalev ■

Don't miss these enlightening opportunities

Continuing Jewish Education

"Lunch and Learn" - Mishnah

Instructor: Rabbi Elliot Holin

**Tuesdays (as scheduled) from Noon to 1:00 p.m.
BYOL plus "Jewish nutrition" at the synagogue**

What wisdom did rabbis in the second century of the Common Era offer about life and afterlife, the search for wisdom, and the sanctity of relationships that might be insightful today?

Join Rabbi Holin as we explore selections from *Mishnah-Pirkei Avot* ("Chapters of the Fathers/Ancestors" from the 2nd century of the Common Era) to discuss rabbinic writings about Temple rituals, personal and professional relationships, the value of study, and how they speak to us now.

Refreshments will be provided.

Date	Topic
April 3	"What to Avoid Doing" - Part 1
April 10	"What to Avoid Doing" - Part 2
May 8	"What Is a Good Path in Life?"
May 15	"The Purpose of Prayer"

Please call Rabbi Holin (215-635-4182) by April 1 to RSVP for the April classes.

Believing by Association

Instructor: Rabbi Howard Bogot

**Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. (four sessions)
Commencing April 3 through 24**

Finding meaning in God meant more to Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan than thinking about God being all-powerful, all-knowing, and ever-present. Kaplan encouraged religious Jews to discover God in the power of salvation, to see



cooperation as the chief source of happiness and the potential for good in humanity, and to view freedom as the liberation of personality and the reconstruction of Jewishness as a righteous civilization. Participants in this seminar will discuss the ways in which reconstructing Judaism promotes rediscovering God.

The non-member course fee is \$50, and it can be applied to membership for the current year or forthcoming year.

Please RSVP by April 1 to Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org.

Jewish Ethics for Everyday Life

A text-based class exploring ethical and legal dilemmas from a Talmudic perspective

Instructor: Rabbi Alexander Coleman
Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Date	Writings/Works
April 4	"Survivor: Who Gets to Live?": Choosing one life over another in medical treatment
May 2	"When the Hand Rocks the Cradle": How long do parents bear responsibility for their children?

Rabbi Alexander Coleman, a native of Liverpool, England, received his education from *yeshivas* in Jerusalem and New York. For the past 15 years, he has dedicated himself to

for Adults at Kol Ami

Jewish education and spiritual counseling in the Philadelphia area, offering classes and one-on-one mentorship on Jewish philosophy, spirituality, law, and ethics as well as text-based classes on *Chumash*, *Talmud*, and other classic works.

These classes are accredited by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board. CLE confirmation forms will be provided at the class, and all CLE processing will be handled by the presenter and entails a separate fee.

To register for these classes, contact Elaine Stevens at execdir@kolamielkinspark.org by April 1 and

The Jewish Relationship Life-Cycle: The Seven Stages of Committed Intimate Relationships

Instructor: Rabbi Patrice Heller

**Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. (four sessions)
Commencing April 12 through May 3**



This enrichment program is designed for people in intimate, long-term relationships and couples of all ages and sexual orientations. Intimate partners share a journey filled with bumps in the road along hills and valleys. While challenges and difficulties are inevitable, couples hope and expect to enjoy loving, happy relationships. Couples benefit from learn-

ing fundamental “rules of the road,” informed by Jewish values and wisdom, to help them navigate their relational journey with skill, resilience, and love.

Committed relationships are dynamic; feelings of intimacy and connection may come and go. By understanding that each unique intimate relationship naturally progresses through seven distinct stages, couples can anticipate how needs, priorities, and desires of both partners and the relationship itself may change

Each class will include a presentation, group discussion, and individual and couple questionnaires and exercises. Jewish *halacha* and perspectives about relationships, marriage, and sexuality will be an integral part of each session and will help couples learn about their journey along the seven stages. Shared practice relationship skills will increase awareness and enhance mutual trust and intimacy.

Session	Topic
Session 1	Jewish Wisdom about Relationships, Personal Growth, and Spirituality
Session 2	The Jewish Imperative: Listen, Understand, and Act!
Session 3	The Double <i>Mitzvah</i> : the Jewish Perspective on Sexuality
Session 4	Cultivating Commitment

Patrice Heller has been a Reform rabbi in the Philadelphia community for 30 years. She is also a psychologist and PA-licensed marriage and family therapist and has maintained an independent rabbinical and psychotherapy practice since 1986. In addition, she has been an adjunct associate professor for the Psychology department at Temple University since 2006 and recently became a therapist at the Postpartum Stress Center in Rosemont, PA.

The non-member course fee is \$50, and it can be applied to membership for the current year or forthcoming year.

Please RSVP by April 5 to Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org. ■



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Environmental Stewardship

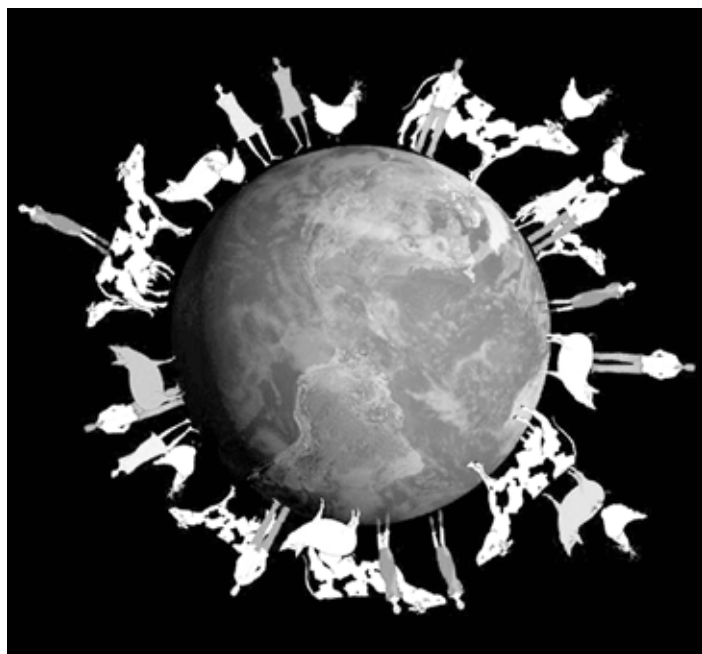
SUSTAINABILITY FILM SERIES

There's one more film and panel discussion left as part of the **2012 Sustainability Film Series** at the Ambler Theater, which the Elkins Park Hazon CSA at Kol Ami is proud to sponsor. It's being presented in conjunction with Pennypack Farm and Education Center. Learn how your small changes can make a big difference to the world.

Tickets, \$10 each, are on sale at <http://www.amblertheater.org/pennypack> or the Ambler Theater Box Office. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for the Sponsor Expo; the film begins at 7:30 p.m.

PLANEAT

Tuesday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m.



This film is about the search for a diet that is good for our health, the environment, and the future of the planet. It presents a convincing case for the West to reexamine its love affair with meat and dairy. With the help of innovative farmers, chefs, and some of the best cooking you have ever seen, **PLANEAT** shows how today's problems can be solved, without simply resorting to a diet of lentils and lettuce. The film advocates eating less meat, not necessarily no meat. More information is available at www.planeat.tv. ■



ATTENTION HELPING HANDS: THREE WORTHY PROJECTS NEED YOU!

*Shomrei Adamah Environmental Stewardship
Committee Meeting on Sunday, May 6, at 11:30 a.m.*

We invite you to join us! The committee is currently working on three projects and would welcome the participation of new committee members:

1. **Sustainable Serving Ware.** We are in the process of analyzing comparative costs of various disposable food-service products and developing recommendations, policies, and procedures with the goal of diminishing and possibly ending the use of non-sustainable products at our *onegs* and other institutional functions.
2. **HVAC Upgrade and Roof Refinishing.** Both of these projects of the Operations committee will result in increased energy efficiency and reduced environmental impact of our facility. The committee would benefit from our help in communications, grant solicitation, and other aspects.
3. **Community Garden Project.** We are exploring the possibility of developing a garden for the community at large on some of the sunny open space on the Kol Ami campus. We are looking for one or two persons to take the lead in facilitating this effort. Could that be you? No experience is necessary. We have resources, expert advice, and committee support. All that is needed is interest, commitment, willingness to learn, and leadership to shepherd the project forward.

Kol Ami Events

COOK FOR A FRIEND

Sunday, April 8, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at Congregation Kol Ami



Join us in the Kol Ami kitchen as we cook meals for homebound seniors in Philadelphia. We will make about 50 meals, which will be packaged and frozen to be picked up later and delivered. This supports the "Cook for a Friend" program of the Klein JCC. Adults and kids over the age of 10 are welcome!

SECOND-FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for April Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
Friday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m.
at our *erev Shabbat* Service



If you or someone in your family is celebrating a birthday or anniversary in April, please join us at this special *erev Shabbat* service. Rabbi Holin will bless everyone with a April *simcha* under a *tallit* in front of the ark. Watch for

your invitation for this special *Shabbat simcha*.

Rabbi Holin will continue to send personal letters to everyone celebrating a significant birthday or anniversary ending with 0 or 5 (for example, 40, 45). If you have a special 0 or 5 birthday or anniversary, you will be invited to participate in any Friday service in "your" month by blessing the candles or *challah*, or reciting the *Kiddush*, or at any Saturday service that month by carrying or blessing the *Torah*.



THE HEART INSIDE KOL AMI

Caring Congregants Meeting
Sunday, April 15, at 11:00 a.m.

Looking for a way to help our Kol Ami community? Come to our next Caring Congregants meeting at Kol Ami. For more information, contact Committee Co-chairs Elaine Gershenson, 215-887-3994, or Mindy Levy, 215-885-3672. Hope you're able to join us!

JEWISH RELIEF AGENCY

Sunday, April 15 and May 6, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Jewish Relief Agency Food Distribution Center

Come out and help sort, pack, and deliver food to needy families. JRA food distributions take place one Sunday each month throughout the year at their warehouse in Northeast Philadelphia. Volunteers work together to package kosher, non-perishable food in boxes. After packing, volunteers load their cars and deliver the food packages to each of the recipient families according to pre-determined delivery routes, complete with driving directions and maps. Most delivery routes take between 30 to 60 minutes to complete.

If interested, directions to the JRA Distribution Center can be found at <http://www.jewishrelief.org/directions.asp>.

GOLF & TENNIS INVITATIONAL

Tuesday, April 24

"There is just nowhere else I'd rather be than voting in the PA primary election and playing golf or tennis, having dinner, and spending lots of money on great auction items with Congregation Kol Ami."

We are sure that is exactly what a slew of highly influential people would say had we asked them and that's good enough for us. More seriously, April 24 is a big day for our Congregation. This is our primary fund-raiser, and you have undoubtedly noticed a different approach this year in that we:

- Are honoring Jay Goldstein, President and CEO of Valley Green Bank. As a result, we will have many participants from Philadelphia, and especially the Northwest Philly business community, joining us on the course, courts, and over drinks and fine food. This is a great networking opportunity.
- Are playing at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, a true destination club for golf and tennis. This is a rare opportunity to play at a private and top-rated club.
- Have lined up a number of special sponsors, and they will have key people attending. This creates a great opportunity for us as members to tell the Kol Ami story, meet some new people, and discover new ways we can all make the world a better place.

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GOLF & TENNIS Invitational

2012

Tuesday, April 24

PHILADELPHIA CRICKET
CLUB IN FLOURTOWN

Co-chairpersons Algot F. Thorell, Jr., David Hyman, and Lesley Seitchik invite you to attend a golf and tennis outing benefitting Congregation Kol Ami. President and CEO of Valley Green Bank, Jay Goldstein, will be honored at this event for his outstanding accomplishments in the non-profit and business communities.

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Wissahickon Clubhouse
6025 West Valley Green Road
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TENNIS:
St. Martins Clubhouse
415 W. Willow Grove Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19118

SCHEDULE:
10:30 Golf arrival, practice, lunch
12:30 Tee-off
2:30 Tennis
5:15 Cocktails and silent auction
6:15 Program and dinner

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And some things don't change. The 24th will feature great weather (we sure hope so), great companionship from across the Kol Ami community, and a raucous and fun cocktail and dinner, featuring a silent auction filled with many way-cool things. How cool you ask? You can get a peek at our auction items and even, get this, place bids in advance by going to www.kolamigolfouting.org.

Elaine Stevens (execdir@kolamielkinspark.org) is on point to receive your reply. And there is still plenty of time to be a sponsor; play tennis or golf; put a twosome or foursome together; eat, drink and bid with us; and even buy or sell 50/50 raffle tickets. Contact Committee Co-chairs Eric Pelletier (esppt1@gmail.com) or Jeff Cohen (jeffcohen.performanceleaders@verizon.net) with questions.

FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT



Rabbi Holin's fast for the URJ's **Nothing But Nets** project—which helps to purchase, distribute, and educate about the proper use of insecticide-treated family bed nets to prevent the spread of malaria in Africa—will be on **Wednesday, April 18, and Monday, May 14.**

His **Phast for Philadelphia**—which to benefit unemployed workers in Philadelphia who are struggling to make ends meet by helping them pay their mortgages, address health care needs, and pay electric bills—will be on **Friday, April 27, and Thursday, May 24.**

Join our rabbi in a fast—or virtual fast—no matter where you are by sending funds that you would have spent on food to help people in need:

Commission on Social Action

Union for Reform Judaism
633 Third Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10017
(make check payable to the URJ with a memo note 'Nothing But Nets')

Unemployment Information Center

112 N. Broad Street, 11th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102
(make check payable to Unemployment Information Center with a memo note 'Philadelphia Unemployment Office')

SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP

Wednesday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m.

at Natalie and Jim Dyen's residence

Because of the great feedback about the three Jewish Meditation sessions offered earlier this year, we're bringing back Cantor Boris Kazansky for another session. **YOU MAY COME TO THIS SESSION REGARDLESS IF YOU ATTENDED THE PREVIOUS SESSIONS OR NOT.**

We will continue with the *Avot* prayer and discuss an alternate translation to guide us as we meditate. We will also use music that Cantor Kazansky recorded for our meditation on the *Avot*. In addition, we will grapple with the mystery of Jewish blessings and talk about how to use the power of prayer to transform our lives. Cantor Kazansky will use examples from the *Torah* as a starting point.

Please RSVP to Elaine by April 20, and the directions will be sent to you. If you have any questions about the program, contact Natalie Dyen or Janet Falon, co-chairs of the Spiritual Growth Group.

A WALKING TOUR OF JEWISH PHILADELPHIA

Saturday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m.

commencing at the entrance to Elfreth's Alley

A special *Shabbat* two-hour experience for everyone!

Our briefer *Shabbat* service this morning will enable worshippers and walkers—and walkers who are unable to worship with us—to gather in timely fashion for a fascinating tour of Jewish Philadelphia under the guidance of Linda Nesvisky, author of "Jewish Philadelphia: A Guide to its Sights and Stories."

We will go to the following sites: Elfreth's Alley; Welcome Park (William Penn and the Jews); Christ Church Cemetery (gravesite of David S. Franks); Mikveh Israel Synagogue and the Entebbe Memorial; the Liberty Bell; the National Museum of American Jewish History (for an overview); Haym Solomon, Penn's Landing, and the London Coffee House.

Ms. Nesvisky's tour groups have included Hadassah, ORT, JCC, and synagogue youth groups. Her tour will highlight fascinating stories about Jewish individuals and how they contributed to the City of Brotherly Love.

RSVP to Elaine Stevens by April 23, with a check payable to the Congregation at \$12 per person. A minimum of 10 people ensures that the experience will be enjoyed by all.

"RUBY'S KIDS" BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sunday, April 29, from Noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Kirkbride Shelter, 111 N. 49th St., Philadelphia, PA

Congregation Kol Ami will be hosting its third birthday party for children ages 4 to 12 who live in the Kirkbride Shelter located at 111 North 49th Street, Philadelphia, PA. Our Social Action Committee is partnering with Rubye's Kids, a Jenkintown-based non-profit organization dedicated to helping enhance the social, emotional, and educational welfare of underprivileged children in Philadelphia. All members and their children ages 16 years and older are invited to participate.

Ruby's Kids operates year-round: throwing birthday parties, providing study centers and libraries for children in homeless shelters, stuffing backpacks with school supplies, planning the annual holiday party—which this past December hosted more than 500 of the neediest young children from Philly's inner-city schools—and partnering with Philadelphia's cultural community to sponsor music and theater events for these kids.

Those who hosted the past couple of birthday parties at Kirkbride unconditionally agreed that it was one of the most rewarding and satisfying experiences. The children were so excited to have us there with them. We played, painted, sang, and learned so much about their difficult lives. The kids get even more excited when younger

volunteers are present, so gather your teenagers and college students and plan to join us.

This a real opportunity to spread good will. If you are interested in helping with this event, RSVP to Ellen Fischer at efischer@fischerlawoffice.com. For more information on Rubye's Kids, visit them at www.RubyesKids.org.

JOIN US TO HEAR AUTHOR DAVID LONG

(father of our own Ben Long and grandfather of Emma and Zoe)

talk about his new book, "Tales of A Broadway Flack: The Charmed Life of Press Agent Sol Jacobson"

Friday, May 4, at our 7:30 p.m. erev Shabbat Service



Raised in Mechanicsburg, PA, Sol Jacobson began his career in 1931 at The Hedgerow Theater in Rose Valley, PA, where he started as an actor and quickly became the theater's publicist, a job he quickly realized was more to his suiting. He moved on to the new Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, PA, and then to Broadway, opening his own agency in the mid-1940s with two partners.

During his long career, he worked with such legendary performers as Desi Arnaz, Van Johnson, Ethel Barrymore ("The Corn is Green," 1940), Boris Karloff ("Arsenic and Old Lace," 1941), Tallulah Bankhead ("The Skin of Our Teeth," 1942); Ray Bolger ("Where's Charley," 1948), Laurence Olivier ("The Entertainer," 1958), Paul Newman ("Sweet Bird of Youth," 1959), Tom Bosley ("Fiorello," 1959), and Zero Mostel ("A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," 1962, and "Fiddler on the Roof," 1964).

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BE A TRENDSETTER!

Introducing the first-ever Congregation Kol Ami tote bag! Just in time for spring and summer, the perfect bag for bringing picnics before *Shabbat* on the meadow, day trips to the beach, or just errands about town, the Congregation Kol Ami tote bag is a stylish way to support our wonderful spiritual home. The tote is made of 600 denier Flexar canvas, measuring 18-1/2" x 12" x 4" with an extra outside pocket for the little things. This fabulous tote is only \$18 and can be purchased from the Religious School office, Elaine Stevens, or the PTO co-chairs. All profits benefit our Religious School and the future of Congregation Kol Ami.

Any questions, please contact Elaine Stevens, execdir@kolamielkinspark.org, or the PTO co-chairs Heather Pelletier, hfppt1@gmail.com, or Kenny Moss, km.photos@comcast.net. Thank you for your support!

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Saturday, May 12th @ 5:35 pm

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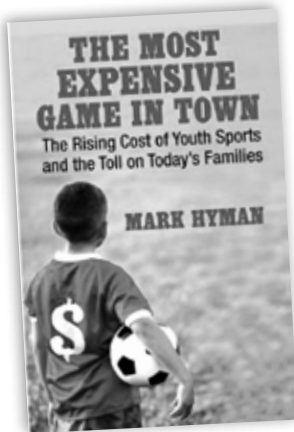
David Long and Sol Jacobson lived at Foulkeways in Gwynedd at the same time, and Jacobson told wonderful stories about Broadway and his part as a press agent, known in the trade as a “flack.” David suggested that he be allowed to put the stories on paper so that others would have the pleasure of knowing them. David chose to write the book in the first person to capture Sol’s voice and style of reclaiming memories. David’s first book, “Take the Measure of the Man,” published in 2002, is the story of Dan Aaron, a refugee from the Holocaust and one of the founders of the cable company, Comcast.

JOIN US TO HEAR AUTHOR MARK HYMAN

(brother of our own David and Bill Hyman and uncle of Maya and Lia)

talk about his new book, **“The Most Expensive Game in Town: The Rising Cost of Youth Sports and the Toll on Today’s Families”**

Friday, May 11, at our 7:30 p.m. *erev Shabbat* service



Mark Hyman joined us in May 2009 to talk about his book “Until It Hurts,” an investigation into the damaging effects of the ultra-competitive culture of youth sports in America. Now he turns his eyes to the business of youth sports, how it has changed, and how it affects young Americans.

Youth sports can be very expensive: equipment, league fees, travel expenses, and perhaps private lessons with a professional coach. With nearly 50 million children playing organized sports each year, it is easy to see the profit motive in this marketplace.

Mark “takes” us to tournaments sponsored by Nike, Gatorade, and other big businesses, and he talks to parents who sacrifice their vacations and savings to have their children participate in these expensive venues for a chance to shine. The steps on ladders that reach the top tier of players who are “noticed and noted” are filled with instructional videos teaching six-month-old babies to kick a ball and professional athletes who will coach an eight-year-old for a hefty fee.

This book about the commercialization of youth sports shows how family life is being distorted and diminished, and it includes examples of individuals and communities who are battling the trend.

Mark’s work frequently appears in “The New York Times” and “Sports Illustrated.” He is a former writer for “Business Week” and “Sports Business Journal,” and in 1998, he assisted Baseball-Hall-of-Fame broadcaster Jon Miller in writing his memoir, “Confessions of a Baseball Purist.”

Mark Hyman has appeared on panels and led workshops for the Sports Lawyers Association, the American Press Institute, and the Associated Press Sports Editors. In 2010, he was honored as one of 18 Sports Ethics Fellows by the Institute for International Sport at the University of Rhode Island and the Positive Coaching Alliance at Stanford University. He currently teaches in the sports-management program at George Washington University.

SAVE THE DATE

KOL AMI ADULT MEMBERS ART SHOW

November 27 through January 7

We invite you to display your framed “ready-to-hang” artwork in Kol Ami’s Art Lobby Gallery. Find your favorite piece of artwork, drop it off at the office of Elaine Stevens by November 20, and the Art Committee will exhibit your work.

All work can be picked up after January 7, 2013. These pieces can range from your favorite travel photograph to one that you created in your studio. We encourage you to share your unique talents with us! ■

NEW MEMBERS: LIPSHUTZ FAMILY

Please welcome new members **Michelle and David Lipshutz**, and their children, **Daniel and Marina**. Daniel is a senior in high school, and Marina is in the sixth grade. We’re glad you’ve joined us.

If you know of a friend, associate, or family member who may be interested in joining our intimate and dynamic community, contact Irene Levy Baker, the Kol Ami Membership chair, at spotlightpr@comcast.net or 215-782-2253.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE JEWISH SPECIAL NEEDS CONSORTIUM OF PHILADELPHIA THIRD ANNUAL INCLUSION CONFERENCE: "OPENING THE GATES OF TORAH - INCLUDING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY"

Sunday, April 29, from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Adath Israel, 250 N. Highland Ave., Merion Station, PA

This conference will provide workshops for:

- Parents and Grandparents of children of all ages who have special needs
- Rabbis
- Day School Principals
- Religious School and Early Childhood Directors
- Synagogue Lay Leaders
- Teachers in Jewish Settings
- Youth Group Advisors and Camp Directors
- Jewish Communal Workers
- Adults Who Have Special Needs

For more information, contact Deborah Gettes at 215-320-0389 or dgettes@jewishlearningventure.org. Congregation Kol Ami is proud to be one of the co-sponsors of this consortium.

OLD YORK ROAD JEWISH NETWORK

The Old York Road Jewish Network is for you if you are looking for an opportunity to:

- Expand your business network while strengthening our local Jewish community,
- Recruit talented people for critical positions in your organization at no cost, or
- Perform the highest form of *tzedakah* (charity) by helping someone find a job.

A joint initiative by the synagogues and Jewish organizations in the Old York Road (OYR) Corridor, the Old York Road Jewish Network is a new LinkedIn Group dedicated to the growth and vitality of the Old York Jewish Community (About LinkedIn). The mission of the Group is to help both current community members, as well as prospective members who are considering relocating to our neighborhood, identify business and job

opportunities. By harnessing the strength and diversity of the vibrant Jewish community in the OYR Corridor, the Old York Road Jewish Network is a truly unique networking resource.

Please help us spread the word out about this Group by sharing this article with your friends and contacts in the OYR Jewish community.

If you are not already a member of LinkedIn, you can join for free at <https://www.linkedin.com/>.

If you are already a member of LinkedIn, please join the Old York Road Jewish Network Group by clicking on or entering the following link into your Web browser:

http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=4201180&trk=anet_ug_hm

After signing into your account, select "Join Group."

Once you have joined the Group, please:

1. Invite other community members to join by clicking the "Share Group" link in the top right corner of the Group page.
2. Post a job opportunity that you are aware of by clicking the "Jobs" tab within the Group page. The job can be part time or full time and should be within a reasonable commute from the OYR corridor.
3. Feel free to use the "Discussion" tab within the Group page to ask a question, start a discussion, or share something with the Group.

If you have any suggestions or questions regarding the OYR Jewish Network, please e-mail Bill Hyman (whyman1101@verizon.net) or Meir Reiner (mreiner22@gmail.com).

KLEIN JCC SERVES HOMEBOUND SENIORS

Do you have parents or other older relatives residing in Northeast Philadelphia? Are they temporarily homebound due to illness or injury?

The Klein JCC In-home Support Program provides short-term in-home interventions to help seniors live independently in their own homes for as long as possible. Services that are available include frozen meals, adaptive equipment, short-term housekeeping, and personal care. There is no cost for the service.

Call Gail Silverberg (267-345-7791) with questions. ■

ARTIST OF THE MONTH



MICKIE ROSEN is the featured artist in Kol Ami's gallery for the period April 1 through April 30, and she shares the following about her life, work, and goals.

"When I was 21, a two-year 'sentence' as an 'army wife' in Germany seemed like a lifetime and major interruption to my fine-art education and a budding career as a fashion illustrator. Little did I know that I would win a Ziess Ikon camera in Germany and have the time of my life shooting pictures all over Europe. Years later, a trip to Japan introduced me to Nikon 35mm film cameras and a range of lenses at irresistibly low prices. Thereafter my photographic interests focused mainly on capturing my kids and grandkids as they grew, recording special occasions and wonderful vacations. All along, though, I enjoyed turning macro images into abstractions that left the origin of the photo a mystery.

"My only 'formal' education in photography was one course at Tyler School of Fine Art, where I earned my BFA degree at age 38. That course challenged me to shoot photos in series and introduced me to the darkroom. After Tyler, I received a MS degree in Art Therapy from Hahnemann University, where I continued as a faculty member in the Creative Arts Therapy Graduate program until 1992.

"For the next 32 years, I worked as an art therapist and group psychotherapist. Both prior to and since my retirement in 2000, I have exhibited my prints and oil-pastel paintings widely in numerous juried/group exhibitions and 15 solo exhibitions. The most recent have displayed my digital fine-art photography. I am proud that this new work has won many awards, including the Judges Award for a Body of Work at the 19th Phillips Mill Annual Juried Photography Exhibition and Best of Show at the 60th Tri/State Artists Equity Exhibition at the Berman Museum.

Printmaking and drawing had always been my media of choice until photography and the digital darkroom captured my interest. Digital photographers are generally interested in shooting 'great' pictures and want to invest as little time as possible making adjustments on the computer. I, on the other hand, take great pleasure in spending numerous hours exploring the endless possibilities that digital technology has made available to the fine artist. I find that the happy accidents that occur when experimenting with the tools in Photoshop parallel the surprise and excitement that happens when pulling a print off my etching press.

"Creating realistic photographic compositions is not my main intention when I shoot. With my Canon 30D, Canon G11, and Panasonic Lumix DMC-LX2, I collect a wide range of subjects that may be combined with other photos or elements from my drawings, monotypes, or collagraphs.



These mixed media works I call 'Photages.' I love to composite and/or transform what the camera captures, always looking for similarities in the shapes and forms in nature. With Photoshop CS5 as my brush and photographs as my palette, I strive to create images that maintain the qualities of my drawings, etchings, or silk-screen prints and give a sense of mystery and the surreal."

The gallery hours are Wednesday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If the religious school is closed on those days, the gallery is closed as well. ■

KOL AMI APRIL 2012 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 No Religious School Spring Break Junior Youth Group to National Liberty Museum 12:30	2 No Nursery School Spring Break	3 No Nursery School Spring Break Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Holin 12:00 p.m. Adult <i>Bnai Mitzvah</i> Class - 7:00 p.m. Continuing Jewish Adult Education with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m.	4 No Nursery School Spring Break No Religious School Spring Break Continuing Jewish Adult Education with Rabbi Coleman 7:30 p.m.	5 No Nursery School Spring Break	6 No Nursery School Spring Break No <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service First Seder	7 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Congregation Second Seder 6:00 p.m.
8 No Religious School Passover Social Action Committee "Cook for a Friend" 11:00 a.m.	9 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga	10 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Fitness Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Holin 12:00 p.m. Continuing Jewish Adult Education with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m. Sustainability Film Series: "Planeat" 7:30 p.m. (Ambler Theater)	11 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Programming No Religious School Passover	12 Nursery School Trip to Meadowbrook School 10:30 a.m. Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Heller 7:00 p.m.	13 No Nursery School Last Day of Passover Passover <i>Yizkor</i> Service 10:00 a.m. "Second-Friday" <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service Birthday and Anniversary Blessings 7:30 p.m.	14 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
15 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Trope Class - 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon Stop Hunger Now Program 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Caring Congregants Committee Meeting 11:00 a.m.	16 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga Craft Show Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	17 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Fitness Adult <i>Bnai Mitzvah</i> Class - 7:00 p.m. Continuing Jewish Adult Education with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m.	18 Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. ONLY - Grades 3-6 6:00 p.m. - NO CLASS FOR GRADES 7-10 Yom <i>HaShoah</i> Service Adath Jeshurun 7:30 p.m.	19 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Heller 7:00 p.m. Operations Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	20 Nursery School <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service with Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service Adult Choir Participation 7:30 p.m.	21 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Bat <i>Mitzvah</i> of Elia Goldman 5:30 p.m.

KOL AMI **APRIL 2012** AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
22 BAKE SALE Trope Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:00 a.m. - Grade 4 to Abramson Center 11:15 a.m. - Grade 6 Family Meeting 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting 11:00 a.m.	23 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga	24 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Fitness Continuing Jewish Adult Education with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m. Golf & Tennis Invitational Fund-raiser 10:30 a.m. Philadelphia Cricket Club Flourtown	25 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Programming Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Operations Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth Group 7:30 p.m. Home of Natalie and Jim Dyen	26 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Heller 7:00 p.m.
				27 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. K-2 "Show and Qvell" erev Shabbat service with Student Choir 6:00 p.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.
				28 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Walking Tour of Jewish Philadelphia 2:00 p.m.
29 Staff Meeting - 8:30 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 11:00 a.m. - Grade 7 Aliyah Service 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Social Action Committee Rubye's Kids at Kirkbride Shelter 12:00 p.m. Nursery School - Walnut Street Theatre "The Bully Buster Rides Again" 2:00 p.m.	30 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga			

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My Special Birthday
Gary Sender

Our 25th Wedding Anniversary
Bart Weiner and Nadine Liez-Weiner

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory of:

Byron Schader
Richard and Wilma Moore

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Honor of:

**Lia Hyman becoming a
Bat Mitzvah**
William Hyman and Janine Pratt

50th Birthday of Gary Sender
Walter and Joan Harf
James Kimmel
Dominique Kliger

SYNAGOGUE FUND

In Honor of:

**Special Anniversary of Guy
and Karol Appel**
Elaine Stevens

Bat Mitzvah of Lia Pratt Hyman
Craig and Sharon Myers
Elaine Stevens

**Emma Long chanting from
Torah on the fifth anniversary
of her Bat Mitzvah**
Elaine Stevens

**Special Birthday of
Patricia Ann Long**
Elaine Stevens

**Special Anniversary of Vincent
Pace and Jane Katzer-Pace**
Elaine Stevens

**Special Birthday of
Marshall Schafer**
Elaine Stevens

**Special Birthday of
Rebecca Schwartz**
Elaine Stevens

**Special Anniversary of Russell
Schilder and Jodi Bloch Schilder**
Elaine Stevens

**25th Wedding Anniversary of Bart
Weiner and Nadine Liez-Weiner**
David Hyman

In Memory of:

Howard Abrams
Jeffrey Abrams and Margaret Barry

Arlene Belinsky
Elaine Stevens

Chuck Bell
*Richard, Susan, Samantha and Amanda
Reisenberg*
Judie and Buzz Shapiro

Jack Bender
Craig and Sharon Myers

Joel Blumer
Rob and Stacey Katz
Richard and Susan Riessenberg
Scott and Jill Shapiro

Michael Chernoff
William Hyman and Janine Pratt

Florence Honig
Jeffrey Abrams and Margaret Barry

Henry Kanter
Craig and Sharon Myers

Morris Rosenblatt
Craig and Sharon Myers

Richard Smith
Elaine Stevens

Fay Snyder
Craig and Sharon Myers

Saverio Zingo
Susan Riessenberg and Stacey Katz ■



Thank you to all our past and present contributors!

TO:



A BABYSITTING LIST!

by Janet Falon

I thought it would be great to provide a babysitters list for our congregation. If you have a babysitter in your home and he or she would like to be included on this list, please send me the information that I've listed below via e-mail (janet@english.upenn.edu) or by phone (215-635-1698):



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|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Name | 6. Times available |
| 2. Age | 7. Can drive/not a driver yet |
| 3. Address | 8. Regular hourly rate |
| 4. Phone number | 9. Any certification or training |
| 5. E-mail address | 10. Any geographic limitations |

I will compile the data and have it available for interested families. ■