

CONGREGATION **Kol Ami** VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, April 4, at 7:30 p.m.

A special *erev Shabbat* Service to honor Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom of Congregation Adath Jeshurun for his leadership in the community and his friendship with our Congregation as he prepares to retire from the pulpit on an evening joined by the voices of our Adult Choir and our "First-Friday" birthday and anniversary celebrants

SATURDAY, April 5, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service when our Grade 9 students will share their thoughts about what they experienced and learned on their March 9 trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

SUNDAY, April 6, at 1:00 p.m.

Healing Service (see page 10)

FRIDAY, April 11, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, April 12, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue; followed by a potluck lunch

TUESDAY, April 15, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us at our Second *Seder* to celebrate the freedom narrative of Passover as we contemplate the meaning of Jewish identity (see page 12)

FRIDAY, April 18, at 7:30 p.m.

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"THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK" AND HOLOCAUST AWARENESS PERFORMANCE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, AT 6:15 P.M. AT KOL AMI



Our very own **Arin Edelstein** will star in the title role of "The Diary of Anne Frank." The 45-minute performance, produced by the Holocaust Awareness Museum, is being sponsored by her parents, Betsy McKinstry and Joel Edelstein in conjunction with the Kol Ami Religious School.

The entire Kol Ami Congregation, its community and friends are invited.

This well-known play, by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, portrays a German Jewish teenager and how she lived in hiding with her family during the Holocaust.

A facilitated discussion will follow the live performance, highlighting Holocaust history and issues of bigotry and tolerance, as well as coming-of-age and family relationship issues described in Anne Frank's diary. This discussion also allows the audience to ask questions of the actors and often focuses on the characters they portray and the situation in which they found themselves.

The Holocaust Awareness Museum produces two live plays through the Anne Frank Theater Project: "The Diary of Anne Frank" and "Lida Stein and the Righteous Gentile," which portrays how Jews and Gentiles reacted to the changing political climate in pre-war Germany. Arin, a student in Kol Ami's Confirmation Academy, has been performing with the Museum's productions since 2012 and currently portrays Anne Frank and Lida Stein.

Other educational programs offered by the Holocaust Awareness Museum include its Survivors Speakers Bureau. Survivors, as well as Liberators, (American GIs) present their testimonies to audiences in the five-county Greater Philadelphia Area. In the 2012-2013 academic year, the Museum's programs reached 35,000 students in 268 schools and organizations. For more information, visit www.holocaustawarenessmuseum.org. ■

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE...

CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 27, AT 7:00 P.M.; ONEG TO FOLLOW

WORSHIP SERVICES

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SATURDAY, April 19, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue

MONDAY, April 21, at 10:00 a.m.

Passover *Yizkor* Service in loving memory of those who died since the past *Yom Kippur*

FRIDAY, April 25

6:00 p.m. - "Fun-for-Kids" *erev*

Shabbat "Show and *Qvell*" Service—appropriate for all ages; it's a happy half hour with lots of music and our terrific Student Choir

Note: Children are asked to bring "something Passover" from home that is special to them—a *Seder* plate, *haggadah*, Elijah's cup, a *matzah* plate cover—and tell us what makes that object so special
8:00 p.m. - Volunteer-Recognition *erev Shabbat* Service; preceded by a wine-and-cheese social at 7:00 p.m. (see page 11)

SATURDAY, April 26, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

April 5 - Metzora

Leviticus 14:1-15:33

Second Kings 7:3-20

April 12 - Acharei Mote

Leviticus 16:1-18:30

Ezekiel 22:1-19

April 19 - chol haMoed Pesach

Exodus 33:12-34

Ezekiel 37:1-14

April 26 - Kedoshim

Leviticus 19:1-20:27

Amos 9:7-15 ■

MAZAL TOV

Congratulations to **Robert and Susan Seltzer** on the birth of their granddaughter, Noa Leah Seltzer, daughter of Rabbi Joel and Eliana Seltzer, on February 17. ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We have made it to spring and for me, it couldn't have come soon enough. Spring means the sounds of baseball in the air: the pop of a ball into a glove, the crack of the bat hitting a ball, and the call of the umpire. I love baseball at all levels of play.

On Monday I will be in the Citizen's Bank Park seats I share with my brother-in-law, attending another Phillies opening day game. Welcoming the spring with optimism is a rite of passage that comes with nearly every Phillies season, and over the last 11 years, I have been fortunate to attend 10 opening-day games here in Philadelphia. On opening day, after all the pundits have done their analyses of the Phillies' off-season moves and assessed the potential in the players, it comes down to playing baseball: each player competing to live up to his (or someday, her) potential and each coach and manager working with the individual players. Baseball is much less a team game than well-played basketball, soccer, football or hockey. A pitcher challenges a batter. A fielder either makes the play or doesn't. In baseball, we might speak of team chemistry, but usually only when the team is really good, or really bad.

As much as I love baseball, it is not the right metaphor for the teamwork of our Board of Directors; we work much more closely, relying more on group efforts than the participation of individual superstars.

You probably don't know much about what the Board does and how it works, but you're entitled to know this so let me open a window for you. Each July 1 the board changes as members reach the end of their first or second three-year term and rotate off, and new members who have been nominated by other members are voted in. We help new members assimilate to the work of the board by sharing the bylaws and our governance document, and helping them understand our current strategy and what is expected of them as team members. We meet monthly 10 to 12 times a year to:

- understand how the synagogue is progressing vis-a-vis the strategies and goals we have set,
- dialogue on what more we could be doing to achieve our mission and vision,
- approve or turn down proposals that arise from our working committees, and
- ensure sufficient foresight and oversight of our finances.

The Rabbi shares a *d'var Torah* at the beginning of every meeting, grounding us in sacred text and how its wisdom can guide us today.

Yet the real work of the board happens as much outside these meetings as in. We work together on committees and projects, in close partnership and under the guidance of Rabbi Holin and Elaine Stevens. Each member takes a leadership role in at least one committee, event, or project and many do much more.

Your Board works as true team, relying on each other's collaboration and partnership, leveraging each other's differing strengths to deliver for the congregation. Over the last few months, we have been working in sub-teams and as a full board to develop Kol Ami's strategy for the next five years. Jennifer Streitwieser and Joel Fishbein (with the help of Adena Johnston and Meryle Twersky) collaborated to lead the planning effort. Jeff Margasak, Barb Fink,

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

On March 8, we began reading from *VaYikra* – the Book of Leviticus – and the initial part of that *Torah* Portion introduces the five main sacrificial offerings: the burnt-offering, the meal-offering, the peace-offering, the sin-offering, and the guilt-offering. The person who offers the sacrifice must feel himself or herself to actually ‘be’ the sacrifice on the altar.

The great rabbinic commentator, Rashi, said that the numerous references to “fire” in the very next *Torah* Portion, *Tzav*, indicates that there were at least three fires: the fire on the altar, consuming the offerings; the fire of incense; and a pyre to feed the flames (Leviticus 6:1-6).

With the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, sacrifice offerings ceased. The fire on the altar was extinguished, as was the fire of incense, and so too the large fire on which wood was placed to provide flame for the first two fires.

In a symbolic sense, the fire remains because we know that it is incumbent on us to kindle the flame within our hearts in the name of faith, commitment, and the pursuit of justice and peace.

These two *Torah* Portions remind me of the great song by singer-songwriter, Leonard Cohen: “Who by Fire” written in 1967, based on a *Yom Kippur* prayer of atonement. Cohen has written other classics: “Hallelujah” written in 1984; “Everybody Knows” written in 1988; and “I’m Your Man” in 1988. In 1992, he wrote “Anthem” and two of its stanzas haunt me and, at the same time, inspire me:

The wars they will be fought again
The holy dove, she will be caught again
Bought and sold and bought again
The dove is never free.

Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack, a crack in everything
That’s how the light gets in.

Hope is often bruised, and we affirm hope yet again, we “The People of Hope” whose anthem is *Hatikvah*. We hold the dove of peace in the palm of our hand, feeling in its heartbeat our own heartbeat. We lift it heavenward to take wing and, with it, our search for *shalom*.

We ring the bell of freedom, cracked though it be, and standing in its mouth, we say *t’fillot*. A beam of light penetrates as if it was a solitary, insistent flame chasing away darkness and despair. It spreads forth like a whisper of love.

We bowed, sometimes broken, imperfect creations become flames of energy that burst forth on altars to offer songs of hope to redeem the world.

עשה שלום במרומי
Oseh shalom b’ibm’ro’mav

Passover arrives: the song of freedom in our souls. We, eternal flames.

Shalom u’vrachah,
Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

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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. ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings are held at the Synagogue, unless otherwise noted.

Caring Congregants Committee

Tuesday, April 8, at 6:00 p.m.

Co-chairs: Linda George, 215-782-1413, and Elaine Gershenson, 215-887-3994

Craft Show Committee

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

Co-chairs: Lisa Landau, 215-635-9996, and Janine Pratt, 215-663-5265

Finance Committee

Thursday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Marshall Schafer, 215-663-0228, and Bart Weiner, 215-233-4712

Operations Committee

Sunday, April 6, at 2:00 p.m.

Co-chairs: Guy Appel, 215-938-9330, and Jeremy Wintroub, 215-370-8975

Religious School Committee

Tuesday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Sheryl Cohen, 215-885-2436, and Barbara Fink, 215-886-2297

Religious School PTO

Sunday, April 6, at 10:15 a.m.

Co-chairs: Kenny Moss, 215-277-5335, and Heather Pelletier, 215-855-3216

Social Action Committee

Tuesday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Shelley Chamberlain, 215-635-1738, and Ronit Sugar 215-635-0390

Spiritual Growth Group

Monday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Worship Enhancement Committee

Sunday, April 27, at 9:30 a.m.

Co-chairs: Mindy Levy, 215-885-3672, and William Shapiro, 215-517-8666 ■

JEFF JUBELIRER TO RECEIVE *TIKUN OLAM* AWARD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 8



Over the past 17 years, our Congregation has honored members of the community who have made meaningful contributions to repairing the world, including last year's honorees, Stewart and Sally Eisenberg. This year, we are excited to announce that this year's honoree is Jeff Jubelirer, who just happens to be the brother of our very own Laurie Jubelirer Langman and brother-in-law of her husband, Chuck.

Jeff is widely recognized as one of the top corporate communications and public relations strategists in Greater Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Perhaps best known for his unparalleled expertise in issue and crisis management and public policy

advocacy, Jeff is a "go-to" media and political analyst for local broadcast and newspaper outlets. In addition, Jeff is a regular contributor on 6abc's venerable weekly public affairs show, "Inside Story."

Giving back to the community is of utmost importance to Jeff. He currently serves on the Boards of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Philadelphia and Susquehanna Valley, Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children, Legacy Youth Tennis and Education, and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of Eastern Pennsylvania/Southern New Jersey/Delaware. In 2012, Jeff received the prestigious national Daniel Ginsberg Award for his exemplary leadership on behalf of the ADL. Jeff is as an adjunct professor, teaching issue and crisis management at Temple University; and he serves on the University's Department of Strategic Communication Advisory Council. He also serves on Penn State's (his alma mater) Department of Political Science Board of Visitors. In addition, he writes a quarterly column in the "Pennsylvania Law Weekly" on emerging issues in public relations.

Jeff lives in Greater Philadelphia with his wife, Tracey, a pediatric oncologist with The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; his two daughters, Sofie and Ali; and the family pug, Kayla.

Please join us on Sunday, June 8, for the *Tikun Olam* brunch honoring Jeff. This is one of our three major fund-raisers that enable Kol Ami to be the strong and helpful community presence we are. Tickets are \$54 per person and sponsorships are also available. Please contact Elaine Stevens to make your reservation for this warm and important event. ■

LEGACY ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

The Congregation would like to thank the members of the Legacy Endowment Society for their participation. Your faith in our future is greatly appreciated.

- Michael and Sara Chernoff
- Elizabeth Kapnek Grenald
- David Hyman
- Lee Laden
- Marshall and Ilene Schafer
- Elaine Stevens
- The Wintroub Family

If you would like to join the Society or if you have questions, please contact the chair, Ilene Schafer, at 215-663-0228. ■

KOL AMI PLANNED GIVING

by Laura and Jeremy Wintroub



As our family expanded and the time came to put our will together, we agreed that it was important to sustain not only our direct heirs, but also our Kol Ami heirs. The tremendous work that our Congregation does to sustain Jewish spirituality, identity, and community is important to our family and represents the kind of legacy we

would like to leave. We have chosen to intertwine that legacy with the future of this wonderful synagogue by participating in the Kol Ami Planned Giving Program and naming Kol Ami in our will. We hope you will join us in whatever way makes sense for your family. ■

HEARING YOUR VOICE: A MESSAGE FROM THE INCLUSION COMMITTEE

by Co-chairs Barry Boise and Joel Fishbein

The Inclusion Committee recently used *The Pulse* to survey how we are doing with identifying and responding to any special needs of our members. The November 13 survey followed a similar survey held in January 2012. The purpose of Inclusion is simple: to welcome all is a Jewish tradition, and our Congregation will be better and stronger with everyone's participation. We write now to:

- Report on the results of the November survey,
- Report on what we are doing with the results, and
- Encourage your continued feedback.

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INCLUSION COMMITTEE MESSAGE

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THE SURVEY RESULTS:

Nearly half (44%) of all families responded, and we thank you. Three themes emerged from the survey: 1) our sound system and hearing devices have improved the worship experience, but work remains on their effective use; 2) the stairs to the *bimah* and then to the ark are too hard for all to climb; and 3) the majority of our Congregants feel like their needs are being met.

WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH THE RESULTS:

We have discussed the survey results with the Board and Rabbi Holin. You may have already noticed some changes: 1) birthday and anniversary blessings will take place on the floor in front of the *Torah* Reader's Table instead of on the *bimah* in order to accommodate those who cannot comfortably ascend the stairs; and 2) more emphasis has been placed on using the microphone to ensure our voices can be heard.

We also received and are currently reviewing some suggestions for use of the meadow, where our summer *Shabbat* services are held, as well as other ideas for facility adjustments.

WE ENCOURAGE YOUR FEEDBACK:

We will continue to survey the Congregation periodically. We also welcome your input any time throughout the year. If you see something interfering with a Congregant's participation, please contact the Committee's co-chairs: Barry Boise (215-635-9042 or boiseb@pepperlaw.com) and Joel Fishbein (215-635-3615 or fishbein@litchfieldcavo.com). Our Rabbi also is an active and interested participant in our inclusion discussions, and he similarly invites a dialogue to allow all to enjoy our services and programming. ■

Adult Learning Opportunities at Kol Ami

Continuing Jewish Education

Revelation

Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

April 2, 9, 23 & 30 and May 7 & 14 (6 Sessions)

Instructor: Rabbi Howard Bogot

Location: Old York Road-Temple Beth Am in Abington, at no cost to our members

Conversational theism, inspiration, tribal survival, caprice, and intuition are all descriptions that could profile the role of revelation as the origin of Judaism. Did God “speak” to Moses? Do moderns receive divine messages? Is revelation completed or progressive? Are Jews chosen or choosing? Through discussion, seminar participants will consider the components that are hallmarks of the narrated moment in which the Jewish people received *Torah*.



Leviticus 19

Instructor: Rabbi Howard Bogot

Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

April 3, 10, 17 & 24 (4 Sessions)

This discussion group will examine the one chapter in the *Torah* that could easily serve as the most user-friendly and concise definition of Judaism. Known as the “Holiness Code,” this summary of Jewish ethics and moral imperatives includes verses such as: “Neither curse the deaf nor place a stumbling block before the blind.” Participants will apply the concept of uniqueness to various selections.



אבגדה

Summer Hebrew Classes for Adults with Rabbi Holin!

If you are interested in learning how to read Hebrew so that you can more fully participate in our *Shabbat* services, join Rabbi Holin at his eight-week summer class, one day a week for an hour and a half. Please call our rabbi as soon as possible to let him know what times during the day/evening are best for you.

If you want to improve or refresh your ability to read Hebrew and, at the same time, learn how our *Shabbat* prayers evolved and what they mean—the *Borchu* (why is it referred to as “the call to worship?”), *Yotzer*, *Sh’ma* (why was this a dialogue between Moses and the people at Sinai?), *V’abavtah* (what are its most important words: “to love” or “to teach?”), *Avote v’Imavote* and *G’vurote*—by taking an eight-week summer class, one day a week for an hour and a half, please call our rabbi to let him know what times during the day/evening are best for you.

Registration Instructions

To register for a Kol Ami workshop, contact Elaine Stevens at execdir@kolamielkinspark.org or 215-635-3110 by the deadline shown. Non-member course fees are \$50 per course. Course fees can be applied to membership for the current year or forthcoming year. ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

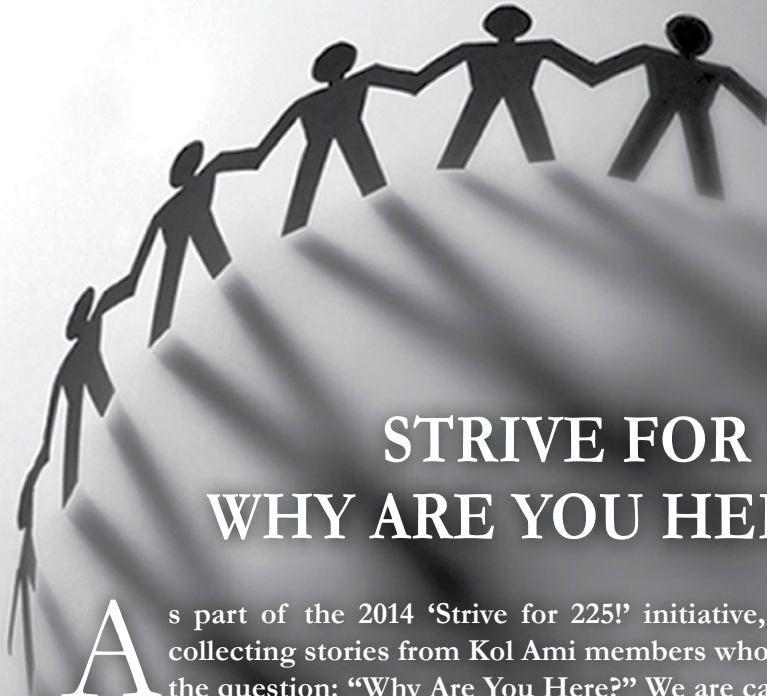
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Bart Weiner, Robin Warsaw and Joel worked as a team to plan and conduct the focus groups we ran in early March. And the entire Board “rolled up our sleeves” and brainstormed in late January and then refined that work in mid-February. At our March meeting, we reviewed and collectively came to understand the feedback from the focus groups and used those insights to adapt our draft strategic plan. We think this kind of real teamwork yields great strategic thinking and robust plans.

Kol Ami works best when you are an active member of the team. While there are so many ways for you to share your time, whatever might be available, my “*Sh'lach'chaynee* - Send me” request for April is four-fold.

1. Come to services April 4 to honor Congregation AJ's retiring Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom, who has been a wonderful friend of Kol Ami over our nearly 20 years (see page 9).
2. Bring unaffiliated friends to one or more of the events featured in this bulletin and enter the “Strive for 225” contest. If you love and appreciate Kol Ami, please don't be bashful about inviting your friends to experience us.
3. Participate in our Golf & Tennis Outing on April 29 (see page 14) and our *Tikun Olam* Award Brunch on June 8 (see page 4).
4. Mark your calendar to join your Board on Tuesday, May 27, at our annual meeting where the whole Kol Ami team will review our strategic plan and the exciting things we are planning to keep Kol Ami the wonderful place it is. While the Phillies might struggle, our off-season moves show real promise.

Jeff Cohen
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STRIVE FOR 225! WHY ARE YOU HERE?

As part of the 2014 ‘Strive for 225!’ initiative, we are collecting stories from Kol Ami members who answer the question: “Why Are You Here?” We are capturing the many reasons each of us has chosen to join our intimate and dynamic community. Here are just a few. Look for more in each Bulletin through June 2014.

If you haven't shared your story yet, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Membership Co-chairs Robin Warsaw (rkwarsaw@comcast.net) or Julie Cohen (Julie@juliecohencoaching.com).

“Sharing the *Bimah* with nieces Maya (Confirmation) and Lia (*Bat Mitzvah*) were among the most memorable moments of my life.”

– David Hyman

“Having known Rabbi Holin from our former synagogue, when Kol Ami started and he became Rabbi, we joined and are very happy that we did. There is an excitement and a sense of welcome and closeness that is very appealing and comforting, plus we enjoy the mostly younger congregation”

– David and Patty Long

“We joined Kol Ami after attending a few Interfaith Relationship Dialogue (IRD) meetings. We knew it was the place for us when John and I both felt welcomed and accepted as an interfaith family. Also, Rabbi Holin is such a special person—which of course is the biggest draw of all!

– John Miles and Sherry Cohen ■

Kol Ami Events

FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT



NATAL (*nah'tahl*), the Israel Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War, addresses Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder of combat veterans and former prisoners of war, as well as those who have lost loved ones in battle or suicide bombings, and anyone who suffers the sustained emotional and mental pressure of living with the fear and uncertainty that war and the threat of war bring. In addition, **NATAL** reaches out to families and relatives of vic-

tims and bereaved families through on-site counseling, a national hotline, and free or subsidized psychological assistance and treatment by highly trained professionals. Forthcoming fast days on behalf of **NATAL** will be on **Wednesday, April 2**, and **Wednesday, May 7**.

Phast for Philadelphia is on behalf of 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. Forthcoming **Phast for Philadelphia** fast days will be on **Thursday, April 24**, and **Thursday, May 29**.

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:

American Friends of NATAL

1120 Avenue of the Americas, Fourth Floor
New York, NY 10036

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")

"FIRST-FRIDAY" EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for April Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Friday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m.

(on an evening when we honor Rabbi Rosenbloom of Congregation Adath Jeshurun)

If you or someone in your family is celebrating a birthday or anniversary in April, please join us at our special *erev Shabbat* service. Rabbi Holin will bless everyone with a April *simcha* in front of the *Torah* Reading Table. 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*.

A SPECIAL EREV SHABBAT SERVICE IN HONOR OF RABBI SEYMOUR ROSENBLUM OF CONGREGATION ADATH JESHURUN

Friday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary



On October 2, 1978, in his first *Rosh Hashanah* sermon as the spiritual leader of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Rabbi Rosenbloom gave voice to his calling: "To be a rabbi is to have faith in the destiny of *ahm Yisrael*, the Jewish people; to be a rabbi in a congregation is to have faith in Jews and to believe that in each of us there is what is called in Yiddish *das pintele Yid*, that little spark

of Jewish soul that with proper guidance can blaze forth with the brilliance and luster of full Jewish living"

In 1997, after spending a year on a partial sabbatical, he wrote these words: "I am touched at these times when I see how my involvement, and the ancient faith we share, can touch the soul and elevate the spirit."

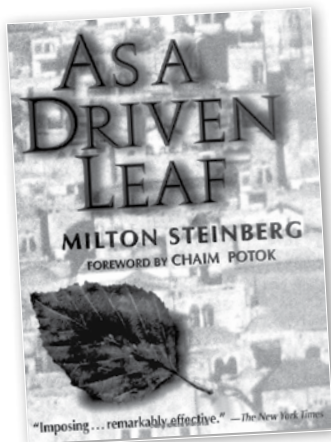
Rabbi Rosenbloom inspires us—within and beyond his synagogue—through word and deed. On *erev Shabbat*, June 9, 2006, three months before we would take our "*Torah* walk," carrying our sacred scrolls from Gratz College to dedicate our synagogue here on High School Road, Rabbi Rosenbloom and his congregation formally welcomed us to the community at a special service in AJ's sanctuary: a night of such joy that our arrival was sweetened by the embrace of this very special rabbi and his members.

Our rabbi considers Rabbi Rosenbloom a treasured colleague with whom he meets several times a year to discuss the challenges of the rabbinate and to share program ideas that will benefit the children, youth, and adults of the congregations we serve. Our congregation and community have been enriched by this remarkable man, and we will gather this evening to show him how much he means to us.

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"AS A DRIVEN LEAF" AUDIENCE-PARTICIPATION DRAMATIC READING BY MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Sunday, April 6, at 10:00 a.m.



Who has not, if even for a nanosecond, seen your own child at six or seven alone in that schoolroom, terrified and calling for you? Who has not, if only for a nanosecond, pictured your child ripped from your arms by a cold jack-booted Nazi, or an indifferent drunk driver, or impersonal illness? Who has not questioned the idea of God, the existence of God? Who has

not dismissed God with disdain and contempt in the senseless death of a child, especially if it were your child? Who has not yearned for a just world, for order and reason in the universe? Who has not struggled with God?

And so the ancient story of Elisha ben Abuyah and his crisis of faith is even more timely today than when it was first recorded some 2,000 years ago. This story provided the basis for the novel "As a Driven Leaf" by Rabbi Milton Steinberg, an unorthodox thinker who had come under the influence of Mordechai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionist Judaism, while a student at the Jewish Theological Seminary in the 1920s.

In his forward to "As a Driven Leaf" Chaim Potok tells us that little is known about the historical Elisha ben Abuyah, the central character of the novel: "There is considerable debate about his role in Jewish history and his relationship to the sages; he is accused of being an apostate, a dualist, a Sadducee, a lover of harlots, a betrayer of the Jews to the Romans after the debacle of the Bar Kochba rebellion in 132-135 C.E. ... His lasting fame—or infamy!—rests on his having been one of a minute number of rabbis excommunicated during the entire eight hundred years of the Rabbinic period."

Rabbi Howard Bogot, who teaches Continuing Jewish Education classes at Congregation Kol Ami and other Delaware Valley synagogues, wrote a short play based on "As a Driven Leaf" and led a class in the interactive reading of the script. The reading elicited a great deal of discussion from class members, and we hope it will also evoke a lot of discussion from you when we present it on Sunday, April 6.

The dramatic reading will take approximately 20 minutes. There will be ample time for discussion following the reading. We hope you will leave with a new thoughtfulness about this timeless issue and, perhaps, a few answers. We welcome you and your guests to join us in creating a stimulating event.

We encourage you to read the short play in advance. It is available as a link on our weekly ListServ, and a hard copy awaits you in the Synagogue Office, and on the morning of the reading as well. Bagels and coffee will be provided.

HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, April 6, at 1:00 p.m.



Our tradition offers moving and powerful prayers for loved ones in hospitals, recovering at home, or in hospice care, and for ourselves as well: healers who are in need of healing, and those in mourning. This brief worship service includes the *Mi'Shebeirach* ("May the Holy One Who blesses...") prayer as well as the hope that we will find *menuchah* ("tranquility") within ourselves during trying times.

2014 PENN LECTURES IN JUDAIC STUDIES - MOVING INTO MODERNITY HEBREW WITHOUT HEBREWS: CONVERSO HEBRAIST ALFONSO DE ZAMORA AND THE SPANISH INQUISITION

Monday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Kol Ami

Around 1530, at the peak of the Spanish imperial dominance of a large part of western Europe and the Americas, a Hebrew professor in the then-leading humanist university of Alcalá de Henares wondered deep down in his heart about what to do. Born as a Jew in Spain and converted (as a "Converso") around the fateful year of 1492, when Jews were banned from legally living in the Iberian kingdoms, he had been summoned in 1530 by the powerful ideological police, the infamous Spanish Inquisition, to act as an expert witness in the ongoing trial of a "Judaizer"—a legally Christian person who was accused of practising Judaism clandestinely. He turned up before the Inquisition as a witness. But in his more intimate life, this Hebrew professor, known by his Christian name of Alfonso de Zamora, managed to write down a short guideline for Conversos being brought before the ecclesiastical tribunal. He cautiously wrote it in the reserved language of the Hebrews among his private personal notes. In the course of his career of more than 40 years, Alfonso de Zamora, the paramount Hebrew Christian

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in early modern Spain, faced the Inquisition and individual inquisitors more than once. In my talk, we will explore together how relevant his experience is for our own modern struggles: how Alfonso faced discrimination, issues of identity, self-definition, and belongingness. In the process, the instructor hopes all attendees will be inspired by the complex personality of early modern Converso Hebraist Alfonso de Zamora.

HONORING OUR VOLUNTEERS EREV SHABBAT

Friday, April 25, at 8:00 p.m.; preceded by a wine-and-cheese social at 7:00 p.m.

We thank all of you who devote time to the well-being of our Congregation by inviting you to collectively bless the *Shabbat* candles and lead us in the *kiddush*.

“The Eternal One spoke to Moses, saying: ‘Tell the people to bring Me gifts. You shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart is so moved’” (Exodus 25:1-2).

We ‘gift’ our synagogue with our time, talent, and largesse. Our hearts are moved to do whatever we can to support and nurture our Congregation, and, on this evening, we want to thank all of you who will allow us to honor you at this special service as our way of thanking you for the gift you are to all of us.

A SPECIAL SERVICE AND SPEAKER WHEN KOL AMI HOSTS

THE COMMUNAL OBSERVANCE OF YOM HASHOAH – HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. with Mitch Braff, founder and executive director of the Jewish Partisan Foundation in San Francisco, to talk about “Teenagers Who Resisted the Nazis and Their Collaborators”

Mr. Braff’s engaging presentation about historic facts and stories about Jewish partisans is a “must-see-and-hear” for our Congregation’s young adults and adults. Many of the 30,000 Jewish partisans were teenagers who fought the

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Kol Ami Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 6, from 9:30-10:00 a.m.
(before Religious School)

Come on out for a hearty breakfast, start the day right, and visit with friends before Religious School. Open to everyone!

***Pancakes, Coffee, Tea, Fresh Fruit, and Juice**

Individual advance -- \$5

Individual at door -- \$7

Family advance -- \$20

Family at door -- \$25

Please RSVP to Elaine Stevens by Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

of single advance: _____ **@ \$5.00** **total:** _____

of family advance: _____ **@ \$20.00** **total:** _____

Please make checks payable to: Congregation Kol Ami

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PLEASE JOIN US AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS KOL AMI SECOND SEDER

Tuesday, April 15, 2014
6:00 pm
Congregation Kol Ami

Delicious Kasher-Style Seder Dinner,
Songs, and Passover Story

Tables of 8 are available for family seating
BYOB

Please return the right half of this form by **April 7**
with your check payable to Congregation Kol Ami to:

Barb Fink
721 Meetinghouse Road
Elkins Park, PA 19027

For additional information, call Barb Fink at 215-886-2297
or e-mail at bfink3@gmail.com.



PLEASE RETURN THIS HALF OF THE FORM

I/we will attend the Kol Ami Second Seder on
Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Name of reservation: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Member prices:

Number of adults age 13+	_____	@ \$36.00	= \$	_____
Number of children age 6 – 12	_____	@ \$15.00	= \$	_____
Number of children age 5 and below	_____	@ \$5.00	= \$	_____
Number of vegetarian meals	_____	@ \$36.00	= \$	_____

Non-Member prices:

Number of adults age 13+	_____	@ \$40.00	= \$	_____
Number of children age 6 - 12	_____	@ \$20.00	= \$	_____
Number of children age 5 and below	_____	@ \$5.00	= \$	_____
Number of vegetarian meals	_____	@ \$40.00	= \$	_____

TOTAL # PEOPLE _____

\$ _____

MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY: I would like to help defray the Congregation's subsidy of
the cost of this Seder meal by making a contribution of \$ _____ to Elijah's Plate.

If possible, please seat me with: _____

2014 Kehillah of Old York Road

Annual Observance of *Yom HaShoah*

Sunday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m.

"Teenagers Who Resisted the Nazis and Their Collaborators"



*a presentation of true stories
documented by historical facts
about the Jewish partisans*

by Mitch Braff

founder and executive director
of the Jewish Partisan Educational
Foundation in San Francisco

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CONGREGATION KOL AMI

is honored to host this event and welcomes all area
synagogues, rabbis, and neighbors in our community to a
very special service and presentation in our sanctuary.

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Germans and their collaborators in at least 10 European countries. He will combine short film clips that he has produced on this subject and discuss how teenage Jewish partisans fought and survived, exploring the ethical issues of killing, stealing, and revenge.

Mr. Braff founded the Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation (JPEF) in 2000 and has conducted over 50 formal interviews with former partisans all over the world. He has worked with teams of educators and filmmakers to create JPEF lessons and study guides, short films (narrated by Ed Asner, Live Schreiber, and Tovah Feldshuh), and an educational website, www.jewishpartisans.org.



GOLF AND TENNIS OUTING

**Tuesday, April 29, at the
Philmont Country Club**

This event is our synagogue's primary fund-raiser, and we are thrilled this year to be honoring **William P. Fedullo, Esq.**, the 87th Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. We are sure to have many golfers and tennis players from Philadel-

phia's legal and business community joining us at Philmont Country Club for sports, drinks and dinner.

Last year's participants thoroughly enjoyed the facilities of the country club, and we are pleased to be returning there once again. The day begins with registration at 10:00 a.m. and lunch for golfers at 11:00 a.m. with a tee-off at 12:30 p.m. Tennis starts at 2:30 p.m., followed by a wonderful evening of cocktails and dinner beginning at 5:15 p.m., highlighted by another exciting auction.

Elaine Stevens is on point to hear from you. There is still plenty of time to be a sponsor, sign up to play tennis or golf, put a twosome or foursome together, eat, drink, bid on action items, and buy and sell raffle tickets for a rich 50/50 drawing. See page 16 for the sponsorship levels and page 17 for the registration form.

JOIN THE FIESTA! CELEBRATE SPRING AND CINCO DE MAYO WITH ISH!

**Saturday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of
Richard and Jill Goldstone in Rydal, PA**

Please bring an appetizer to share and BYOB. Also kindly RSVP to Sherry Cohen at 215-885-2436 or shcohen361@verizon.net. Ole! ■

Juried Craft & Fine Arts Show

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH

PREVIEW & SALE

6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Tickets \$20 (Members) / \$25

Entertainment & Catered gourmet light fare

Raffle sale for original art items

SHOW DAY & SALE

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets \$5

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Social Action

JEWISH RELIEF AGENCY

Sunday, April 6 and May 4, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.



Come out and help sort, pack, and deliver food to needy families on at the Jewish Relief Agency Food Distribution Center. The Jewish Relief

Agency is a dynamic, volunteer-driven organization whose goal is to help Jews in need. Since its founding in 2000, JRA has been bringing together individuals of all means, ages, and backgrounds each month in a spirit of community and *tikun olam*. Through the efforts of JRA's community of more than 10,000 volunteers, monthly food-relief packages are provided to 2,750 low-income families in the Greater Philadelphia area.

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 you're interested, directions to the JRA Distribution Center can be found at <http://www.jewishrelief.org/directions.asp>. See you there!

DO A MITZVAH! COOK FOR A FRIEND

Sunday, April 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Join us in the Kol Ami kitchen to help cook meals for homebound seniors in Philadelphia. No experience is needed, just a desire to help and have fun. Contact Ronit at ronitsugar@gmail.com or 215-208-7027 if you have any questions.

ACT AGAINST HUNGER: Kehillah of Old York Road Synagogues Working Together

The members of the Congregation Kol Ami Social Action Committee, along with the Social Action committees of the Old York Road synagogues, have all sponsored many programs and projects over the years, helping families and seniors struggling financially to help put food on their tables. These synagogue Social Action chairs have met on a regular basis discussing and planning initiatives that

could be done together and synergistically under the Jewish Federation's Kehillah umbrella. Examples of these projects were the Katrina-relief projects, assistance with financial and social services during the financial crisis of 2008, and genetic testing for young Jewish adults.

Collectively, these Kehillah Social Action groups realized that each of our Rabbis were discussing hunger and food insecurity from the *bimah* and in monthly bulletins, asking congregants to collect more food, and speak up and advocate for our struggling families. In our community and in other parts of our county and country, demographics have changed in the past 10 years as a result of the shrinking



middle class. More children qualify for free or reduced-cost school lunches, and more families are eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (aka food stamps).

At Kol Ami, we showed the film "Food Stamped," about a young Jewish couple living on the 'food-stamp diet' of about \$1 per meal per day. A number of congregants reported on their experience on the food-stamp diet, and at that meeting, we started to discuss advocacy as a community strategy. Soon after, Rabbi Merow at Congregation Beth Sholom invited Samuel Chu, national organizer for Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger, to speak over *Shabbat*. A few months later, Samuel began to work with our Kehillah Social Action core group to discuss advocacy initiatives we could do in our community. Samuel lives in Los Angeles when he isn't roaming the country helping communities like ours. He has been working successfully in Texas and Minnesota on School Breakfast legislation. We are delighted to have his assistance.

Our group is now named Act Against Hunger, and we are organizing and learning what significant contribution we can make to improve food security. Most members of our group are new to advocacy and have struggled to understand the various programs like the SNAP in the USDA Farm Bill; the State Food Purchase Program in the Pennsylvania budget; and the Asset Test, a law that disallows SNAP to Pennsylvanians who have relatively small savings. Our working goal is for Act Against Hunger to be an engaged, extended community of neighbors, congregants,

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Two golf foursomes or
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Representation on website
and on event signage



\$1,800 / Cocktail Party Sponsor

Four cocktail and dinner guests,
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website and on event signage



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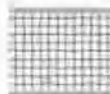
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REGISTRATION LEVELS

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full registration.



\$325 / Individual Golfer

Lunch, golf, cocktails and dinner



\$175 / Individual Tennis Player

Tennis, refreshments, cocktails
and dinner



\$100 / Dinner Guest

Cocktails and dinner

REGISTRATION

Please circle as many items that apply on the reverse side and complete the registration information below.

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Please mail registration card along with your check made payable to Congregation Kol Ami in the enclosed envelope.

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local hunger-fighters (pantries), and SNAP recipients, who are building relationships with our legislators, and have good resources to advocate on behalf of adequate SNAP benefits and other food resources.

This year, we have held several successful meetings at congregations around the community. In January, we showed the film, "A Place at the Table" at Gratz College, which was attended by about 175 people on Martin Luther King weekend. This powerful film portrays a number of families from our region and around the country living with little or no money for food.

This spring, Act Against Hunger is considering what we can do to reverse the PA Asset Test to allow more people living on the edge to get SNAP benefits. In addition, we will be petitioning our state representatives to make sure that our food banks get enough financial support through the State Food Purchase Program. And a small subgroup may begin to think about what questions we need to ask to learn if there is a possibility to offer federally funded school breakfast programs in local district schools. We are co-sponsoring more screenings of the film, "A Place at the Table" and are delighted that a few local teens and young adults are joining in to educate and empower the Social Justice groups with which they are involved.

Congregation Kol Ami members who have been regulars at meetings are Social Action co-chairs, Shelley Chamberlain and Ronit Sugar, as well as Ellen Friedman, Richard Goldstone, Karen Gurmankin, Rabbi Holin, Orly Maravankin, Ellen Matz, and Robin Rifkin. **Of course, Act Against Hunger is open to all.**

Local synagogue partners include Adath Jeshurun, Beth Am, Beth Sholom, Keneseth Israel, and Kol Ami. We also have engaged some local experts, including Pat Druhan from CADCOM; Julie Zaebs from the Coalition Against Hunger; Tianna Gaines-Turner, a local Witness to Hunger and part of the Center for Hunger Free Communities; Brian Gralnick from Jewish Federation's *Mitzvah* Food Project and Division of Social Responsibility; Amy Krulick of Jewish Relief Agency; and Erinn Hill from the Archdiocese Nutritional Development Services that provides school meals; State Representatives McCarter and Boyle; and staff from the offices of LeAnna Washington, Madeline Dean, Steve McCarter, and Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz.

To become involved or come to a meeting, join our listserve at jcr2hunger@gmail.com or like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/mazonpennsylvania>. ■

KOL AMI'S ARTIST OF THE MONTH: ROCHELLE MARCUS DINKIN FROM APRIL 8 TO JUNE 9

Artist Rochelle Marcus Dinkin was raised in Philadelphia, where she received a Board of Education Scholarship for all four years. She attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts for four years as a painting major, and culminated her education at the Philadelphia College of Art with a BA in Fine Arts. She worked as a full-time artist, having 30 one-woman shows despite raising five children and working in the Psych Ward at Temple University as an Art Therapist for 10 years. She has shown her work locally and nationally to great acclaim. In the 1980s, she was selected for the prestigious Fleishman Memorial Challenge in cooperation with the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

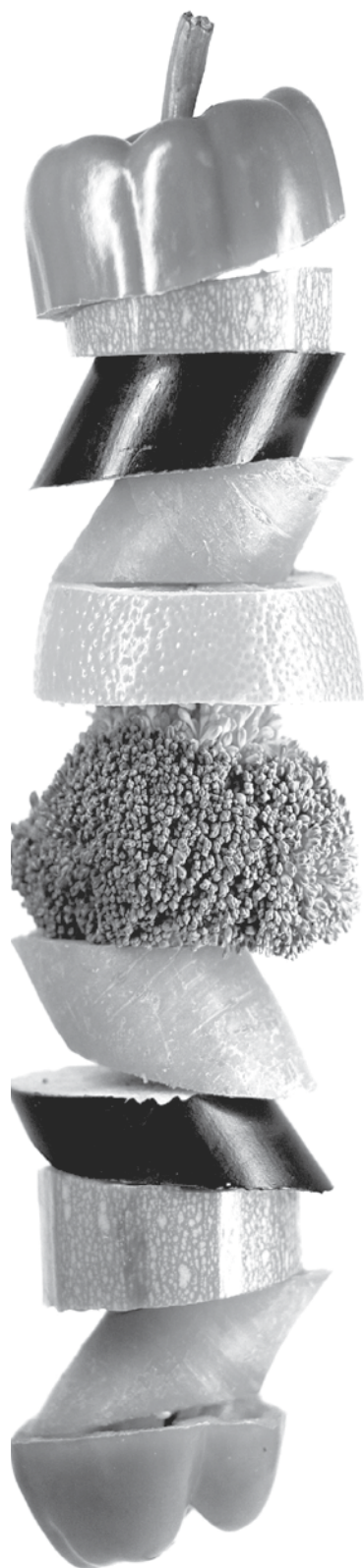


Her entire career has focused on the female narrative, represented by the central character of the heroine. In the 2000s, she and her closest friend formed "Grimmsistersart.com," where they showed their work together successfully at many art venues.

Please join us at Rochelle's open house on Sunday, April 27, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Kol Ami 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. Also, all of Rochelle's works are for sale, and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the synagogue. See Elaine Stevens if interested in purchasing a piece. ■

Our CSA Is Back for a New Season!



LET'S GET FRESH!

Do you want to eat more fresh delicious and nutritious locally grown produce? Do you care about preserving our land and environment? Then join us in Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) hosted by Kol Ami. **Registration is now open for the Elkins Park Hazon CSA Spring/Summer Season.**

We are part of a network of over 65 CSA sites affiliated with **Hazon**, linking Jewish values with sustainable food systems. We partner with **Lancaster Farm Fresh Cooperative (LFFC)**, a group of over 80 small family farms in Lancaster County. When we started up eight seasons ago, we were one of a handful of Hazon CSAs, and LFFC was a handful of pioneering organic farmers in their community. We are proud of what we have helped to build. We welcome Jewish and non-Jewish members, affiliated and non-affiliated from the Elkins Park area community at large.

Members of Elkins Park Hazon CSA subscribe for a farm share for as little as \$15/week and enjoy:

- Receiving a variety of fresh, organic produce delivered for pick-up at Kol Ami each week
- Creating and participating in learning opportunities, communal Jewish seasonal holiday celebrations and other social events, cooking classes, and demonstrations

THE AVAILABLE SHARES!

Members can elect a full share (9-12 varieties), split a full share (we can help find a match for you), or get their own half share (4-7 varieties). We also offer egg, fruit, flower, and cheese shares. The distribution day is not yet decided, but will most likely be Tuesday or Thursday.

FAQ: How can I justify CSA membership and support of Creekside Co-op?

Answer: They are complementary and not mutually exclusive. The current demand at Creekside does not support the variety of local organic produce available to CSA members.

There has never been a more critical time to support our local farmers. With each CSA purchased, we directly support local family farms and protect their land. Each season, we visit one of our farms, meet our farmer, and see where our food is grown. All LFFC farms are certified organic and do not use chemical pesticides or herbicides or genetically modified seeds.

WANT MORE INFO?

Visit elkinsparkhazoncsa.com or e-mail questions to csakolami@gmail.com.

KOL AMI KIDS



KOL AMI APRIL 2014 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Pancake Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon "As a Driven Leaf" Dramatic Reading 10:00 a.m. Religious School PTO Meeting - 10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. Healing Service 1:00 p.m. Operations Committee Meeting - 2:00 p.m.	7 Penn Lecture in Judaic Studies Program and Guest Speaker 7:00 p.m.	1 Nursery School Fitness - 9:30 a.m. Social Action Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	2 Religious School 4:00 p.m. The Diary of Anne Frank Performance 6:15 p.m.	3 Nursery School Matzah Factory 9:30 a.m. Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m.	4 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. "First-Friday" erev Shabbat Service honoring Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Participation	5 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Grade 9 Participation
13 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Spring Break	14 NO NURSERY SCHOOL Spring Break	15 NO NURSERY SCHOOL Spring Break Congregation Second Seder 6:00 p.m.	16 NO NURSERY SCHOOL Spring Break NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Spring Break	17 NO NURSERY SCHOOL Spring Break Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m.	18 NO NURSERY SCHOOL Spring Break erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	19 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
12 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. followed by potluck lunch	11 Nursery School Seder 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	10 Craft Show Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m.	9 Nursery School Breakfast with Author 9:00 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	8 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m. Caring Congregants Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.	7 Penn Lecture in Judaic Studies Program and Guest Speaker 7:00 p.m.	6 Pancake Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon "As a Driven Leaf" Dramatic Reading 10:00 a.m. Religious School PTO Meeting - 10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. Healing Service 1:00 p.m. Operations Committee Meeting - 2:00 p.m.

KOL AMI **APRIL 2014** AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Spring Break	21 NO NURSERY SCHOOL Spring Break Passover Yizkor Service 10:00 a.m.	22 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m.	23 Nursery School Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	24 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m.	25 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. Fun-for-Kids erev Shabbat "Show and Qvell" Service 6:00 p.m. Student Choir Participation Volunteer-Recognition erev Shabbat Service 8:00 p.m. preceded by wine-and- cheese social at 7:00 p.m.	26 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
27 BAKE SALE Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:00 a.m. - Gr 4 Family Education Program 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. Cook for a Friend 10:30 a.m. Artist Open House Rochelle Dinkin 2:00 p.m. Yom HaShoah Service with guest speaker Mitch Braff 7:00 p.m.	28 Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff 7:00 p.m.	29 Golf and Tennis Outing at Philmont Country Club	30 Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.			

Junior Youth Group

Kol Ami's Junior Youth Group (Grades 4 and 5), mentored by Mrs. Rosalind Holtzman, held a "Beach Party" on Sunday, March 9, where they made one-of-a-kind photo frames.



KOL AMI CONTRIBUTIONS

We thank the following individuals for their generous donations to Kol Ami funds.

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APRIL 2014

- **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, at 6:15 p.m.**
"The Diary of Anne Frank" and Holocaust Awareness Performance
- **THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 7:30 P.M.**
April 3, 10, 17 & 24: Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Bogot
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 4, at 7:30 p.m.**
erev Shabbat Service to honor Rabbi Rosenbloom with Adult Choir and "First-Friday" blessings
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 6, at 9:30 a.m.**
Pancake Breakfast
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 6, at 10:00 a.m.**
Reading-Discussion of "As a Driven Leaf"
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 6, at 1:00 p.m.**
Healing Service
- **MONDAY, APRIL 7, at 7:00 p.m.**
Penn Lecture in Judaic Studies: "Alfonso de Zamora"
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 12, at 10:00 a.m.**
Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue; potluck lunch
- **MONDAY, APRIL 14** - First *Seder*
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 15** - Second *Seder*
- **MONDAY, APRIL 21, at 10:00 a.m.**
Passover Yizkor Service
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 25, at 6:00 p.m.**
Fun-for-Kids *erev Shabbat* "Show and *Qvell*" Service with Student Choir
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 25, at 8:00 p.m.**
Volunteer-Recognition *erev Shabbat* Service, preceded by a wine-and-cheese social at 7:00 p.m.
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 27, at 10:00 a.m.**
Religious School Bake Sale
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 27, at 10:30 a.m.**
Cook for a Friend
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 27, at 2:00 p.m.**
Artist Open House: Rochelle Dinkin
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 27, at 7:00 p.m.**
Yom HaShoah Service; guest speaker Mitch Braff
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 29**
Kol Ami Golf and Tennis Outing

MAY 2014

- **SATURDAY, MAY 3, at 10:00 a.m.**
Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue; followed by potluck lunch
- **SATURDAY, MAY 3, at 7:00 p.m.**
ISH Cinco de Mayo
- **FRIDAY, MAY 9, at 7:30 p.m.**
Mother's Day *erev Shabbat* Service to honor Mothers and Grandmothers
- **FRIDAY, MAY 16, at 6:00 p.m.**
"Fun-for-Kids" *erev Shabbat* Service
- **SATURDAY, MAY 17, at 5:30 p.m.**
Martini *Havdalah*
- **SUNDAY, MAY 18**
Israel Day Parade
- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 21**
Last Day of Religious School with Awards Ceremony and Picnic
- **TUESDAY, MAY 27, at 7:00 p.m.**
Congregation Annual Meeting

JUNE 2014

- **TUESDAY, JUNE 3, at 7:00 p.m.**
erev Shavuot - Confirmation Service
- **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, at 10:00 a.m.**
Shavuot Yizkor Service
- **FRIDAY, JUNE 6, at 7:30 p.m.**
"New-Member Anniversary" *erev Shabbat*
- **SATURDAY, JUNE 7, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bar Mitzvah of Abe Moss
- **SUNDAY, JUNE 8, at 11:00 a.m.**
Tikun Olam Brunch to honor Jeff Jubelirer ■