



WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, February 6, at 7:30 p.m.

"First-Friday" *erev Shabbat* Service with birthday and anniversary blessings and the voices of our Adult Choir

SATURDAY, February 7, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, February 13, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, February 14, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, February 20, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service with Grade 6 student participation as they demonstrate what they have learned about the importance of *Shomrei Adamah*—guardianship of the land and our environment

SATURDAY, February 21, at 10:00 a.m.

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

FRIDAY, February 27

There will NOT be a service this evening due to our Nursery School's Annual Dinner and Silent Auction

SATURDAY, February 28, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue ■

TIKUN OLAM HONOREE LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, AT 3:00 P.M.

Honoring Steven Scott Bradley of Bradley and Bradley Associates



We are thrilled to recognize Steven Scott Bradley for his outstanding contributions in supporting the non-profit and business communities. Steven is most worthy of this important recognition given his many years of dedicated service.

Steven is the chairman of the board of the African-American Chamber of Commerce, which spearheads the economic empowerment and growth of African-American businesses in our region. He also serves as an advisory member of the Urban Affairs Coalition Strategic Planning Committee,

chairman of the First African Baptist Church Trustees Ministry, and he was recently appointed to the board of directors of WHY? Previously, Steven served on the board of Operation Understanding, which brings together young African-American and Jewish leaders to build a mutual understanding of diversity and acceptance. Steven is an alumnus of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small-Business Program, the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce CEO Access Network program, and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter's 2013 Trade Mission Delegation to the United Kingdom and Israel.

In 2001, Steven founded Bradley and Bradley Associates, a leading provider of commercial insurance and risk-management services for government, quasi-government, non-profit agencies, and businesses in the region. Some of his clients include charter schools, large non-profit organizations, and the City of Philadelphia.

Steven lives in Delaware County with his wife, Linda J. Bradley, and family. ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

February 7 - *Yitro*

Exodus 18:1-20:23, Isaiah 6:1-7:6

February 14 - *Mishpatim*

Exodus 21:1-24:18, Jeremiah 34:8-22

February 21 - *Terumah*

Exodus 25:1-27:19, First Kings 5:26-6:13

February 28 - *Tetzaveh*

Exodus 27:20-30:10, Ezekiel 43:10-27 ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Caring Congregants Committee

Tuesday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Finance Committee

Monday, February 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Lisa Landau, 215-620-5226, and Bart Weiner, 215-233-4712

Fund Development Committee

Thursday, February 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Jennifer Streitwieser, 215-635-0304, and Bart Weiner, 215-233-4712

Membership Committee

Thursday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Julie Cohen, 215-635-4716, and Robin Warsaw, 215-635-5839

Religious School Committee

Tuesday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Religious School PTO Committee

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

Co-chairs: Heather Pelletier, 215-855-3216, and Deborah Poppel, 215-947-2252

Spiritual Growth Group

Monday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Co-chairs: Janet Falon, 215-635-1698, and Meryle Gurmankin, 215-464-2466

Worship Enhancement Committee

Sunday, February 8, at 9:30 a.m.

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

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

The overarching responsibility of your Board is governance. The board oversees governance by ensuring our synagogue is well run with clear and accountable operating and people processes, effective reporting relationships, and careful oversight of finances and risks. We meet at least nine times a year and our agendas are focused on these governance issues along with other aspects of our strategic plan, especially finances, marketing, and membership. Board membership is an honor and a responsibility and if I might say so, incredibly rewarding. We have an active board where our members frequently work on special projects and/or lead a committee. In consultation with me, each board member figures out how best they can contribute in terms of their expertise, experience, hard work, and financial support. You will often see board members at our many events and at services, as they have made Kol Ami a meaningful part of their lives.

A key to our future is continually developing new leadership, drawn from those who have not yet served on the board. Take on a project or co-chair a committee and give yourself the chance to learn more about Kol Ami and to serve and give us the chance to see you in action. Let me know of your interest in bringing your leadership to Kol Ami. Each year, the board's Nominating Committee, appointed by me and led by our immediate past President David Hyman, in close collaboration with Rabbi Holin and informed by Elaine Stevens, looks across Kol Ami at our emerging leaders and reaches out to members who appear ready and who have expressed or indicated (or even hinted) at a willingness to serve. We need talent and energy and if you are interested in serving on our board, please reach out to me, David, the Rabbi, or any of your board members and let's start a dialogue.

As part of good governance, periodically the Board of Directors will revisit our by-laws and propose changes based on the current or future needs of the Congregation. We last did so in 2012. After review and in-depth conversation over two Board meetings, the Board of Trustees with Rabbi Holin's full endorsement is proposing a series of changes. The primary driver of the substantive changes being proposed is our lay-leadership needs and the reality of an intimate and dynamic community. With roughly 190 families and a Board of Trustees of between 12 and 18, we need as much as 10 percent of our families on the board at any one time and that is a significantly higher percentage than at a synagogue of, say 500 or 1,000 families. The changes we will be proposing are to ensure we have the flexibility to draw leadership from across our members, including some who in the past have been excluded.

Please be on the lookout for a more formal mailing this month that describes these proposed changes and their rationale. We will be scheduling a congregational meeting where we will have time to discuss the proposed changes and then get your vote. We will need over 50% of members attending that meeting to vote in the affirmative for each change to pass.

This month's "*Sh'lach'chaynee* - Send me" request is to review the by-law changes and participate in the dialogue and congregational election.

Jeff Cohen, 215-635-3232
president@kolamielkinspark.org ■

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz taught: "There is a story in the Talmud of a man who went to Babylon and had reason to ask for some help with something. The Jews there did not come to his assistance, with money or anything else. He did not inquire whether they prayed or put on *tefillin* or wore *tzitzit*. The fact that they did not act naturally and spontaneously with kindness was decisive."

We have an opportunity to do *mitzvot* and acts of kindness on one of the most important days on our communal calendar:

SUPER SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 8

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's 2015 Campaign

at the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy
272 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA

Join Rabbi Holin and Ellen Matz—Kol Ami's Super Sunday co-chairs—as well as Director of Education David Monblatt, our adults and Confirmation Academy (Grade 8-10) students from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

2:00-3:00 p.m. - Training Session

3:00-5:00 p.m. - Phone-a-thon

Note: Other participation times are from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and from 5:00-9:00 p.m., especially for those 20-30 years of age.

**Call Rabbi Holin (215-635-4182) or Ellen Matz (215-920-8149)
to let them know that you will drive over with them or meet them there!**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia:

- Provides funds for families in our Congregation to send their children to camp.
- Provides safety-net food and economic security for people in need
- Through its Center for Social Responsibility, gives grants to:
 - Abramson Center
 - Federation Housing meal program
 - JEVS career strategies
 - JFCS adult services and special needs
 - Jewish Relief Agency food distribution
 - Klein JCC meals on wheels and in-home support programs
- Reaches out to college students and young adults:
 - Gratz College
 - Hillels of Greater Philadelphia
 - Jewish Learning Venture
 - Moishe House and Tribe 12 urban moshav and collaborative
 - Moving Traditions
 - Penn State University Hillel

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CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving memory of:

Gail Catalina

sister of Ruth Hausen (Michael Hafner)

Harold Stern

husband of Ellen Stern

Harold Wit

brother-in-law of Elaine Wit

uncle of Carol Wit

uncle of Steven Wit

May their memories forever be blessings in the midst of our People. ■

SOCIAL ACTION

JEWISH RELIEF AGENCY

Sunday, February 15

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

**10980 Dutton Road, Philadelphia
(215-281-1101)**

Please come out to help us sort, pack, and deliver food to needy families at the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) Food Distribution Center. 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 at their warehouse in Northeast Philadelphia (directions can be found at www.jewishrelief.org). Volunteers package kosher, nonperishable food in boxes and deliver the food packages to recipients according to predetermined delivery routes, complete with driving directions and maps. Most delivery routes take between 30 to 60 minutes to complete. ■

Continuing Jewish Education for

Psychoanalysis and the Bible

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

February 4, 11 & 18 (3 sessions)

Instructor: Neal Beatus



Myths, fables, and stories often capture important truths about our lives. That's why the greatest ones lasted and were passed down from generation to generation. The same can be said of Bible stories.

We will look at several Biblical narratives as works of art/myths to see what truths they convey. Sigmund Freud once said: "Everywhere I go, I find a poet has been there before me." We will examine the following stories: the creation story; Garden of Eden; Noah and the flood; the binding of Isaac; Jacob's wrestling with an angel and dream of the ladder; the Israelites' exodus from Egypt; and Jonah and the whale.

Hebrew for Parents

Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

February 12, 19 & 26; March 5 & 12 (5 sessions)

Instructor: David Monblatt



This is a beginner-level Hebrew course. If you never learned to read Hebrew, if you could use a review, or if it has been so long that you just plain forgot how, this course might be for you.

For religious school parents, "Hebrew for Parents" will offer a variety of learning methodologies, activities, and pointers to help you help your children.

By the end of this course, students will be able to identify all Hebrew letters and vowels, recognize the sounds of all letters and vowels, and read with proficiency.

RSVP by February 5 to 215-635-3110.

Laughter and Tears in Nathan Englander's Short Stories

Monday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

February 23; March 2 & 9 (3 sessions)

Instructor: Vivian Rosenberg



Nathan Englander is an American-Jewish writer whose work has been called "extraordinary," "insightful," "fascinating," "hilarious"—as well as "outrageous" and "insulting."

In this course, we will read "For the Relief of Unbearable Urges," Englander's first-prize-winning collection of short stories, and see for ourselves why his writings have provoked such strong and diverse reactions.

Please bring a copy of the book to each class meeting. RSVP by February 15 to 215-635-3110.

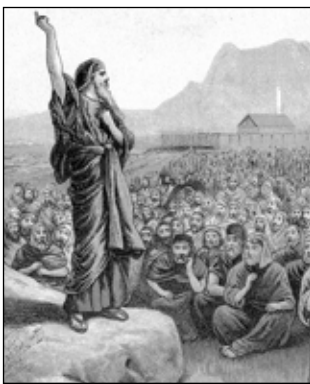
Adults at Kol Ami

From Egypt to Sinai and beyond: Torah as a Mythic Journey

Monday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

March 23, April 13, May 4 & 18 (4 Sessions)

Instructor: Rabbi Simcha Raphael



In preparation for the journey from slavery in Egypt to revelation at Sinai that we shall embark upon in the coming months, this course shall explore the inherent contemporary spiritual wisdom in the holy days of *Pesach* and *Shavuot*. Through our study of *Torah* and *Midrash*, we shall come to see the sojourn of the Israelites from slavery to freedom as a mythic journey reflecting and illuminating our own spiritual journeying today. Course shall include textual study, discussion, and meditative reflection.

1. Biblical Wisdom and the Mythic Life: Passover As An Inner Journey
2. Counting the Omer: From Agrarian Income Tax to Contemporary Kabbalistic Contemplation
3. Sinai Revelation As An Ongoing Mystical Moment
4. Transcending Trauma: Mythic Dimensions of the Book of Ruth

RSVP by March 16 to 215-635-3110.

Searching for Faithful Practice— The Place of “Commandment” in an Age of Autonomy



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

April 16, 23 & 30 and May 7 (4 Sessions)

Instructor: Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom

In an age marked by radical autonomy, what is the place of *Mitzvah*? Can it ever be “commandment” or is it always, at best, a “suggestion” for doing good? Can community survive in an age of autonomy?

RSVP by April 10 to 215-635-3110. ■

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

CAROL BARON

Kol Ami warmly welcomes new member Carol Baron, who officially joined following her return from a meaningful and memorable trip to Israel with many of our congregants in October. Carol notes that she has been a “Holin groupie” (her words!) for a very long time leading up to her joining the fold at Kol Ami.

Carol was born in the Philadelphia area and has lived in this region all her life, including a 27-year period in which she lived in Princeton, NJ. She currently resides in Yardley. Carol notes that in the past, she worked as an administrative assistant in the manufacturing field (for four years), and then in the investment field (for three years). Additionally, Carol has been a professional interior designer for 45 years and she is still going strong, maintaining offices in Elkins Park, Princeton, the Jersey shore, along with a new office in Yardley.

Carol says that family and friends are central to her life and that she has been blessed to have good health and to be able to travel around the world and have wonderful experiences. She appreciates and is grateful for having such a good life and states that “[her] cup is always running over.” Carol adds that she is a “classical music freak” and especially loves opera. Carol is such a fan that she has been known to fly to another city to catch a particular performance.

We are so happy to have Carol join our Kol Ami family! ■

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 victims and bereaved families through on-site counseling, a national hotline, and free or subsidized psychological assistance and treatment by highly trained professionals.

“For some children, the color red is not just a color.”

During Operation Protective Edge, **NATAL** answered thousands of calls every day and night from children and adults. Clinical staff and highly trained volunteers were enlisted to respond to this increased need. Working with Israel's media, millions of people received information about when, where, and how to get help. **NATAL's** emergency kits consist of information about trauma and methods of staying calm, as well as therapeutic tools to aid in managing tension. There is still a strong demand for thousands of these kits to be distributed to individuals, schools, and communities throughout Israel.

Forthcoming fast days on behalf of **NATAL** will be on **Wednesday, February 4**, and **Wednesday, March 11**.

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, February 26**, and **Thursday, March 26**.

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 February Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
Friday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m.



If you or someone in your family is celebrating a birthday or anniversary in February, please join us at our special *erev Shabbat* service. Rabbi Holin will bless everyone with a February *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*.

LOCAs AND MOCAs: EREV SHABBAT DINNER AND SERVICE

Friday, February 6, at 5:15 p.m.

Would you like to meet for dinner before the February 6 *erev Shabbat* service? We'll meet at a restaurant (TBD) and then head over to the synagogue. The choir is singing that night, which is an added treat. MOCAs (Men of a Certain Age, i.e., husbands and partners) are welcome. The LOCAs and MOCAs will each have their own tables so the men can discuss sports, and the women can discuss everything else.

If you'd like to join us, please contact Natalie Dyen by e-mail (nat.dyen@verizon.net) or phone (215-657-4124) so she can make reservations.

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THE EIGHTH ANNUAL HAZON CSA COMMUNITY TU B'SHVAT SEDER AT KOL AMI

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2015

Learn, be inspired, sing, taste symbolic fruits and nuts, drink four cups of wine, and eat a delicious vegetarian soup-and-salad dinner as we celebrate the New Year of the Trees.

THE HAZON TU B'SHVAT HAGGADAH

Designed to help you think about your responsibility towards the natural world on four different levels: physical space, community, world, and spirituality. Each section of the *Haggadah* offers texts, questions, and activities to spark conversation around our Seder table related to one of these four levels of responsibility.

This year's special theme is the current *shmita* (sabbatical year). What can we learn from this ancient tradition about our selves and our earth?

OPEN TO ALL!!! – INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- \$5 for 2014 Elkins Park Hazon CSA members
- \$10 for non-CSA members.
- Space is limited and registration is required. RSVP with number of adults and children to hazonCSA@kolamielkinspark.org or 215-635-3110 by Monday, February 2.
- Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; the Seder starts promptly at 6:00 p.m. at Congregation Kol Ami, 8201 High School Road, Elkins Park.
- Bring your own reusable or biocompostable place settings: plate, soup bowl, spoon, fork, drinking cup, wine glass, dessert plate, and napkin.
- Bring wine to share with your table—white and red will be needed for the Seder.
- Grape juice will be provided.
- Please let us know if you would like to help in preparation—sign up to make a finger-food cookie or bar-type dessert with a fruit/nut theme and/or to help with kitchen prep on the day of the event. ■

Super Sunday



Our Present.

Our Future.

February 8, 2015

#SuperSundayPhilly

On FEBRUARY 8, 2015, please help Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's 2015 Campaign - and the new secular year - get off to a bright start by making the calls that make the difference on SUPER SUNDAY, our Greater Philadelphia Jewish community's single largest day of fundraising.

Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy
Schwartz Campus of the
Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia
272 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA
Three shifts: 9 am • 1 pm • 1 - 5 pm • 5 - 9 pm

Featuring delicious food, child care by Torah Academy, children's programming and a community fair

To register or for more information:

Contact Congregation Kol Ami Co-Chairs
Rabbi Elliot Holin at 215-635-4182 or rabbi@kolamielkinspark.org or
Ellen Matz at 215-920-8149 or ehmmatz@comcast.net

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"A TASTE OF SHABBAT"

Sunday, February 8, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Join this informal gathering in our chapel for an innovative approach to experiencing the meaning and joy of *Shabbat* when it's not *Shabbat* and dialogues about "what matters, when and why"



This is an invitation to religious school parents and all adults to join us for "A Taste of *Shabbat*" through song, guided by Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz's selection of songs that we enjoy on *Shabbat* mornings. Rabbi Holin will talk about how blessing your child/ren in front of the *Shabbat* candles can be an important experience for your family, and we'll also discuss exciting possibilities for our next few times together.

"STRONGER TOGETHER" - SUPER SUNDAY

February 8 at the Jack M. Bararck Hebrew Academy
272 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr
under the umbrella of the Jewish
Federation of Greater Philadelphia

Join Co-chairs Rabbi Holin and Ellen Matz along with other members of our Congregation at our Jewish community's annual "day of calling – day of giving" that enables our Federation to support people in need as well as synagogues and organizations devoted to education and *tikkun olam*.

Shift hours are from 9:00- a.m.-1:00 p.m., 3:00-6:00 p.m., and 6:00-9:00 p.m. To register, call 215-832-0630 or visit www.jewishphilly.org/register.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER ANNUAL EREV SHABBAT DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Friday, February 27, at 6:45 p.m.



We need your help with this ELC-sponsored event. Here's how: 1) donate items to be auctioned or raffled, e.g., gift certificates, museum tickets, art items, etc.; 2) buy and help sell tickets for the raffle portion of the evening; and/or 3) attend the auction and bid on baskets. We would love to see you attend and support our event. Please contact Sheri Cutler at 215-635-4180 to purchase raffle tickets.

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Together, this group took time to SHARE on Sunday, January 11, packing over 320 boxes of nutritious food in 1½ hours! SHARE provides food to over 20,000 low-income families each month.

Help Local Jewish Families This Passover

Congregation Kol Ami Social Action Committee Passover Food Drive

Please purchase any or all of these Passover items for donation to the *Mitzvah* Food Project Pantries for *Pesach* and bring to the Kol Ami office by **Sunday, March 8.**

All FOOD MUST BE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER

- Matzo
- Matzo Meal
- Gefilte Fish
- Horseradish
- Matzo Ball soup or mix
- Honey
- Macaroons
- Nuts
- Dried Fruit
- Jelly



AN INTIMATE AND DYNAMIC COMMUNITY



Family Bingo Night

Come out and join us at Congregation Kol Ami

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015

5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Kid-Friendly Prizes • "Themed" Raffle Items

Refreshments Available!

For more information, please call Ellen Kovnat

Phone: 215-886-8713

Congregation Kol Ami • 8201 High School Road • Elkins Park, PA 19027

Pre-order for big savings!

Name:

E-mail:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Hm Phone/Wk phone:

4 packs _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

single packs _____ @ \$5.00 = \$ _____

Payment Check # _____ (Payable to Kol Ami)

\$ _____



**4 pack – 14" cheese
pizza, 4 drinks, 4 cook-
ies, 10 bingo cards
.... \$20.00
(\$24.00 at the door)**

**Single pack – 2 pizza
slices, 1 drink, 1 cookie,
2 bingo cards \$5.00
(\$6.00 at the door)**

Deadline for pre-ordering is March 11, 2015. Please send form and check to:

8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027

Open to the community

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

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- Promotes Jewish identity and continuity:
 - Birthright Israel
 - Joint Distribution Committee
 - Interfaith Family

Help us help others, and let the Federation know that the Kol Ami community is there by wearing your Kol Ami T-shirts from Israel Day Parades and religious school color wars, and golf windbreakers with our Kol Ami logo on them!

Be part of the solution on Super Sunday in the name of Kol Ami!

Shalom u'vrachah,
Rabbi Elliot J. Holin



DOES THE SNOW MAKE YOU NERVOUS?
WE'LL GET YOU THERE!

Is the thought of driving in winter keeping you homebound? Would you like to attend services, an event, or a committee meeting at Kol Ami, but are nervous about getting there?

The Worship Enhancement Committee has developed a system for connecting riders with potential drivers. Just contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org no later than the Thursday before the event that you'd like to attend. You'll need to provide your name and phone number or e-mail address and the desired event's date and time. Then Elaine will send an "in-search-of" e-mail to Kol Ami congregants regarding your need. Hopefully a congregant who plans to attend that event will call or e-mail you directly. ■

KOL AMI EVENTS (continued from page 9)

SAVE THE DATE

JEWISH CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE GROUP WITH LUCILLE BARRETT

Sunday, March 15, at 11:00 a.m. at Kol Ami

The Kol Ami Jewish Contemporary Literature Group continues to discuss classic and contemporary short stories. We will read fiction, across generations, born in different times and settings. Jewish storytellers drew from biblical tales, Agada, The Zohar, Kabbala. They continue to nourish Jewish collective life.

On March 15, we share Philip Roth's "Defender of the Faith." Roth entered the literary scene in 1959 with the publication of his first book: Goodbye Columbus. It was met with critical praise, honors, and many detractors. The collection contains five richly satiric comic tales. In "Defender of the Faith," Roth experiments with new narrative strategies enriched by his extraordinary ear and eye. His fiction rises from a contemporary American social/political reality. "Defender of the Faith" dramatizes a modern ethnic dilemma, an urgent issue for a diversified world. Who am I? What is freedom? What is a Jew?

If you plan to attend, notify executive director Elaine Stevens, who will send you the story by e-mail, about two weeks before our seminar meeting.

SAVE THE DATE

TRAVELOCA

Sunday, March 22, at 1:00 p.m. at Kol Ami

Got a travel story to tell? Something that surprised you, moved you, changed your perspective? You're invited to share your five-minute narrative with accompanying pictures. This is a chance to show, tell, make new friends—and eat, of course. Whether you come to participate or just to listen, bring a dessert to serve approximately 10 people.

Discussion leaders should put their photos on a flash drive or CD. You'll also need to give us the title of your presentation for our program. (For example: Norway - Oil and a Work Ethic that Worked; India - Clash of Wealth and Poverty; Grand Canyon - Spirituality Below Ground)

To RSVP to be a discussion leader or audience member, contact Natalie Dyen at nat.dyen@verizon.net or 215-657-4124 by March 1.

SAVE THE DATE

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE WITH BOOK REVIEWER BEVERLY ROSEN

Friday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m.



Join us as we review "The Un-Americans," a short-story collection by Molly Antopol, which takes readers to Europe, Israel, and the United States, exploring such universal themes as assimilation, parents and children's relationships, family secrets, love, and betrayal. The collection, on the 2014 long-list for the National Book Award in Fiction, spotlights the talents of a young Jewish-American writer who is wise beyond her years. Memorable and meaningful, the stories stimulate minds, hearts, and in-depth discussion. ■

Denim & Diamonds: Casino Night 2015

EXCITEMENT...LAUGHTER...CHEERING...

It was an evening filled with friends and fun at the gaming tables. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the evening a SUCCESS.

Please patronize our sponsors and vendors whose generosity contributed towards making the evening the fund-raiser that it was. Below is the list of our sponsors and vendors. The list can also be viewed on the event website: www.site.kolamicasinonight.org

With much appreciation,
Sharon Myers

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SOCIAL ACTION EVENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
FROM 1:00-3:00 P.M.

**Help Philadelphia Families
This Winter Season by Packing
Food Boxes for Those in Need**

**at SHARE Food Program
2901 W. Hunting Park Avenue
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SHARE provides food to over
20,000 low-income families
each month. This is a great
activity for the whole family,
ages 8 and up.

MAP:

[http://sharefoodprogram.org/
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DIRECTIONS TO SHARE:

Take Route 1 South to Fox Street
exit. At top of the exit, turn left
onto Fox Street. Follow Fox
Street to Hunting Park Avenue
(about 3 lights), then turn right.
Take Hunting Park Avenue to
29th Street. Turn right into the
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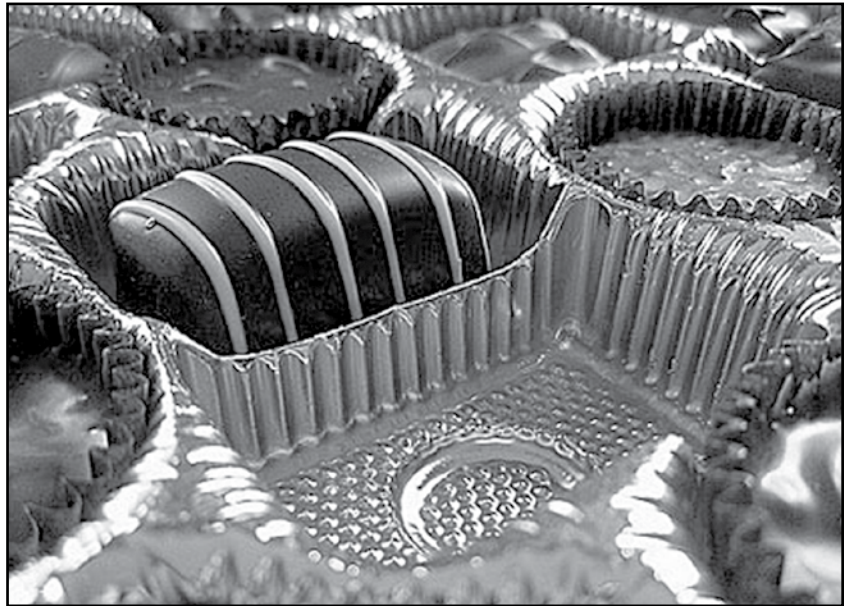
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**The warehouse is often chilly,
so dress appropriately! ■**

Passover Candy

We are happy to announce new opportunity for both you and our synagogue to make Passover even sweeter! Congregation Kol Ami Religious School is beginning its annual Passover candy sale.



Brochures and order forms will be given to students, and there is also an opportunity to order on line.

Bartons was selected for their wide range of products and their commitment to quality and customer satisfaction. Since the proceeds from this sale benefit all students, we would greatly appreciate 100% cooperation. Kol Ami keeps 40% of the sales price of your order, so you can do something doubly sweet!

Online ordering is available at:

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And from their home page, when you click on Brochures, you will see the Miss Chocolate: A Passover Tradition catalog.

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Any questions, e-mail garysender@hotmail.com
or call before 9:00 p.m. to 215-661-1980. ■

KOL AMI FEBRUARY 2015 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Trope Class 9:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 10:00 a.m. - Grades K-2 to Abramson Center 10:00 a.m. - Grades 4-6 to Franklin Institute 10:00 a.m. - Grade 7 Family Education Program Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 p.m.	2 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	3 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	4 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Neal Beatus 7:30 p.m.	5 Fund Development Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	6 Early Learning Center erev <i>Shabbat Service</i> 11:00 a.m. LOCA erev <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner 5:15 p.m. "First-Friday" erev <i>Shabbat Service</i> with Adult Choir 7:30 p.m.	7 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. <i>Tu B'Shvat Seder</i> 6:00 p.m.
8 SUPER SUNDAY Trope Class 9:00 a.m. Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon <i>"A Taste of Shabbat"</i> with Rabbi Holin 10:00 a.m. Junior Youth Group Tu B'Shvat Seder 12:30 p.m.	9 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff 7:00 p.m.	10 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	11 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Neal Beatus 7:30 p.m.	12 Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with David Monblatt 7:00 p.m.	13 Early Learning Center erev <i>Shabbat Service</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. erev <i>Shabbat Service</i> 7:30 p.m.	14 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.

KOL AMI FEBRUARY 2015 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 Religious School CLOSED President's Weekend	16 Early Learning Center CLOSED President's Weekend	17 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	18 Early Learning Center Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	19 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with David Monblatt 7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	20 Early Learning Center erev <i>Shabbat Service</i> 11:00 a.m. erev <i>Shabbat Service</i> with Grade 6 participation 7:30 p.m.	21 <i>Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue</i> 10:00 a.m. followed by potluck lunch
22 Trobe Class 9:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 p.m. Religious School PTO Committee Meeting 11:00 a.m.	23 Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Vivian Rosenberg 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	24 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Caring Congregants Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.	25 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	26 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with David Monblatt 7:00 p.m.	27 Early Learning Center erev <i>Shabbat Service</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. Early Learning Center Annual erev <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner and Silent Auction 6:45 p.m.	28 <i>Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue</i> 10:00 a.m.

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FACILITY ACCESS

There are many entrances to our building. For security reasons and the safety of our children, family, and guests, a facility access policy was created in years past and distributed to our members. Please adhere to the following entrance and exit plans for our building:

For Sunday (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) and Wednesday (4:00 to 8:00 p.m.), all access to the building is through the religious school entrance only. The lobby and executive office doors are not open during those hours. This includes members who are attending meetings.

At all other times, access to the building is through the main lobby doors.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elaine Stevens. ■



AN EARLY LEARNING CENTER CHILD MAKES NOT-SO-MESSY OOBLECK (GOOP) AS AN INDOOR WINTER ACTIVITY.



FEBRUARY 2015

- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 11 & 18, at 7:30 p.m.**
Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Neal Beatus
- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, at 7:30 p.m.**
Fund Development Committee Meeting
- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6**
5:15 p.m. - LOCA *erev Shabbat* dinner (place TBD)
7:30 p.m. - "First-Friday" *erev Shabbat* Service with Adult Choir
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, at 6:00 p.m.**
Tu B'Shvat Seder
- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**
9:30 a.m. - Worship Enhancement Committee Mtg.
10:00 a.m. - "A Taste of *Shabbat*" with Rabbi Holin
12:30 p.m. - Junior Youth Group *Tu B'Shvat Seder*
- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, at 7:00 p.m.**
Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff
- **THURSDAYS, FEBRUARY 12, 19 & 26, at 7:00 p.m.**
Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with David Monblatt
- **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, at 7:30 p.m.**
Religious School Committee Meeting
- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, at 7:30 p.m.**
Membership Committee Meeting
- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, at 7:30 p.m.**
erev Shabbat Service with Grade 6 participation
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, at 10:00 a.m.**
Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue followed by a potluck lunch
- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, at 11:00 a.m.**
Religious School PTO Committee Meeting
- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23**
7:30 p.m. - Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Vivian Rosenberg
7:30 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting
- **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, at 6:00 p.m.**
Caring Congregants Committee Meeting
- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, at 6:45 p.m.**
Early Learning Center Annual *erev Shabbat* Dinner and Silent Auction

MARCH 2015

- **MONDAYS, MARCH 2 & 9, at 7:30 p.m.**
Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Vivian Rosenberg
- **THURSDAYS, MARCH 5 & 12, at 7:00 p.m.**
Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with David Monblatt
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 8**
10:00 a.m. - "A Taste of *Shabbat*" with Rabbi Holin
3:00 p.m. - *Tikun Olam* lunch honoring Steven Scott Bradley
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 13, at 7:30 p.m.**
Shabbat Across America - "Second-Friday" *erev Shabbat* Service with Adult Choir
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 14, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Warsaw
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 15**
11:00 a.m. - Jewish Contemporary Literature Group with Lucille Barrett
1:00 p.m. - Healing Service
- **MONDAY, MARCH 16**
7:00 p.m. - Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff
7:00 p.m. - Social Action Committee Meeting
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 20**
6:00 p.m. - "Fun for Kids" *erev Shabbat* Service with Student choir
7:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service with book reviewer Beverly Rosen
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 21, at 5:30 p.m.**
Family Bingo Night
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 22, at 1:00 p.m.**
LOCA Travel Event
- **MONDAY, MARCH 23, at 7:30 p.m.**
Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Simcha Raphael
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 27, at 6:30 p.m.**
Kaballat Shabbat Service followed by dinner and discussion ■