

# CONGREGATION **Kol Ami** VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

## FARAH JIMENEZ AND DAVID HYMAN HONORED ON JUNE 17



It was an extraordinary evening as David and Farah were presented the *Kol Ha'Kavode* gift by Rabbi Holin and David's brother and sister-in-law, Bill Hyman and Janine Pratt. Photo by Scott Weiner / see Sponsor details on page 4

### WORSHIP SERVICES

#### **FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT SERVICES ON THE MEADOW:**

**July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31; August 7, 14, 21 & 28**

**5:45 p.m.** - Bring your own dinner and blankets or comfortable, soccer-style (foldable) chairs

**6:30-7:15 p.m.** - Brief worship service beneath the trees and evening sky (chairs are provided for the service)

### Special summer service themes

**FRIDAY, July 10, at 6:30 p.m.**

"Prospective-Member" *erev Shabbat* Service and "Second-Friday" birthday and anniversary blessings; preceded by a 5:45 p.m. pizza dinner (see page 9)

**FRIDAY, August 7, at 6:30 p.m.**

"First-Friday" *erev Shabbat* Service with birthday and anniversary blessings

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

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### Special summer service themes

#### **FRIDAY, August 14, at 6:30 p.m.**

Annual Parents' Blessing Over College-Bound and Returning Daughters and Sons (see page 9)

### Home-hosted Shabbat morning services

#### **SATURDAY, July 11, at 10:00 a.m.**

at the home of Carol Nemeroff

#### **SATURDAY, August 1, at 10:00 a.m.**

at the home of Paul and Mindy Levy

#### **SATURDAY, August 22, at 10:00 a.m.**

at the home of Abby Binder and Jane Tausig ■

## TORAH & HAFTARAH

#### **July 4 – *Balak***

Numbers 22:2-25:9

Micah 5:6-6:8

#### **July 11 – *Pinchas***

Numbers 23:10-30:1

Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

#### **July 18 – *Mattot-Massey***

Numbers 30:2-36:13

Jeremiah 2:4-28

#### **July 25 – *Devarim***

Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

Isaiah 1:1-27

#### **August 1 – *V'etchanan***

Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

Isaiah 4:1-26

#### **August 8 – *Ekev***

Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

Isaiah 49:14-51:3

#### **August 15 – *Re'eh***

Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

Isaiah 66:1-24

#### **August 22 – *Shofetim***

Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9,

Isaiah 31:12-52:12

#### **August 29 – *Kee Tetze'eh***

Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

Isaiah 54:1-10 ■

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As I prepare to become Congregation Kol Ami's 10th President, I want to share a little about myself and my reasons for joining, engaging, and ultimately leading Kol Ami. I hope they'll help you get to know me better and inspire you to think of your own reasons to deepen your involvement with our spiritual home.

- **FAMILY.** In 1997, when my husband David and I moved to Cheltenham, our oldest son, Michael, asked "Am I Jewish, too?" We joined Kol Ami and it soon became the center of our religious and social fabric. Michael and our second son, Brian, participated in Jewish studies from elementary school through confirmation at Kol Ami (10th grade) and then continued on, representing Kol Ami in the Gratz College I.M. Wise Program. Michael is now 24 and Brian, 22.
- **INCLUSION.** We are part of the 20% of Kol Ami's members who proudly call ourselves an interfaith couple. David has always felt welcome, comfortable, and connected, and genuinely supported raising our children with Jewish values. I continue to thank David for his involvement today and know I will be a better President with him at my side.
- **L'DOR VADOR.** As long as I can remember, my parents were very involved in our community's Temple Emanuel. My mother was active in Sisterhood and ran the gift shop; my father was an active member of the Board of Trustees. Their service was formally recognized in 1976 with the Magnificent Couple Award: "For many years of devotion to every aspect of temple life, adding spiritual beauty, knowledge and understanding to both young and old." Their example, caught by their own children, has been transmitted with gentle humor, courage, and unwavering conviction. I am grateful for the values they instilled in me and hope I have passed these on to our children.
- **SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION.** Rabbi Elliot Holin and I have known each other since 1972! He was my rabbi when I was active in Temple Youth Group in Pittsburgh, and he officiated at our wedding in 1989. Joining Kol Ami was like coming "home." I couldn't be prouder to have made my Jewish life journey with Elliot and to have the privilege of working closely together. The Presidency is an opportunity of a lifetime for me.
- **TIES THAT BIND.** My personal, professional, and Jewish values coalesced in 2007 when I began both a Farmers' Market and Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) for Jefferson University Hospital. Both were firsts for healthcare institutions in this region. I am also proud of my nine-year involvement as co-chair of the Elkins Park Hazon CSA hosted at Kol Ami. Our CSA continues to provide a platform to support sustainability and the Jewish Food Movement, along with the weekly distribution of fresh, local, organic produce.
- **TIKUN OLAM.** Caring for fellow congregants and our less fortunate neighbors is part of the "DNA" of Kol Ami. Many years ago, my family joined other Kol Ami families to serve Sunday brunch to homeless men at Bethesda Broad. We worked tirelessly and creatively to support The Village of Arts & Humanities, walked greyhound dogs, and celebrated birthdays with Rubye's Kids. Since then, our programs have changed, but our caring action for those who are less fortunate is still strong.

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# NEW Mishkan HaNefesh High Holy Day Machzor Prayer Books



## A TASTE OF THE HIGH HOLY DAYS BEFORE THE HIGH HOLY DAYS! **OUR MACHZOR – THE NEW HIGH HOLY DAY PRAYER BOOK OF REFORM JUDAISM – ARRIVES!**

Meet with Rabbi Holin to discuss selected prayers, as well as contemporary readings and poems, from the services we will celebrate this coming *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*.

- **Thurs., Aug. 6, at 7:00 p.m.** – selections from the *Rosh Hashanah* Service
- **Thurs., Aug. 13, at 7:00 p.m.** – selections from the *Yom Kippur* Service
- **Tues., Sept. 8, at 7:00 p.m.** – selections from the *Rosh Hashanah* Service
- **Thurs., Sept. 10, at 7:00 p.m.** – selections from the *Yom Kippur* Service

Please call our rabbi at 215-635-4182 to let him know which “get-acquainted” class/es you will attend so that he will have copies of selected texts available for everyone. ■

## HIGH HOLY DAYS CALENDAR 2015 - 5776

<i>Selichot</i>	Saturday, September 5	10:00 p.m.
<i>erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	Sunday, September 13	8:00 p.m.
<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	Monday, September 14	
	- Adult Service	10:00 a.m.
	- Youth Service (Grades 4-7)	10:00 a.m.
	- Children's-Family Service	2:00 p.m.
<i>Tashlikh</i>	Tuesday, September 15	5:30 p.m.
<i>Kol Nidrei</i>	Tuesday, September 22	8:00 p.m.
<i>Yom Kippur</i>	Wednesday, September 23	
	- Adult Service	10:00 a.m.
	- Youth Service (Grades 4-7)	10:00 a.m.
	- Children's-Family Service	2:00 p.m.
	- Reflective Reading/Discussion	3:00 p.m.
	- Afternoon Service	3:45 p.m.
	- <i>Yizkor-Neilah</i> Service	5:30 p.m.

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*father of Robert (Susan) Seltzer*

### **Stephanie Steinbrecher**

*aunt of Barry (Michele) Steinbrecher*

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

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

### **Membership Committee**

Monday, August 10, at 7:30 p.m.

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

### **Social Action Committee**

Monday, July 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Co-chairs: Shelley Chamberlain, 215-635-1738, and Jody Long, 215-635-4751 ■

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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- **UNION OF REFORM JUDAISM (URJ).**  
In April, I attended the URJ Scheidt seminar with 90-plus incoming and first-year presidents throughout the country. This four-day conference was not only inspiring and informative, but also provided valuable networking opportunities for discussing best practices and ideas to resolve challenges. The URJ will continue as a wonderful resource for our sacred home.
- **ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS.**  
My rich background in healthcare food service and 30-plus years of management experience has prepared me well for assuming a leadership role at Kol Ami. One of the strongest lessons I've learned is the power of teamwork and the synergy generated by committed and invested individuals. I continue to marvel at the stellar leadership and energy of our past presidents, board members, and committees and look forward to strengthening our community.

As you continue to enjoy the summer, I urge you to think about what's special about Kol Ami and how you can put your passions into action in 5776. Bring a friend to *erev Shabbat* Services on the Meadow, join a committee, become a *Yedidat* member, mentor a freshman who is the first in his/her family to attend college through the Philadelphia Education Fund, have fun with fellow congregants at social events like Bingo and Casino Night, join the choir, bring your extended family to *Tu B'Shvat* and second night Passover *Seders*, and/or commit to our future through the Legacy Society. BE part of Kol Ami, and I promise you'll FEEL part of our special community.

Shelley Chamberlain  
215-635-1738  
srchamberlain@comcast.net ■

## LEGACY SOCIETY

Congregation Kol Ami's Legacy Society continues to grow, but we are always looking to add more families.

The Legacy Society asks our members to think about the long-term future of our beloved synagogue. A gift through your estate or life insurance or co-ownership of stock supports our goals of long-term viability and recognizes the importance of the values of Kol Ami. No gift is too small, and everything you do is deeply appreciated.

Anyone who is interested in speaking further about the options can contact Ilene Schafer at 215-663-0228. If you have already remembered Kol Ami in some fashion in your estate planning, please let our executive director, Elaine Stevens, know. We have a very simple form that we ask you to fill out for our records.

We welcome and thank the following members for their commitment to the future of our synagogue.

David Baker and Irene Levy Baker  
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## MAZAL TOV TO OUR RECENT HIGH-SCHOOL GRADUATES

We congratulate these students and their families, and wish our graduates all the best in their future:

<u>Name</u>	<u>College</u>
Benjamin Abrams	Hofstra University Honors College, Hempstead, NY
Rachel Baker	Duke University, Durham, NC
Maya Danzig	Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
Nina Grosbard	Gap Year - spending in Israel with Habonim Dror
Zoe Long	University of Charleston, Charleston, WV
Jennifer Sklar	University of Vermont, Burlington, VT ■

## WHEEL GOOD NEWS: KOL AMI TEAM JOINED HAZON PHILADELPHIA ON RIDE THE PINES

The Kol Ami contingent joined nearly 200 participants from the greater Philadelphia area for the second annual **Hazon Philadelphia Ride the Pines**, under sunny skies for an inspiring day of community and cycling.

Go to [Hazon.org](http://Hazon.org) to check out upcoming Hazon bike rides—**The New York Ride and Retreat** over Labor Day Weekend and **The Arava Institute and Hazon Israel Ride**, October 27 through November 3—and join The People of the Bike.

Also mark your calendar for the next big Hazon Philadelphia event, **The Hazon Jewish Food Festival**: the intersection of food, sustainability, and Jewish life, co-hosted by Congregation Kol Ami at Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park on November 15.



ABOVE: Elkins Park Ride the Pines participants, including Kol Ami members Ben Adams, Andy Cassel, Eric Gonzalez, Roz Holtzman, Karin Kaplan, Mark Kaplan (event co-chair), Molly Kaplan, Gail Korostoff, Robin Rifkin, and Michael Silverman. Not pictured: Bruce Asam, Ellen Asam, Jordan Asam, Peter Denitz, Karen Lindenbaum, and Ben Long. ■

## AT THE SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA SERVICE, NEW MEMBER HAS MANY POSITIVE THINGS TO SAY ABOUT KOL AMI



My name is Morgan Selkirk, and I am technically a new member this year to Kol Ami. I say “technically” because we were actually introduced to the synagogue through the preschool three years ago. While it helped us get to know Kol Ami better and definitely helped “get our feet wet,” it wasn’t really the reason we joined.

To be honest, we weren’t really in a rush since our oldest child is only in kindergarten. We knew we really loved Kol Ami, we loved Rabbi Holin, and we loved the general feeling of the congregation, but we weren’t ready to take the plunge yet and commit.

However, there was a moment this past summer during an e-mail conversation I was having with some of the leadership where I had posed a sort of hypothetical question about religious school. I never really thought it would get answered, but not only did they answer it, they wanted to know more of what I thought on the subject. I was honestly shocked. That’s when we decided that if we could make it work, Kol Ami would become our religious home.

That seemingly small gesture of not only listening, but hearing, meant the world to us. That’s what I’ve learned Kol Ami does: they listen, they learn, they grow with their congregants, and, more importantly, they work hard to make being a congregant work for you.

I’ve surprised myself at how satisfied I have felt over this past year being a part of Kol Ami. I honestly thought we would join for the kids and I’d get involved, because that’s what I do, but I did not expect at all to feel as good as I do about being a part of it. In a very short time, it has become a place that I care deeply about and want to protect and nurture to the best of my ability. I’m truly grateful to be a part of the future here.

I want to just touch on the two main reasons why we know we made the right choice coming to Kol Ami before I’m done, and that’s “Value” and “Inclusion.”

I say “value” because what I feel that I have found here at Kol Ami is the sense that everyone matters. I am valued for

the person I am, not the person that I should be or could be. You don’t have to be practicing Judaism perfectly or believe in exactly what everyone else believes in. As long as you want to be here and be a part of it, you matter. That’s special, and it provided a sense of comfort to us that I had never felt at any other synagogue.

The second reason is what is most central in my world and what matters most to everywhere I choose to spend my time and efforts, and that’s “inclusion.” Kol Ami includes you no matter who you are or where you come from. That’s not only rare, but nearly impossible to find in this type of setting. In the past, any time I would think about synagogues in general, one of the first things that would come to my mind was the word “exclusive.” You had to be a certain way, think a certain way, love a certain person, or be a certain person to be given that “accepted” feeling. Kol Ami is nothing like that. The people here are the complete opposite of anything I remembered about growing up Jewish. Are you an interfaith couple? Great! Come on in, we have a group for you! And you know what, we care about your significant other too, and we want them involved. Are you part of the LGBTQ community? Awesome, come in, let me tell you what we can offer you. Are you awful at showing up regularly for services and don’t know half as much about the Jewish religion as you should at your age? That’s cool, we like you anyway, let us help you learn. That mentality is what is going to keep us here.

We’re comfortable here, we love it here, and what’s more important, our kids love it here. Thank you so much to the entire Kol Ami community for making us feel welcome, included, and valued, just as we are. ■

# Kol Ami Events

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## FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT

Join Rabbi Holin in fast days—or virtual fast days—every month, no matter where you are, by sending funds that you would have spent on food to help men, women, and children in need:

**CAMP HOMETOWN HEROES.** Since September 11, 2001, almost 5,000 children have lost a parent who served in the U.S. Military. Their deaths have been the result of combat, accident, illness, or suicide. Their children have been present during a gun salute and flag presentation by an Honor Guard, and many of them face depression, profound grief, isolation, and a sense of helplessness.

Camp Hometown Heroes began in 2013 in partnership with pediatric grief counselors to provide a free, week-long overnight summer camp for children and siblings between the ages of 7 and 17. The children participate in art- and music-therapy groups and have the opportunity to openly discuss their feelings through shared, common bonds of loss.

Since the camp opened in June 2013, 62 children from 14 states have participated free of charge. In 2014, Camp Hometown Heroes welcomed more than 100 children who came to Wisconsin all the way from Hawaii, Idaho, California, and Washington.

Their parents, no longer alive, served our nation. This is our opportunity to stand with their children.

Forthcoming fast days to benefit **Camp Hometown Heroes** will be on **Tuesday, July 7**, and **Tuesday, August 4**.

**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, July 15**, and **Wednesday, August 19**.

**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, July 23**, and **Thursday, August 27**.

Below are the mailing addresses for the three organizations listed above:

### **American Friends of NATAL**

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

### **Camp Hometown Heroes**

983 Badger Circle, Grafton, WI 53024

### **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”)

## **MENTOR A COLLEGE FRESHMAN**

- Recently helped your child navigate college?
- Know how to text?
- Have time for two in-person visits and calls/texts?
- Want to change someone's life?

Join the Philadelphia Education Fund's mentorship program and help a Philadelphia School District student entering college in the Fall of 2015. Sign up/Questions? Contact David Baker at [dcbaker@comcast.net](mailto:dcbaker@comcast.net) **by July 8**.

**PROSPECTIVE-MEMBER EREV SHABBAT:  
SHARE WHAT YOU LOVE ABOUT KOL AMI**

**Friday, July 10, at 6:30 p.m.; preceded by a  
5:45 p.m. Pizza Dinner on the Meadow**

Invite your unaffiliated friends to join you on our beautiful meadow for dinner and *erev Shabbat* services. To make things more convenient, we will be providing pizza for all who RSVP requesting this. You are welcome to bring your own dinner if you prefer. Please e-mail Elaine Stevens at [execdir@kolamielkinspark.org](mailto:execdir@kolamielkinspark.org) by July 8 to let her know if you can join us and want pizza.

**EREV SHABBAT JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAY AND  
ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

**Friday, July 10 & August 7, at 6:30 p.m.**



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



**ANNUAL PARENTS’ BLESSING OVER  
COLLEGE-BOUND AND RETURNING-TO-  
COLLEGE DAUGHTERS AND SONS**

**Friday, August 14, at our 6:30 p.m. *erev Shabbat* Service  
on the Meadow**

Every year, parents and their college-bound and returning children attend this special service where parents have

the opportunity to quietly talk to their child(ren) as they gather in front of the ark during this time of transition for the entire family, and to bless them with “words from the heart.” This is especially meaningful for parents whose only or eldest child is leaving for college for the first time. It is a moment prior to silent meditation that has moved everyone present each year at this service.

Rabbi Holin will provide texts of traditional blessings in Hebrew and English that parents might choose to quietly recite over their child(ren), while acknowledging that the most powerful words are those privately shared between parents and children.

**WE’LL GET YOU THERE!**



Need a ride to our **High Holy Day** services?

Let us know, and we’ll do our best to find you one. Contact our Caring Congregant Committee’s Co-chairs: Elaine Gershenson ([gershlaw@comcast.net](mailto:gershlaw@comcast.net), 215-887-

3994) or Linda George ([LindaSGeorge@gmail.com](mailto:LindaSGeorge@gmail.com), 215-782-1413). ■

SAVE THE DATE!

**UPCOMING RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**Monday, October 26**



Our Red Cross blood drive will be held this coming Fall. It’s not too early to put it in your calendar. Please consider giving of yourself to save another’s life.

SAVE THE DATE!

**JOIN US FOR THE URJ BIENNIAL**

**November 4 through 8**

**at the Marriott World Center in Orlando, Florida**



We’ll hear from exciting presenters such as Jodi Kantor, Ari Shavit, Nicholas D. Kristof, Anita Diamant, and more. Learn who else will be joining us and what’s new this year.

Registration is now open! Visit [www.urj.org](http://www.urj.org). ■

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**Rabbi Elliot Holin, in appreciation for his guidance of Lily's Bat Mitzvah ceremony**  
*John Miles and Sherry Cohen*

**Rabbi Elliot Holin, in gratitude for the beautiful Naming Ceremony for our granddaughter, Hannah**  
*Mark Tino and Elaine Lotto*

In Memory of:

**Benham "Bud" Fuhrman**  
*Ellen Stern*

**Bernard Hall**  
*Ellen Stern*

**Roslyn Hauser**  
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*Barry, Michele, and Drew Steinbrecher*

## **SYNAGOGUE FUND**

In Honor of:

**Our Confirmands**  
*Michael Matz and Ellen Horowitz Matz*  
*Elaine Stevens*

**Special birthday of Sheri Cutler**  
*Elaine Stevens*

**Rabbi Elliot Holin and Rebecca Schwartz for their help in our time of need**  
*The Salkin Family*

**Rosalind Holtzman**  
*John Miles and Sheryl Cohen*

**Special birthday of Elaine Lotto**  
*Elaine Stevens*

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*John Miles and Sheryl Cohen*

In Memory of:

**Herb Barrett**  
*Robert and Barbara Bernstein*  
*Michael and Sara Chernoff*  
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*Dorothy Roberts*  
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*Group*  
*Carole Watkins*

**Benham Fuhrman**  
*Alan and Elaine Gershenson*

**Bernard Hall**  
*Alan and Elaine Gershenson*

**Rosalind Hauser**  
*Alan and Elaine Gershenson*  
*Elaine Stevens*

**Sophie Rotman**  
*Harold and Shirley Horowitz* ■

# KOL AMI JULY 2015 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.	2	3 Early Learning Center CLOSED  Erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow and 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	4
5	6 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	7 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.  Early Learning Center Pony Rides 10:00 a.m.	8 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.	9	10 "Prospective-Member" Erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow and "Second-Friday" birthday and anniversary blessings 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - Pizza Dinner	11 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Home of Carol Nemeroff with potluck lunch to follow
12	13 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	14 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.  Social Action Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.	16 Early Learning Center Family Fun Night 5:00 p.m. (Rain Date: July 23)	17 Erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	18
19	20 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	21 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	22 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.	23	24 Erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	25
26	27 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	28 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	29 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.	30	31 Erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	

# KOL AMI **AUGUST 2015** AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue</b> 10:00 a.m. Home of Paul and Mindy Levy with potluck lunch to follow
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> Music 9:30 a.m.	<b>4</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> Fitness 9:30 a.m.	<b>5</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> Yoga 9:30 a.m.	<b>6</b> <b>Machzor Session with Rabbi Holin</b> 7:00 p.m. <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	<b>7</b> <b>"First-Friday" erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow</b> 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> Music 9:30 a.m.  <b>Membership Committee Meeting</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>11</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> Fitness 9:30 a.m.	<b>12</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> Yoga 9:30 a.m.	<b>13</b> <b>Machzor Session with Rabbi Holin</b> 7:00 p.m. <i>Yom Kippur</i>	<b>14</b> <b>"College-Student Blessing" erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow</b> 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> Music 9:30 a.m.	<b>18</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> Fitness 9:30 a.m.	<b>19</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> Yoga 9:30 a.m.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> Last Day of Camp  <b>erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow</b> 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	<b>22</b> <b>Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue</b> 10:00 a.m. Home of Abby Binder and Jane Tausig with potluck lunch to follow
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> CLOSED	<b>25</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> CLOSED	<b>26</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> CLOSED	<b>27</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> CLOSED	<b>28</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> CLOSED  <b>erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow</b> 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> First Day of School 8:00 a.m.					