

CONGREGATION  
**Kol Ami**  
VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**FRIDAY, December 31, 6:00 p.m.**  
*erev Shabbat* Service; join us at this early service and then continue on to celebrate the New Year!

**SATURDAY, January 1, 10:00 a.m.**  
*Shabbat* Service

**FRIDAY, January 7, 7:30 p.m.**  
First-Friday *erev Shabbat* Service with Birthday and Anniversary Blessings; our Adult Choir will add their voices

**SATURDAY, January 8, 10:00 a.m.**  
*Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue

**FRIDAY, January 14, 7:00 p.m.**  
Children's-Family *erev Shabbat* Service, a special service for children in grades K-2 with a "Show and *Qvell*" (tell us what you like to do in the winter, or show us a picture of what you like to do in the winter!)

**SATURDAY, January 15, 10:00 a.m.**  
*Shabbat* Service; Neal Beatus will give the *dvar Torah* as he shares his personal insights about the wisdom of selected verses upon which he will ask us to consider and comment

**FRIDAY, January 21, 7:30 p.m.**  
*erev Shabbat* Service; our Student Choir will add their voices

**SATURDAY, January 22, 10:00 a.m.**  
*Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue

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**CELEBRATE TU B'SHVAT AT KOL AMI: JANUARY 23, 6-8 PM**

**"Rabbi Hillel says that the fifteenth of *Shevat* shall be the new year for the tree"**  
— Mishnah, Rosh Hashanah 1:1



*Tu B'Shvat*, the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month of *Shevat*, is the Jewish holiday that marks the "New Year of the Trees."

*Tu B'Shvat* has become the Jewish Earth Day and a time to reflect on our earth, our food sources, the environmental issues, and our connection with our surroundings. Customs include planting trees; eating from the seven species of fruits, vegetables, and grains indigenous to Israeli soil (pomegranates, barley, wheat, olives, figs, grapes, and dates); and performing a ritualized *seder* complete with four cups of wine and symbolic fruits and nuts.

Honoring *Tu B'Shvat* by creating a *seder* is a modern way to renew ancient traditions and bring more joy to your life! Come join our Fourth Annual *Tu B'Shvat Seder* on Sunday, January 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., sponsored by the *Hazon* Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. Examine how food connects us to Jewish tradition, to the earth, to other people, and to ourselves. Learn, be inspired, sing, eat a delicious soup-and-salad dinner and some fruits and nuts, and drink four cups of wine as we celebrate the holiday of the trees.

There is no charge for *Tuv Ha'Aretz* CSA members; \$5 for non-CSA members. Registration is required. RSVP by Friday, January 14 to Elaine Stevens at (215) 635-3110 or [execdir@kolamielkinspark.org](mailto:execdir@kolamielkinspark.org) with the number of adults. ■

The Hazon CSA program at Kol Ami is a seasonal farm-share program linking local organic family farms and the Jewish community, for their mutual benefit.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

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### FRIDAY, January 28

7:00 p.m. - Wine and Cheese Social

8:00 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service

### SATURDAY, January 29, 10:00 a.m.

*Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue ■

## TORAH & HAFTARAH

January 1 - *Va'eira*

Exodus 6:2-9:35, Exekiel 28:25-29:21

January 8 - *Bo*

Exodus 10:1-13:16, Jeremiah 46:13-28

January 15 - *B'Shelach*

Exodus 13:17-17:16, Judges 4:4-5:31

January 22 - *Yitro*

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

January 29 - *Mishpatim*

Exodus 21:1-24:18, Jeremiah 34:8-22 ■



## CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences in loving memory of:

### Irving Cohen

*Great-uncle of Jeremy (Laura) Wintroub*

### Rose Gottesman

*Mother of Ruth (Steve) Shaffer*

*Grandmother of Abby*

### Arthur H. Havsy

*Husband of Janet Felgoise*

*Father of Jeffrey and Lynne*

May their memories forever be blessings among our People. ■

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

## 'FAITH IN OUR FUTURE' NIGHT A SUCCESS

On December 12, we kicked off the public launch of the Faith in our Future capital campaign and trumpeted the generosity of those families already solicited for the campaign. We celebrated our mutual commitment to secure our future for our current members, our future members, and our children. As of the 12th, we had already raised \$600,000. What a wonderful testament to the faith that our members have in Kol Ami.



**LEFT TO RIGHT:** SHERYL COHEN AND SHARON MYERS, CO-CHAIRS OF THE KICKOFF COMMITTEE, WITH THE HANUKKIAH TEASER CREATED BY TAYLOR APPEL (PHOTO BY KENNY MOSS)

When we conducted our feasibility study last January, we had no idea what the response would be. We were thrilled when the feedback was so clearly in favor of proceeding and even happier with the words of our participants. You clearly expressed your affection for Rabbi Holin and your strong ties to the synagogue as a whole. We took this mandate and commenced the Faith in Our Future campaign to keep this house of gathering, learning, and prayer sustainable, dynamic, and viable.

We look forward to continuing to meet and talk with each of you. Please know that every sit-down, every phone call, and every parlor meeting allows us to share stories of Kol Ami with each other and puts us another step closer to our vision.

Ilene Schafer

215-663-0228

[president@kolamielkinspark.org](mailto:president@kolamielkinspark.org) ■

# FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

A secular year commences, and I want to invest it with Jewish meaning.

In my *Rosh Hashanah* morning sermon, I said that while the typical question is “Who is a Jew?” the more meaningful question is “When is a Jew?” I spoke about how we should engage our Jewish identity on a frequent basis and in meaningful ways. I suggested reading two or three pages a day from a book about Jewish values, spiritual journeys, or the quest for wisdom. I recommended Jewish Wisdom: Ethical, Spiritual, and Historical Lessons from the Great Works and Thinkers by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin; Pebbles of Wisdom by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz; and Ein Yaakov: The Ethical and Inspirational Teachings of the Talmud, compiled in the 16th century by Rabbi Yaakov ibn Chaviv. I said: “Read about God, soul, *Torah*; what it means to be Jewish and what makes someone a *mensch*; about communal responsibility, love, children, suffering, afterlife, prayer, justice, and hope. Reading a page or two a day is like taking vitamins for your soul.”

I want to share some powerful thoughts with you from recent texts I have read:

- “The Divine Essence fills everything. It is our mind that creates the barriers and forms separate existences. Prophets, like Moses, have simply broken down these fences and separations. In the *Zohar*, there is a description of such persons, declaring that they are like fish of the sea walking on land.” (Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz)
- “Revelation is the sudden recognition of a reality that was overlooked because it was considered background. It is the emergence of the essential image. It can occur in a moment, by a slight alternation of one’s perspective or will, for example, by consenting to be a dwelling place for the Divine.” (Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz)
- “The essence of Jewish religious thinking does not lie in entertaining a concept of God, but in the ability to articulate a memory of moments of illumination by His presence.” (Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel)

Some of the most moving and insightful experiences we can have is when we talk to each other about moments of transformation in our lives: moments grounded in faith. Faith, at its essence, is the ability to depend upon. It need not be God centered, though for many it is. For almost everyone, faith is defined by the sense that one matters in the context of family and community.

We draw closer together as a community when we tell stories that speak about connection, that confirm commitment, that say to the other: “I am here for you,” or “I noticed that you were not there. Are you alright?”

When is the last time that you thanked or affirmed someone? When is the last time that you thought about faith or God? When is the last time that you asked yourself what it means to be spiritual? When will be the next time?

*Shalom u'vrachah,*  
Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Casino Night Committee

Sunday, January 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Chair: Julie Cohen, 215-635-4716

### Craft Show Committee

Tuesday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Chair: Ellen Matz, 215-635-5426

### Religious School Activities

#### Working Group

Sunday, January 23, at 10:00 a.m.

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

### Sustainability/Green Committee

Thursday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m.

Chair: Mark Kaplan, 215-635-2920

### Worship Enhancement Committee

Sunday, January 23, at 11:00 a.m.

Co-chairs: Jeff Cohen, 215-635-3232, and David Hyman, 215-248-1784 ■

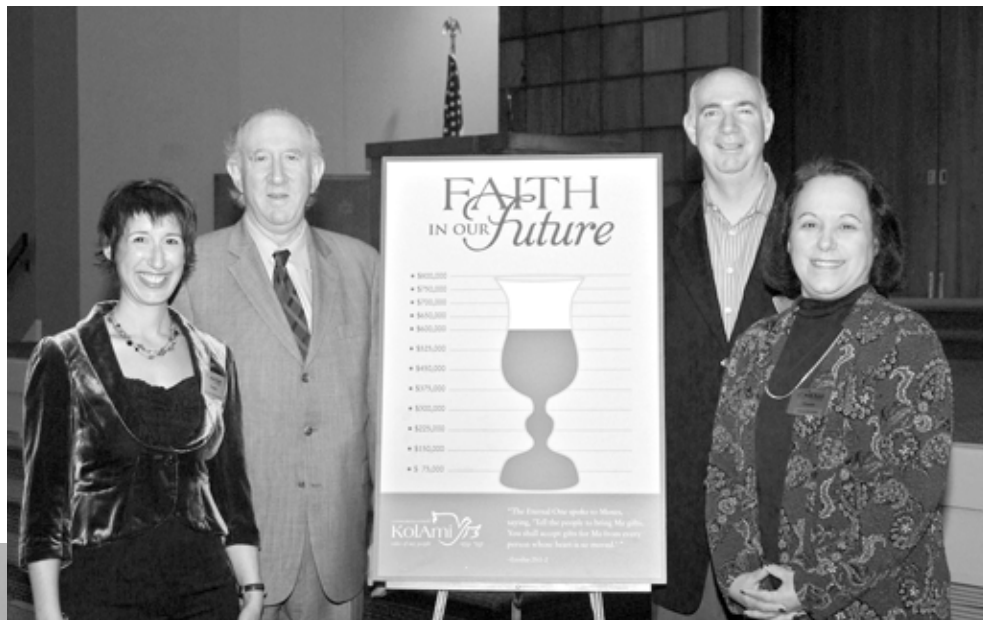
## MAZAL TOV

Congratulations to the following individuals on these joyous occasions:

- **Adena Johnston** for her promotion as President of the Philadelphia Metro of DeVry University.
- **Sam Langman** for being selected Student of the Month at Wissahickon Middle School for demonstrating good citizenship through acts of kindness, service, and hard work. Sam is in the sixth grade and is the son of Laurie and Chuck Langman and the brother of Becca (10) and Andy (6).
- **David and Lisa Petkun** on the marriage of their daughter, Emily Laura Petkun, to Dr. Michael Paul Ast on November 20. ■

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010 – “FAITH IN OUR FUTURE” KICKOFF EVENT

PHOTOS BY KENNY MOSS



**FIRST ROW:** JOE CONKLIN, WIP 610 RADIO PERSONALITY; JENNIFER STREITWIESER, RABBI ELLIOT HOLIN, BART WEINER, AND PRESIDENT ILENE SCHAFER / **SECOND ROW:** PHILLY KLEZMER ENTERTAIN OUR MEMBERS; NADINE LIEZ-WEINER, BILL HYMAN, AND JANINE PRATT DOING ISRAELI DANCING / **BOTTOM PHOTO:** MEMBERS ENJOYING THE GREAT MORNING BREAKFAST



# FAITH IN OUR FUTURE: A SPEECH



THE FOLLOWING IS A SPEECH DELIVERED BY ALYSSA SCHAFFER AT OUR KOL AMI KICK-OFF CELEBRATION ON DECEMBER 12. ALYSSA CELEBRATED HER BAT MITZVAH AND CONFIRMATION AT KOL AMI IN 2003 AND 2006 RESPECTIVELY AND IS NOW A JUNIOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE.

“‘This is so Kol Ami.’ Many of you have read this sentence in the pamphlets for our capital campaign, and I am here today to tell you the story behind this phrase and what it means to be a part of the Kol Ami family.

After having surgery a couple summers ago, my mother and I became worried about an oddity with the scars that developed. Being concerned as we were, we did not hesitate to call a friend in Kol Ami who is a surgeon. While on the phone, at nearly 9 o’clock on a week night, I could hear her lack of hesitation as she invited us to come over so she could help ease our minds. As my mom and I were walking up to our friend’s front door, I could not help but blurt out that this was “so Kol Ami.” My mom asked what I meant, and I had no trouble explaining that anyone in Kol Ami would not have hesitated to help our family and how uncommon this was in the world we live in.

I grew up surrounded by this synagogue and the families who so wanted it to thrive. As a part of the first class of students to complete every grade in the Hebrew school, I and my classmates had a unique vantage point to watch this family grow and accomplish our dreams. Our family wanted to flourish and encompass others in the area, and we wanted a home of our own. When we finally got this building in 2004, Kol Ami took on a whole new meaning. I have watched the small, close-knit group of families who met in B’Nai Israel become a widespread quilt of families all over the Northeast. Even with this growth, our love for one another, our community outreach, and our faith in the future has not faltered. ‘This is so Kol Ami.’

As a student who joined the Hebrew school during my first-grade year, I felt left out that I had missed out on the connection that my peers had built during the previous year. I also was the only student in my grade without a Hebrew name. I spoke to Rabbi Holin and my parents about why this was so and learned that I could choose my own Hebrew name and participate in a naming ceremony later in the year. Practicing for my naming ceremony began my connection with Rabbi Holin, one that has continued to grow. I will never forget how Rabbi Holin has led this synagogue, and even as a college student a full state away, he always asks about my classes and how I am doing when I am home. ‘This is so Kol Ami.’

My connection within the Kol Ami family does not simply run through my parents. I have grown my own relationships with many congregants as well. My place within this interwoven network has truly influenced who I am today. I, therefore, believe that Kol Ami is not simply a synagogue; it is the people who love each other. Kol Ami is an interwoven group of families that create a beautiful community. Kol Ami is not just the voice of my people; Kol Ami is my own voice as well.

And it is now my pleasure to introduce the next speaker and president of the congregation, my mother, Ilene Schafer.” ■



## **SUSTAINABILITY/ GREEN COMMITTEE**

The Sustainability/Green Committee is proud to announce that as of January 1, 2011, Kol Ami will recycle:

- Paper, Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, and Junk Mail
- Cardboard and Paperboard Boxes
- Containers:
  - Glass Food and Beverage
  - Aluminum Food and Beverage
  - Narrow and Wide-Mouth Plastic
- Milk and Juice Cartons

Our executive director, Elaine Stevens, contacted Waste Management on behalf of the committee and worked out an advantageous arrangement that not only benefits us financially, but also moves us forward in our quest to be as ecologically responsible as we can be.

We would like to thank Ethan Asam for all of his hard work in getting Kol Ami started on recycling and helping us move our dreams of a “green” congregation forward. ■

## **ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?**



Do you have friends and family on Facebook? Many of us would answer this question “yes.” We are asking Kol Ami members to use Facebook to promote our synagogue in a very simple way. If you are coming to a service, an event, or even a meeting or have recently attended one of the above, why not make a Facebook posting inviting others to join you or talking about how much you enjoyed an activity. If all of us who participate on Facebook did this, the immediate world would know how great and active our wonderful synagogue is. Let’s give it a try and see what happens. ■

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## **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

Please send articles by the 5th of the previous month (e.g., by January 5 for the February issue) to Debra Share, copy editor, at [debra\\_share@merck.com](mailto:debra_share@merck.com). Articles may be edited as needed. Photographs/images to be included should be at least 2x3" in size and 300 DPI resolution to ensure good reproduction. ■

## **FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

For Kol Ami's 16+ years, we have celebrated many firsts, and perhaps the best ones are about our people.



HANNAH COHEN

*L'dor v'dor* (translation "from generation to generation") captures much that we celebrate; for example, the transformation of Hannah Cohen from Kol Ami kindergarten student to Kol Ami kindergarten teacher is one we can all celebrate. She is our first to have gone through religious school, confirmation academy, and the I.M. Wise Program (for 11th and 12th graders) and then to have returned to us as a teacher.

"I didn't know I would be teaching at Kol Ami until just before the start of this school year," explains Hannah. "My transfer from Suffolk University in Boston to Drexel University here in Philadelphia wasn't confirmed until the very end of May, and I e-mailed Rabbi Kalev expressing interest in a job at Kol Ami, but warned her that I wouldn't know my schedule until later in the summer."

As the summer progressed and preparations began for the school year, it became clear that Hannah's availability was an opportunity we couldn't pass on. In mid-September, I was able to offer her the position. "I was excited—I had figured all the teaching positions had been filled." Hannah's resume was ideal preparation for teaching at Kol Ami or any reform synagogue. In addition to being a certified religious school teacher through the I.M. Wise Program, Hannah has been a part of URJ Camp Harlam since 2002, first as a camper for five years and then, after a summer in Israel, as a counselor-in-training and then a bunk counselor for eighth and ninth graders. Through Camp Harlam, she was awarded an Olim Fellowship, which is a leadership development program for first- and second-year staffers at URJ camps. "The benefits of the program were having direct relationships with camp directors, having more input, and being able to see things changed and improved," Hannah said. While in the program, she took part in retreats at Camp Harlam as well as at three other URJ camps: Crane Lake and Eisner (in the Berkshires) and Coleman (Atlanta). "In the first retreat, we spent time with the older staff, learning from them about being a counselor and the do's and don'ts. Our second retreat, after our first summer as counselors, was spent just with our group, enabling us to reflect on our experience and build new skills to apply in year two. The third retreat was spent with new counselors, where we were more of the teachers and leaders."

Hannah is a sophomore at Drexel University, studying fashion design and merchandising. She lives on campus and wakes up early every Sunday to take the train back to Elkins Park. "Of course, the one challenge I have is being sure I am up early every Sunday morning for school, as on occasion, there might be something fun happening at Drexel later on a Saturday night. But the sacrifices are certainly worth it." When I asked Hannah about her experience teaching

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (continued)

kindergarten so far, she had a lot to say. “The fun part is when we can be silly and make learning Hebrew and Judaica fun. The challenging part is keeping 5- and 6-year-olds engaged. I have to be sure there is always something going on, especially art projects for teaching the Hebrew letters. I’ll write the letter on the board, we’ll practice pronunciation, and then they’ll color a picture of the letter and something with the same sound. Then I’ll create a connect-the-dots illustration of the letter on the blackboard for them to trace. At *T’filab*, where they are just learning prayers, I’ve been thrilled to see them pointing out the letters they have learned. I also really enjoy having Josh Holin as my I.M. Wise student teacher. He is wonderful with the children. When I see the students learning so quickly, I feel like I am really helping them learn and initiating their Jewish education in a way that is fun and that I hope will keep them coming back for more.”

I see Hannah as yet another role model for our students, someone they relate to and from whom they are building a strong Jewish identity. “I realized when Rabbi Kalev offered me the job, I would be the first graduate of Kol Ami’s religious school to be a teacher here. I hope it shows I.M. Wise students that it can be done, that it’s worth doing, and that the job of teaching is fun. The advantage of following a path such as mine is that as a college student, a religious school teaching job is rewarding and pays pretty well, especially when compared to a retail job that college kids often have to take to make ends meet. I’ve found my own way to integrate Judaism into my life, and with this opportunity at Kol Ami, I hope I can share that with others.”

Hannah will be continuing this summer as a counselor at Camp Harlam, and we wish her well there, at Kol Ami, and in her studies at Drexel.

*B'Shalom*

Rabbi Selilah Kalev ■

## KOL AMI'S NURSERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



KOL AMI'S NURSERY SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING TREAT BEFORE THE WINTER BREAK

## KOL AMI TEMPLE YOUTH & SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

by Allison Savett, Youth Group Director

### KATY (GRADES 9-12)

We are planning a Dave and Buster's trip for this upcoming weekend! We will be trying our first “team-up” event with Keneseth Israel's Youth Group, KIFTY. We think this will increase our turnout and hopefully be the beginning of a good pairing—KIFTY and KATY. Also coming this month is NIFTY PA Region's WINSTY in Pittsburgh. We have a few KATY members heading out to represent us.

### SENIOR YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 6-8)

After the great success of our last two events—bowling in November followed by Chinese food and the 3D movie “Tangled” in December—we're planning a daytime skiing trip later this month in the Poconos and have invited all Senior Youth Group family members to join us! We expect this event to be extremely successful. We have a lot planned for the remainder of the year, and the SYG board has already begun preliminary talks about what fun events we can plan for next year. ■

## JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

by Rosalind Holtzman

Junior Youth Group Director (Grades 4-5)

***Tu B'Shvat* Tree Adventure at Morris Arboretum on Monday, January 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Celebrate the birthday of the trees, up in the trees! Join us for a morning at Morris Arboretum in Chestnut Hill, learning about trees while exploring the Out-on-a-Limb canopy walk 50 feet above the ground! It's fun for kids and the grown-ups too. What better way to get in touch with *Tu B'Shvat*? Watch for a flyer and more information coming home from religious school. ■





### REFLECTIONS

**Sunday, January 30, from 11:00 a.m. to Noon**  
**Instructor: Dr. Herb Barrett**

Join your fellow members as we discuss our personal connections to Judaism. In what ways does Jewishness shape our experiences, relationships, goals, choices, and beliefs?

Dr. Barrett, who is a member of our congregation, is a licensed psychologist and certified psychoanalyst. He was the psychologist for Harvard University's Education Development Center and the education director of MIT's Bridgeport Project. He was also the founding Education Director of Temple Israel Religious School in Westport, Connecticut.

Free to members; non-member registration is \$50.

### "MENU FOR THE FUTURE"

**Monday Nights beginning February 7**

Hazon CSA at Kol Ami and Creekside Coop will be co-sponsoring "Menu for the Future," a 6-week discussion course which is part of the Northwest Earth Institute Discussion series. The goals of this course are to explore food systems and their impacts on culture, society, and ecology; to gain insight into agricultural and individual practices that promote personal and ecological well-being, and

to consider each individual's role in creating or supporting sustainable food systems.

Registration by January 24 is required. The fee is \$23, which covers the cost of the discussion guides. To register, contact Rebecca Condict at [rcondict@hotmail.com](mailto:rcondict@hotmail.com) or 215-635-0128. A full description of this course can be found at [http://nwei.org/discussion\\_courses](http://nwei.org/discussion_courses). To learn more about Creekside Coop, go to <http://www.creekside.coop>.



### JOIN RABBI HOLIN AT THE 2011 AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE

**Sunday, May 22 - Tuesday, May 24 in Washington, DC**

In the months ahead, Iran will most likely continue to develop its nuclear program. The Islamic Republic will continue its efforts to smuggle weapons to its proxies, Hizballah and Hamas, adding to the weapons that already threaten Israel on two of its borders. At the same time, new members of Congress will be casting their first votes on issues that directly affect the U.S.-Israel relationship.

This three-day event gives us the unique opportunity to hear from Middle East scholars, as well as leading analysts and journalists from around the world, and to lobby members of Congress.

To learn more or to register for the conference, visit [www.aipac.org/PC2011](http://www.aipac.org/PC2011) or contact Rabbi Holin (215-635-4182) if you are interested in joining him at this important time on behalf of Israel. ■



# Kol Ami Scrip is up and running!

## **Raise money for Kol Ami with no selling.**

Scrip cards can be used for more than just a gift to family or friends; they can be purchased in addition to your weekly grocery shopping excursions. With the winter holidays approaching, here are just a few of the various gas/auto, travel, or other services available to everyone:

**Acme, Amazon.com, American Airlines, Avis, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, Best Western, Budget Rental Car, Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Courtyard Marriott, Dick's Sporting Goods, GameStop, Gap, Giant Foods, Home Depot, iTunes, Lowe's, Marshalls, Old Navy, Panera**

## **Bread, PetSmart, Regal Entertainment, Sears, T.J. Maxx, Visa**

Kol Ami receives a percentage (from 2 to 15 percent) back from each order placed. Each retailer has various valued Scrip cards available and have allocated a percentage we would receive back from ordered cards.

Kol Ami's Scrip program is for **everyone** in the congregation. There are over 600 additional retailers and services available.

## **The steps are simple:**

Select which retailers from whom you wish to order scrip cards.

Fill out the Kol Ami Scrip form. Order forms will be available either

in the religious school office or from Elaine Stevens during the week.

Forms will be collected each week on Sunday in the religious school or may be dropped off to Elaine Stevens during the week.

Orders will be processed and the scrip cards will be made available the following week for pickup.

It's very simple and a GREAT way to help Kol Ami from the convenience of your own shopping cart.

Any questions can be directed to Elaine Stevens or Kenny Moss and Heather Pelletier, co-chairs of the Religious School Activities Working Group. ■

## **SOCIAL ACTION: HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

### **WHAT'S COOKING?**

#### **Cook for a Friend!**

**Sunday, January 16, at noon**



Join us in the Kol Ami kitchen to help cook meals on the day before the Martin Luther King Day of Service. We will be making vegetarian lasagna for 50 people. The meals will be distributed the next day to homebound seniors in Philadelphia. This is part of the "Cook for a Friend" program, run by the Klein JCC, with the help of a grant from the Corporation for National Community Service, to serve this needy and growing population and to help seniors be able to stay in their homes.

The Cook for a Friend program is a community-based program of more than 500 volunteers who prepare, cook, and package meals for homebound seniors. Volunteer drivers deliver these meals weekly. The client population continues to grow as more and more seniors are unable to see to their

own needs. Close to 50,000 meals were delivered to elderly, frail, homebound seniors this past year.

If you cannot come that day, you can help by dropping off boxes of lasagna noodles or jars of meatless spaghetti sauce the week before. Any surplus will be donated to the *Mitzvah* food pantry at Beth Shalom. Contact Ronit Sugar at 215-208-7027 or [ronitsugar@gmail.com](mailto:ronitsugar@gmail.com) with questions.

### **IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!**

We are continuing our collection of winter clothing—both adult's and children's coats, hats, scarves, gloves, sweaters. Especially needed are BLANKETS. These will be distributed directly to the homeless in Philly. Please drop off your donations at the synagogue.

### **GIVE KIDS IN PHILLY A HEAD START**

This month we are collecting books for preschool children for a Head Start program in a Philadelphia public school. Please drop off new or gently used books at the collection box in our hallways outside the religious school classrooms. ■

# Kol Ami Events

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## FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT



Rabbi Holin's **Fast for Darfur**—which supports rescue efforts in Darfur—and **Nothing But Nets** fast—which supports URJ's project to purchase, distribute, and educate about the proper use of insecticide-treated family bed nets to prevent the spread of malaria in Africa—will be on **Thursday, January 6,** and **Wednesday, February 16.**

His **Phast for Philadelphia**—which 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—will be on **Wednesday, January 19,** and **Monday, February 28.**

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

### Commission on Social Action

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

### Save Darfur Coalition

3246 Solutions Center, Lockbox #773246  
Chicago, IL 60677

### 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 January Birthday & Anniversary Blessings  
Friday, January 7, at 7:30 p.m.

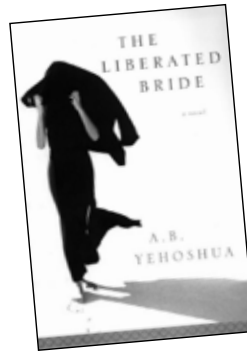
If you or someone in your family is celebrating a birthday or anniversary in January, please join us for a special First-Friday *erev Shabbat* service. Rabbi Holin will bless everyone with an December *simcha* under a *tallit* in front of the ark. Watch for your invitation for this special *Shabbat simcha*.

Rabbi Holin will continue to send personal letters to everyone celebrating a significant birthday or anniversary ending with 0 or 5 (for example, 40, 45). If you have a special 0 or 5 birthday or anniversary, you will be invited to participate in

any Friday service in "your" month by blessing the candles or *challah*, or reciting the *Kiddush*, or at any Saturday service that month by carrying or blessing the *Torah*.

## THE KOL AMI CONTEMPORARY JEWISH WRITERS BOOK GROUP

Sunday, January 9, 11:00 to Noon at the Synagogue,  
discussing "The Liberated Bride" by A.B. Yehoshua



Join award-winning poet and Kol Ami member Lou Barrett as she leads us in discussion about acclaimed writer and fourth-generation Israeli author A.B. Yehoshua's narrative about a morally inquisitive and often naïve Professor Yochanan Rivlin, of Haifa University.

In this novel, Professor Rivlin's wife, Hagit, a judge, is tolerant of almost everything except her husband's flaws.

When one of Professor Rivlin's students, an Arab bride from a village in the Galilee, is assigned to help him in his research, a two-pronged mystery develops. As they probe the causes of the Algerian civil war, Professor Rivlin becomes obsessed with his son's failed marriage and his young student-bride's activities. Rivlin's search leads to some improbable events.

This novel is at once serious and entertaining, and the author brilliantly portrays characters from disparate sectors of Israeli life, all of whom share the desire for, and fear of, political and, more broadly, human truths. Professor Rivlin's journey reveals rifts that divide families and nations and also gives a more in-depth look at the Arabs with whom he works. What is revealed to us is what is inescapable in human nature and in our modern world.

## LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI HOLIN

'Mishnah and More'

Tuesday, January 11, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

**BYOL: 'Jewish Nutrition' and refreshments will be provided as well**

What wisdom did rabbis in the second century of the Common Era offer about life, faith and the sanctity of relationships? Join Rabbi Holin as we explore selections of *Mishnah – Pirkei Avot* ("Chapters of the Fathers / Ancestors") to discuss what prompted specific writings and how they speak to us now.

## KOL AMI EVENTS (continued)

Call Rabbi Holin (215-635-4182) by January 2 so that he can send you the material that will be discussed in advance of the 'Lunch and Learn.'

## THIRD TUESDAY WITH RABBI HOLIN

**January 18 at 8:30 a.m.**

**at the West Avenue Grille in Jenkintown**

Join Rabbi Holin and other members of the congregation at this delightfully informal, hour-long breakfast as we chat about current events in the Jewish and secular world, new movies or books, or transitions in our lives. Please call Rabbi Holin (215-635-4182) by January 16 to reserve your seat.

## ISH TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m.**

**at the home of Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen**



**Question:** What's a group of people who are young at heart, have young children, or are fooling themselves into believing they are still young? **Answer:** It's ISH!

Wear your thinking caps and join us for Trivia Night and a Potluck Dinner. Please RSVP to Sherry at [shcohen361@verizon.net](mailto:shcohen361@verizon.net) by January 19.

## LOSS AND LEGACY: AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON GRIEF LEADING TO GROWTH

**Tuesday, February 1, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

Cheryl Rice Wohlstetter, a member of our congregation, is a leadership and life coach who has been personally attending to the rich and tumultuous experience of grief since losing her mother in April. She has a strong desire to be in community with others who are in the midst of this sacred journey.

This evening, she will welcome a gathering of people whose loved ones have died and who find themselves reflecting their journey through grief, loss, legacy, and perhaps discovery of more meaningful things in their lives. Questions such as "Who do I want to be as a result of my grief?" "What's important now?" and "What, if anything, does grief have to teach me?" will be the focal points of our discussion.

Please RSVP by January 27 to our executive director Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or [execdir@kolamielkinspark.org](mailto:execdir@kolamielkinspark.org).

## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

**Saturday, February 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

See page 12 for details and a form to pre-order food.

## IT'S BACK! MARTINI "ADULT-ONLY" HAVDALAH

**Saturday, February 12, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

We'll supply the hors d'oeuvres. You supply the mixers, mixing devices, and hard liquor. Beer and wine drinkers are most welcome too.



5:30 p.m. - Martinis and Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 p.m. - Singing & *Havdalah* Service

7:45 p.m. - Continued Celebration

Casual attire is appropriate for this service. Reservations are required. RSVP to Elaine Stevens at [execdir@kolamielkinspark.org](mailto:execdir@kolamielkinspark.org) or 215-635-3110 by February 8.

## EVENING ADULT YOGA CLASSES

For those new to or just starting yoga practices, classes will be held in our social hall on Mondays, 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. Ben Long, an Anusara-Yoga-influenced teacher at Yoga Evolution in Jenkintown, will teach the classes. The first class is Monday, January 3. The cost per class is \$5.00 for members; \$10 for non-members. Contact Ben at [BenL321@comcast.net](mailto:BenL321@comcast.net).

## SAVE THE DATES FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

All events are open to EVERYONE in the congregation.

**Bake Sales:** January 30 & February 27

**Family Game Night** (open to all ages): February 5

**Hoagie Sale:** February 6 on Superbowl Sunday

**Passover Candy Sale:** Order forms available in early March

Contact Kenny Moss (215-277-5335) or Heather Pelletier (215-855-3216), co-chairs of the Religious School Activities Working Group for more information.



## SAVE THE DATE: CASINO NIGHT

**Saturday, March 26, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. ■**



**Come One, Come All!**  
**Congregation Kol Ami**  
**Family Game Night: Saturday, February 5, 2010**  
5:30 pm -- 7:30pm



**\$25.00 per family**  
1 large Pizza  
4 Cookies  
4 drinks (juice/soda)  
(\$27.00 per family at the door)

**\$ 7.00 per single**  
2 slices of Pizza  
1 cookie  
1 drink (juice/soda)  
(\$8.00 per single at the door)

**Your FUN FILLED EVENING also Includes:**  
*2 Tickets for Wii Play (additional tickets for Wii available for purchase)*  
*Various "Game Stations" for kids and adults of all ages & Arts n Crafts*  
*Guess the number of candy in a jar &*  
*Tickets will be available for a raffle and a 50/50 raffle*

ALL Kol Ami members & friends are welcome to attend.

\*We are asking for donations of gently used or un-opened board games for our raffle/giveaway.

Please contact Heather Pelletier (215) 518-2912 , [hfppt1@gmail.com](mailto:hfppt1@gmail.com) or Kenny Moss (412) 526-2999  
[kenny.moss2@comcast.net](mailto:kenny.moss2@comcast.net) of the Religious School Activities Working Group with questions

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**Family Game Night: Saturday, February 5, 2010**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Hm Phone/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Family Packs \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Single Packs \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment/ Check \_\_\_\_\_ (Checks Payable to Kol Ami)

8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027

# Our Meditation Garden...



Hopefully by now you've seen Kol Ami's meditation garden, which was created through the efforts of a wonderful group of congregants. The garden's beautiful hard-scaped paths are accented by base plantings of perennials and native plantings and, in the spring, will be beautified with benches, additional ornamental plants, and a variety of annuals.

On behalf of Kol Ami, we thank everyone who has worked so hard up to this point for all of their efforts. We would also like to remind everyone that this garden is not a memorial or honorarium garden, but a meditative garden.

Although all appropriate donations are more than welcome, there will not be any memorial or honorary plaques added to benches or other items within the garden. It was never the intention to build a space for those types of additions, and we do not want there to be any confusion as the garden is finalized in the spring.

If there are any questions, feel free to contact Ilene Schafer at any time at 215-663-0228 or [president@kolamielkinspark.org](mailto:president@kolamielkinspark.org). ■

## ARTIST OF THE MONTH

**JOHN ADEN ALBRIGHT** had a fascination for light and shadow. He likes to observe shadow falling over objects, defining forms and volumes. He likes textures and patinas, surfaces that look old, worn, eroded, and distressed. From this came an interest in *trompe l'oeil* and the challenge of tricking the eye. To do this, he paints the subjects life size, in life-size settings. He further maintains the illusion by avoiding a picture frame and leaving the canvas to appear as an artifact.

He also likes to evoke a sense of mystery in his painting by making the subject timeless. He does this by trying to avoid giving clues that would tell the viewer when the scene is taking place. Is it ancient Pompeii or Miami Beach? Who



put those objects in that place and why? He would like the viewers to imagine their own narrative to answer these questions.

John's art will be on exhibit in the Kol Ami lobby from January 1 through February 7. All of the artist's works are for sale, and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the synagogue. If you are interested in purchasing a piece of art, the price list is available in the Executive Office. The gallery hours are Wednesday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If the religious school is closed on those days, the gallery is closed as well. ■





JANUARY 30, 2011

# Super Sunday

ONE PEOPLE  
ONE COMMUNITY  
ONE CAMPAIGN



On Super Sunday, Federation will once again bring together the Greater Philadelphia Jewish community to make and take calls that raise vital funds for Federation's Annual Campaign – the largest local campaign that provides critical funds to support Jews in need here, in Israel and in the Former Soviet Union.

**Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy at the Schwartz Campus of  
the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia in Bryn Mawr, PA**

**Two shifts: 9 am to 1 pm and 3 pm to 8 pm**

**Super Sunday 2011 Co-chairs:  
Michele & Robert Levin, Bryna & Fred Berman**

Super Sunday will provide a full day of philanthropy and fun, including children's programming provided by Jewish Family & Children's Services, LimmudPhilly learning sessions and an agency fair.

*Together, we can be the difference.*  
[jewishphilly.org/superweeks](http://jewishphilly.org/superweeks)

**For more information or to register call the  
Super Sunday hotline ► 215.832.0630.**

**\*Super Sunday Snow Date: February 27, 2011**




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# Scholarships, Grants & Summer Programs



## **CONGREGATION KOL AMI JEWISH SUMMER CAMP AND YOUTH-IN-ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIPS**

If your son or daughter plans to attend a Jewish summer camp in 2011, our congregation is pleased to award needs-based scholarships through the Youth Fund. Scholarship amounts are based on available funds and the number of requests received.

If your child plans to participate in a trip to Israel through a peer-led organization, we are pleased to offer incentive scholarships depending on the length of the trip. The Discover Israel Fund exists through the generosity of Steward and Sally Eisenberg.

Application forms are available by contacting our executive director, Elaine Stevens, at 215-635-3110 or [execdir@kolamielkinspark.org](mailto:execdir@kolamielkinspark.org).



## **JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, in partnership with the Neubauer Family Foundation and the Foundation for Jewish Camp, is pleased to once again offer incentive grants of up to \$1,000 for first-time campers going to Jewish overnight summer camps in the mid-Atlantic region.

If your child has never been to a Jewish overnight summer camp, you may be eligible for a grant. With over 45 regional camps to choose from—traditional and specialty—there's bound to be a place that's ideal for your child.

Camp registration for summer 2011 is already in full swing, so don't be left in the cold. To register for an amazing summer at camp now, go to [www.onehappycamper.org/hanukkah](http://www.onehappycamper.org/hanukkah) to apply for your grant. If you have any questions, please contact Drew Martin at 215-832-0530 or [dmartin@jfgp.org](mailto:dmartin@jfgp.org).



## **UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM (URJ) 6-POINTS SUMMER SPORTS ACADEMY FOR ATHLETES AGED 10 TO 16 YEARS**

This camp commenced last summer in Greensboro, NC, and has received rave reviews from campers and parents alike. Co-ed sports include basketball, soccer, swimming, tennis, baseball, lacrosse, and softball.

Summer sessions are June 21 to July 3, July 5 to 17, and July 19 to 31. Kol Ami parents Adam Hoffman and Lisa Landau will sing the camp's praises to you if you would like to speak with them. For information on how to register and to see their video, please visit [www.6pointsacademy.org](http://www.6pointsacademy.org). ■

## KOL AMI COMMITTEES & SOCIAL GROUPS

Join us! The committees and social groups described below offer the opportunity to become more involved. Take a moment to read this information and feel free to contact the chairperson(s) with any questions or to sign up.

### ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This committee promotes educational activities and programs for our congregation and the community, including our Continuing Jewish Education classes at Kol Ami with Rabbis Holin and Kalev and Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz, as well as programs with guest lecturers. Chairpersons: Michael Chernoff, 215-677-8896 or mchernoff@verizon.net and Alan Gershenson, 215-887-3994 or gershlaw1@comcast.net

### ART AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

The role of this committee is to define the aesthetic goals of the Congregation and to present design options that are consistent with those goals. The committee also monitors "The Gallery at Kol Ami," a monthly rotation of art by regional artists to grace our lobby walls, and supervises artwork installations, scheduling, and show openings. Chairperson: Karol Appel, 215-938-9330, a1karol@comcast.net

### CARING CONGREGANTS COMMITTEE

This committee reaches out to members in times of celebration, sympathy, life-cycle events, and transitions (birthdays, births, hospitalizations, death, or extraordinary need) and develops activities to sustain this important outreach. This program provides a consistent means for members to recognize and respond to one another during important times in each other's lives. Chairpersons: Elaine Gershenson, 215-887-3994 or gershlaw@comcast.net, and Mindy Levy, 215-885-3672 or artb4wors@verizon.net

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee is charged with monitoring the financial position of the synagogue. Included in this process are: evaluating of financial statements, creating the annual budget, monitoring performance versus budget, providing cost control, analyzing dues structure, fund-raising, overseeing all insurance matters, maintaining banking relationships and interacting with our banks, analyzing and maintaining fund accounts, and creating strategic partnerships. Chairperson: Bart Weiner, 215-233-4712 or bart.weiner@gmail.com

### INTERFAITH RELATIONSHIP DIALOGUE

This committee provides an inclusive and open environment to discuss challenges unique to interfaith relationships, provides programming to educate and address interfaith issues, and welcomes new interfaith couples/families to the congregation. Chairpersons: Julie Cohen, 215-635-4716 or julie@juliecohencoaching.com, and Nigel Blower, 215-635-4716 or nigel.blower@itevcorp.com

### ISH

This group is a fun way for young-ish (young at heart, people with young children, or those who are fooling themselves into believing they are still young) congregants to spend time together and create social relationships with each other. Many synagogue activities revolve around families and their children; this group organizes activities based on collective adult interests and provides opportunities to build relationships. Past events have included ice skating, a poker night, a hayride, and a wine-tasting event. Participants are diverse in life stages, some are married or in committed relationships, some have families, some are single. All are interested in building community within

our congregation and growing together. Chairpersons: Sheryl Cohen, 215-885-2436 or shcohen361@verizon.net and Heather Pelletier, 215-885-3216 or hfppt1@gmail.com

### IT / TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

This committee advises the congregation on technology issues including: procuring equipment, maintaining the Kol Ami Web site, and establishing and maintaining general technology support. Chairpersons: Ellen Asam, 215-635-5598 or basam@comcast.net, and David Chamberlain, 215-635-1738 or dschamberlain@comcast.net

### KNIT 'N NOSH

This group welcomes people who crochet, needlepoint, or knit at any level to join them on Sunday mornings during Religious School hour to enjoy the camaraderie and a potluck knosh. Chairperson: Pamela Marquette, 215-906-7304 or pmarquette@weichert.com

### LADIES OF A CERTAIN AGE (LOCA)

This group provides opportunities for women 50ish and older to spend time together and build relationships. Activities include cultural outings in and around Philadelphia and lots of opportunities to schmooze at food-centered events, such as themed potluck and *Shabbat* dinners. As participants get to know each other better, individuals within the group may discover mutual interests such as opera or ecology, which they can explore together. Chairpersons: Natalie Dyen, 215-657-4124 or nat.dyen@verizon.net; Jean Ettinger, 215-635-3623 or jeanettinger@gmail.com; and Elaine Gershenson, 215-887-3994 or gershlaw@comcast.net

### LANDSCAPE AND PROPERTY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for the groundskeeping and various beautification projects, including the development of additional property uses, e.g., meditation garden. Chairperson: Guy Appel, 215-938-9330 or gappel@interphaseme.com

### LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The mission of this committee has been to work with the Operations Committee and others to develop, organize, and oversee the creation and installation of a library for use by adults and children, and to plan for its usage by members of the congregation. Chairpersons: Mike Chernoff, 215-677-8896 or mchernoff@verizon.net, and Lee Laden, 215-582-9642 or leeladen@comcast.net

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee works to identify prospective members and encourages them to join our dynamic and intimate community through maintaining contact, inviting participation, and sharing knowledge of the synagogue. The committee also oversees programs designed to retain members. Chairperson: Irene Levy Baker, 215-782-2253 or spotlightpr@comcast.net

### OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for developing policies and procedures for operating the facility which includes, but is not limited to: facility issues, personnel concerns, and regulatory and risk-management issues. Chairpersons: Guy Appel, 215-938-9330 or gappel@interphaseme.com, and Benjamin Long, 215-635-4751 or BenL321@comcast.net

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WORKING GROUP

The primary function of this group is to support the school-wide programming within the religious school and to run fund-raising events. This group also provides the help needed for such events as the *Hanukkah* bash, the Passover learning day, and Bingo Night. The group meets once a month during religious-school hours. Chairpersons: Kenny Moss, 215-277-5335 or kenny.moss2@comcast.net, and Heather Pelletier, 215-855-3216 or hfppt1@gmail.com

### SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

This committee develops programs to address the needs or alleviate the suffering of individuals in our local community, the nation, and the world. The committee also strives to develop relationships with local Jewish community organizations and interfaith groups. Chairperson: Ronit Sugar, 215-635-0390 or ronitsugar@gmail.com

### SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP

The Spiritual Growth Group provides a welcome, intimate, and un-intimidating way to explore God and spirituality. In a dialogue with Rabbi Holin, they study and discuss Jewish liturgy as well as the writings of Jewish philosophers and theologians. We engage in down-to-earth discussions about spirituality in our lives and use a multi-faceted approach to our exploration of faith, including creative writing and listening to music. This group has developed creative services for the congregation, and our members have presented *dvar Torahs* at *Shabbat* services. Chairpersons: Natalie Dyen, 215-657-4124 or nat.dyen@verizon.net, and Janet Falon, 215-635-1698 or jfalton@english.upenn.edu

### SUSTAINABILITY / GREEN COMMITTEE

This committee develops and provides educational, action, and advocacy programs on sustainability issues and topics, in liaison with other standing committees and in coalition with the Jewish Climate Change Campaign and other Jewish organizations. It also provides policy recommendations that promote efficient, economic, and sustainable practices to our Board of Trustees. Chairperson: Mark Kaplan, 215-635-2920, sustainability@kolamielkinspark.org

### WORSHIP ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

This committee is charged with understanding the worship needs of all our congregants; and it develops ideas and recommendations on how best to meet those needs, within the limits of our by-laws and in conjunction with the Rabbi's guidance. In addition, the committee is accountable for the ongoing development and quality of the worship experience (*Shabbat* and High Holy Days) including music/choirs, use of the Sanctuary and Chapel, integration of our prayer book, *Mishkan T'filah*, dedicated youth services, and any other ideas for improving the worship experience and attracting more congregants to worship. Chairpersons: Jeff Cohen, 215-635-3232 or jeffcohen.performanceleaders@verizon.net, and David Hyman, 215-496-7224 or dhyman@kleinbard.com ■

# KOL AMI JANUARY 2011 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>Shabbat Service</b> 10:00 a.m.
<b>2</b> <b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> <b>Winter Break</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Yoga <b>Adult Yoga Class</b> 6:45 p.m.	<b>4</b> <b>Nursery School</b> 9:00 a.m. - Fitness	<b>5</b> <b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Programming <b>Religious School</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Grade 10 Only Confirmation Class</b> 6:00 p.m. No Grade 8 or 9 Students	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Nursery School</b> <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>First-Friday</b> <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Participation	<b>8</b> <b>Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue</b> 10:00 a.m.
<b>9</b> <b>Trope Class</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b> 9:50 a.m. <b>Religious School</b> <b>10:00 a.m. to Noon</b> 10:00 a.m. - Family Education Program for Grades K-2 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal <b>Casino Night Planning Committee Meeting</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Contemporary Jewish Writers Book Group</b> with Lou Barrett 11:00 a.m.	<b>10</b> <b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Yoga <b>Adult Yoga Class</b> 6:45 p.m.	<b>11</b> <b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Fitness <b>Lunch &amp; Learn</b> with Rabbi Holin 12:30 p.m. <b>Craft Show</b> <b>Committee Meeting</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>12</b> <b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Program Specialist <b>Religious School</b> 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. <b>Teen-Led Service Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>13</b> <b>Adult Education Committee Meeting</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>14</b> <b>Nursery School</b> <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>Children's-Family</b> <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 7:00 p.m. "Show & Qvell" for Grades K-2	<b>15</b> <b>Shabbat Service</b> 10:00 a.m. Neal Beatus will deliver the <i>dvar Torah</i>



# KOL AMI JANUARY 2011 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
<b>16</b>	<b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> Martin Luther King Wknd Social Action Committee "Cook for A Friend" for Martin Luther King Day of Service - 12:00 p.m. Panim-El-Panim Washington, DC	<b>17</b>	<b>NO NURSERY SCHOOL</b> Martin Luther King Wknd Junior Youth Group Tu B'Shvat Adventure at Morris Arboretum 11:00 a.m. Adult Yoga Class 6:45 p.m.	<b>18</b>	Third Tuesday with Rabbi Holin 8:30 a.m. West Avenue Grille Jenkintown <b>Nursery School</b> 9:00 a.m. - Fitness	<b>19</b>	<b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Programming <b>Religious School</b> 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	<b>20</b>	<b>Sustainability/Green Committee Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m.
<b>21</b>	<b>Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 7:30 p.m. Student Choir Participation	<b>22</b>	<b>Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>ISH</b> Trivia Night and Potluck Dinner 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nigel Blower & Julie Cohen	<b>23</b>	<b>Trope Class - 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Adult Choir - 9:50 a.m.</b> <b>Religious School</b> 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:00 a.m. - Grades K-3 Trip to Morris Arboretum 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir 12:30 p.m. - IMWise Students with Rabbi Holin <b>Religious School</b> <b>Activities Working Group</b> Meeting - 10:00 a.m. <b>Worship Enhancement</b> <b>Committee Meeting</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>Tu B'Shvat Celebration</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Yoga <b>Adult Yoga Class</b> 6:45 p.m. <b>Social Action Committee</b> <b>Meeting</b> 7:15 p.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Fitness
<b>26</b>	<b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Programming <b>Religious School</b> 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	<b>27</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Programming <b>Religious School</b> 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	<b>29</b>	<b>Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>30</b>	<b>SUPER SUNDAY</b> <b>BAKE SALE</b> <b>Trope Class - 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Adult Choir - 9:50 a.m.</b> <b>Religious School</b> 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:00 a.m. Gr 4-5 Family Education Program 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir <b>Continuing Jewish</b> <b>Education - "Reflections"</b> w/Herb Barrett - 11:00 a.m. <b>Religious School Staff</b> <b>Development Meeting</b> 12:00 p.m.
<b>31</b>	<b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Yoga <b>Adult Yoga Class</b> 6:45 p.m.								

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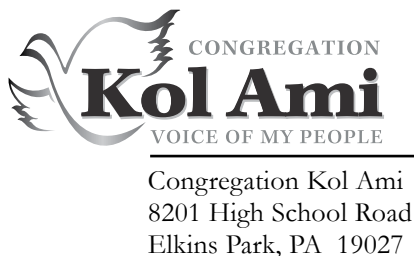
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Each year, we recognize an organization or key player of an organization who has contributed to *Tikun Olam* (healing the world) and honor the winning organization with a monetary contribution. Please consider nominating a group or a leader worthy of this recognition. Activities need not be focused on the Jewish community, and nominees need not be Jewish. The winner will be honored at an upcoming *erev Shabbat* service.

Nominations should include the name of the organization or individual and a brief description of the relevant activities. Please send your nominations to Karin Kaplan, Chair, Kol Ami *Tikun Olam* Committee 2011, by e-mail at [kaplank@comcast.net](mailto:kaplank@comcast.net). Questions can be directed to Karin at 215-635-2920.

Prior award-winners include: MAZON (2010), Hazon (2008), and CONCERN (2007). ■

