# An Intimate And Dynamic Community

# **WORSHIP SERVICES**

# FRIDAY, January 6, 7:30 p.m.

"New-Member" *erev Shabbat* Service plus 'First-Friday' birthday and anniversary blessings in front of the ark; our Adult Choir will add their voices

**SATURDAY, January 7, 10:00 a.m.** *Bar Mitzvah* of Benjamin Hunter Mass (see page 7)

FRIDAY, January 13, 7:30 p.m. erev Shabbat Service

**SATURDAY, January 14, 10:00 a.m.** *Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, January 20, 7:30 p.m. erev Shabbat Service

**SATURDAY, January 21, 10:00 a.m.** *Bar Mitzvah* of Benjamin Glatter Moss (see page 7)

**FRIDAY**, January 27, 7:00 p.m. *erev Shabbat* Service; we will pray with our Grade 3-6 students and learn from them

### **SATURDAY**, January 28

**10:00 a.m.** - *Shabbat* Service; our Grade 8 students will share their thoughts and engage us in dialogue about "How Jewish values can be applied to contemporary issues" **5:30 p.m.** - "Adults-Only" Martini *Havdalah* (see page 13) ■

# **MITZVAH OPPORTUNITIES:** DON'T MISS THESE THREE!

Please join us and lend a hand! Below are a few opportunities to reach out and enrich the lives of others who struggle daily to feed their families or keep a roof over their heads. For more information about or to RSVP for these events, contact Ronit Sugar, Social Action Committee chair, at 215-208-7027 or ronitsugar@gmail.com.



# **COOK FOR A FRIEND**

Sunday, January 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Congregation Kol Ami

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

# JEWISH RELIEF AGENCY

Come out and help sort, pack, and deliver food to needy families on Sunday, January 15, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Jewish Relief Agency Food Distribution Center

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

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

Directions to the JRA Warehouse

10980 Dutton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154 / Phone: 215-281-1101

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# TORAH & HAFTARAH

**January 7** - *Vayehi* Genesis 47:28-50:26 I Kings 2:1-12

January 14 - Sheymote Exodus 1:1-6:1 Isaiah 27:6-28:13

**January 21** - *Vaera* Exodus 6:2-9:35 Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

**January 28** - *B*<sub>0</sub> Exodus 10:1-13:16 Jeremiah 46:13-28 ■

# **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

# Caring Congregant Committee

Sunday, January 29, 11:00 a.m. Co-chairs: Elaine Gershenson, 215-887-3994; Mindy Levy, 215-885-3672

### **Craft Show Committee**

Thursday, January 5, 7:30 p.m. Chair: Ellen Horowitz Matz, 215-635-5426

# Membership Committee

Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. Chair: Irene Levy Baker, 215-782-2253

### **Operations Committee**

Wednesday, January 4, 7:30 p.m. Co-chairs: Guy Appel, 215-938-9330, and Jeff Cohen, 215-635-3232

# **Religious School Committee**

Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m. Chair: Sheryl Cohen, 215-885-2436

# **Religious School PTO**

Sunday, January 22, 10:00 a.m. Co-chairs: Kenny Moss, 215-277-5335, and Heather Pelletier, 215-855-3216

# **Social Action Committee**

Monday, January 9, 7:15 p.m. Chair: Ronit Sugar, 215-635-0390 ■

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

hen was the last time that you attended a Saturday morning *Torah* dialogue service? Whatever your theological leanings, I'm confident that you will enjoy and learn from the experience. The lessons of the Hebrew Bible are inspiring regardless of one's religiosity.

The *Torah* and Judaism have had a profound impact on Western values. This influence crosses the boundary of religious life and permeates our secular public square. My favorite example comes from the *Mishnah* (Oral Law), where it is explained why G-d created only one set of parents for humankind. An explanation is necessary because, in the previous days of Creation, G-d created "swarms" of animals, varieties of vegetation, and multiple bodies of water.

So why only one man and one woman? The explanation is powerful. G-d did this "for the sake of peace among people, that one should not say to his or her fellow, my parent is greater than yours." Since we all originally come from one set of parents, no one can claim, "my father was greater than your father." In contrast to the ancient pagan worlds of battling gods, the One G-d of the Jewish Bible establishes all humankind as family with common parents.

This example is evidence that one need not be an observant Jew to be touched by Judaism's wisdom. In contrast to the pre-Biblical world, today religious and non-religious people alike generally adopt the view that no race is "greater than another." Thus perhaps unbeknownst to most holding Western values, an underpinning of many of our commonly held views is the Jewish Bible.

American history supports this point. The Founders were inspired by the Jewish Bible, and viewed America as a Second Israel. Thomas Jefferson wanted the seal of the United States to portray the seminal Jewish Exodus Story as the symbol of the United States with a depiction of the Jews leaving Egypt. The Liberty Bell is inscribed with the words from Leviticus: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." Monotheism, introduced to the world by *Torah*, was the inspiration for our Founders' mission for liberty. And so they wrote in their "Declaration of Independence," "... that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights...."

My experience tells me that even the most secular people cite and are affected by *Torah*. Consider the values offered by the following Biblical references:

- Man does not live by bread alone.
- Am I my brother's keeper?
- Pride goes before a Fall.
- Justice, Justice, You shall pursue.

These are just a few of the most common examples of *Torah* values that have received general acceptance. In his book, "Jewish Literacy," Rabbi Joseph Telushkin asserts: "Our values in every area of life, even if we have never seen

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# FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

uring the first trimester of our religious school's Confirmation Academy, students in the eighth grade join me to study a field of Jewish literature called "Responsa." Between the years 750-1050, Jews living in the Diaspora turned to scholars by writing them letters asking for clarification about matters that touched on Jewish life: theological, practical, medical and ethical. The exchange of letters sought advice based on *halacha*, and the answers ("responsa") are a little known, but fascinating part of the Jewish literary tradition. How were new challenges to be resolved in the light of ancient teachings and practices? The Reform Movement has published Responsa since 1955 and our class discussed selections that address medical-ethical issues, Jewish identity and continuity, as well as synagogue practices.

At our *Shabbat* morning service on <u>Saturday, January 28</u>, we will be inspired by our eighth grade students who will share their thoughts in response to a question that was asked during the height of North America's Save Soviet Jewry movement, born 44 years ago: "A Jewish community-at-risk in the Soviet Russia (now the Former Soviet Union) wishes to know whether a photographed copy of a *Torah* may be used at regular services. The congregation does not possess a *Torah* Scroll. It may be possible for one to be brought to them by visitors from the United States; however, if the apartments in which families gather to pray and read *Torah* are raided by the police—praying publicly at the synagogue is a great risk since one would be identified as a Jew by the secret police—the *Torah* scroll will be confiscated. May a photographed scroll be used?"

Human rights activist Natan Sharansky writes about those days in the mid-1960s when life was made difficult for Soviet Jews: "Growing up in communist Russia, the narrative of the Jewish people, biblical or otherwise, was almost completely unknown to me. This was not by accident. The Communist regime had declared a decades-long war against Jewish identity in all its forms. Our synagogues and schools were shut down. Any public expression of Jewish identification was met with swift and savage punishment. The regime's steady steamrolling of Jewish consciousness seemed unstoppable and destined to result in the total extinction of our community. Moreover, any chance of reconnecting with our Jewish brothers and sisters beyond the Iron Curtain seemed as likely as the parting of the

Red Sea. All this changed, however, in June 1967, with Israel's astounding victory in the Six Day War...Our newfound identification with the Jewish state inspired a heroic few among us to break their



silence for the first time and to demand freedom from Soviet oppression and citizenship in Israel."

Those who proudly and publicly petitioned for the right to emigrate as Jews did so at tremendous risk. They came to be called "refuseniks" because they refused to deny their heritage and demonstrated their desire to leave a country that championed anti-Semitism. Those who took the greatest risks were accorded the greatest respect by many who followed in their heroic footsteps. They were fired from their jobs: physicians, attorneys, scientists, and educators were fortunate to find positions as janitors. They were pilloried in public. The KGB was a constant and threatening presence in synagogues, essentially forcing Jews to worship clandestinely in apartments. Meeting times and places were relayed word-of-mouth by a trusted few to Jewish compatriots who bridled against restrictions and repression. They met in secret to pray, and they sent out messages to the free world that described what they endured.

"Free Soviet Jewry" banners were placed on the exterior walls of synagogues throughout America. American Jews took up their cause, wrote letters, met with politicians—the 1974 Jackson-Vanik amendment was a direct product of efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry—and were at the forefront of those who championed the cause of a beleaguered people. The question with which the students wrestled—at risk of bringing a *Torah* into the Former Soviet Union only to have it confiscated, might a photographed one be used instead?—is complex because it touches on the notion of holiness as well as pragmatic concerns fraught with risk and reward.

Almost half a century later, the question intrigues us. Join us on January 28 to hear how our students responded to it and join us to discuss your thoughts about it.

Shalom u'vrachah, Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

### **SOCIAL ACTION** (continued from page 1)

To JRA Warehouse from points south via Roosevelt Boulevard (Route 1):

- Take Route 1 North.
- After you pass Red Lion Road, turn RIGHT at the fourth traffic light onto Comly Road and continue for 1.2 miles.
- Turn RIGHT onto Dutton Road.

## From Center City:

- Take Route 676 to I-95N.
- Take exit 35 to merge onto PA-63W/ Woodhaven Road.
- Take the exit toward Academy Road.
- Merge onto Woodhaven Road W.
- Turn LEFT at Academy Road.
- Turn RIGHT at Comly Road and continue for .2 miles.
- Turn left onto Dutton Road.

# <u>JRAID</u>

JRAid was created as a JRA project in 2011 to provide services to the community beyond the agency's monthly food-distribution program.

Whether someone is unemployed, underemployed, or disabled, gaps in many programs often leave people without the ability to properly care for themselves, their families, and their homes. With fixed or limited income and scarce contact with family, seniors are especially vulnerable. JRAid works to directly connect volunteers with opportunities to help families in need while also allowing users to customize the way they give their time and money, answering simple requests with simple solutions.

To view the volunteer options, go to www.jewishrelief.org and click on the "JRAid" link. Choose one or more of the posted "gigs," and answer the request! For instance, you can drive someone to a medical appointment or to the grocery store, assist with simple home repairs or cleaning, give advice, or just have a phone conversation with a lonely senior.

# FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

### **COMING THIS JANUARY...**

Don't miss a moment of these exciting opportunities:

- January 8 Grade 7 Family Education Day. The seventh-grade families are invited to begin the new semester on a high note and spend the morning learning and exploring together.
- January 27 Grades 3 through 6 *Shabbat*. Sing, pray, and celebrate with the families of the third through sixth grades as our students lead us in learning, and we share the beauty of a Friday-night service.
- January 28 Grade 8 Shabbat Morning Service. Come join our eighth grade students as they lead us in a morning of thoughtful learning.
- January 29 Mid-year Parent Meeting. Please join me for a "mid-year check-in" before I head out of town for the month of February. Be sure to be there to share your thoughts and to hear our plans for coverage and curriculum. The year has gotten off to a great start, and it's only going to get better from here.

*B'Shalom*, Rabbi Selilah Kalev ■

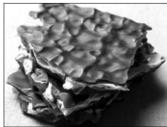
# **ALL-SCHOOL EREV SHABBAT & CONSECRATION SERVICE HELD**



Proud parents hold the *tallit* for our four new religious school students—(L-R) Charlotte Reading, Elad Shoham, Gia Schmidt, and Lily Beatus—at our *erev Shabbat* and Consecration Service on December 9.

# PASSOVER CANDY SALE FOR OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL





Help support our terrific Religious School and satisfy you and your *Seder* host's sweet tooth by ordering your Passover candy during our upcoming fund-raising drive. Brochures will be distributed through the Religious School. A variety of offerings will be available, featuring products from Bartons. All your favorites, including macaroons, chocolate matzo, and almond butter crunch, will be on sale. Prices start under \$10. Orders will be accepted through March 4 and will be delivered in time for your Passover celebration.

Please visit our Web site for instructions on ordering candy online. Hard-copy order forms can also be picked up in the Religious School Office or Executive Office. Contact Kenny Moss

(215-277-5335) or Heather Pelletier (215-855-3216), co-chairs of the Religious School PTO Group. ■

# KOL AMI TEMPLE YOUTH (KATY) (GRADE 8-12)

Coming up this month, we are heading to WINSTY, the NFTY-sponsored Social Action Kallah (group get-together) of the winter. We are also going to try to attend the Shul-In at TEFTY, Temple Beth Emmanuel, in South Jersey, in case some of our members don't get to go to WINSTY.

And 2012 is looking up for us, as we are trying to collaborate on some events with both MALTY (Main Line Reform Temple) and the more local KIFTY (Keneseth Israel.) Save the date for a ski trip on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>February 19</u>, to which all members of Senior Youth Group (SYG) and KATY are invited. ■

# SENIOR YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 6-8)

Last month was very full, leading right into what will clearly be a great year in 2012 for the Senior Youth Group (SYG). The SYG-ers who joined us for the weekend away in early December all had an amazing time at the Junior Youth Kallah, a NFTY-sponsored event at Camp Harlam, where they made friends from both local and distant congregations.

We are looking forward to an awesome year in 2012, and don't forget to save the date for our second annual ski trip, which will be on <u>Sunday, February 19!</u> But before that, we plan to have a rematch of last year's laser tag event on <u>Sunday, January 22</u>. Mark your calendar and watch for a flyer with full details of the event.

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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the inside of a synagogue or church, are suffused with biblical concepts and images."

This leads me to a final plug for our *Torah* dialogue. Rabbi Holin's Saturday 10:00 a.m. services include fascinating and educational discussions inspired by the Weekly *Torah* Portion (*Parsha*). Whether you are convinced that G-d authored every word of the Bible or you doubt G-d's existence, these discussions will engage you. Whatever its source, the wisdom found in the *Torah* can be life altering.

David Hyman 215-496-7224 president@kolamielkinspark.org

# MAZAL TOV

Congratulations to **Jacob Boise** and **Leah Cohen** on their acceptance to the Satel Teen Fellowship for Leadership and Social Activism, which will culminate in a trip to Israel in the summer of 2012.

# CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences in loving memory of:

# Jerry Davidoff

cousin of Joel Fishbein (Rachel Ezekiel-Fishbein)

### **Byron Schader**

husband of the late Gay Schader

### Eleanor Smolen Klieman

cousin of Shari Johnson

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

# 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 2012, 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.



# 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 2012 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 to apply for your grant. If you have any questions, please contact Drew Martin at 215-832-0530 or dmartin@jfgp.org.



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

This camp commenced two summers ago 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 19 to July 1, July 3 to 15, and July 17 to 29. Kol Ami parents Adam Hoffman and Lisa Landau as well as Chris and Lori Cavallucci 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.

# BAR MITZVAH OF BENJAMIN HUNTER MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, AT 10:00 AM



Ben is in the seventh grade at Abington Friends School. His favorite subjects are math, because it concentrates on numbers, not letters; and social studies, because he can present any theory he wishes for the sake of discussion. For his *Mitzvah* Project, Ben collected new and gently used baseball equipment

and donated it to "Pitch for Baseball," an organization that distributes baseball equipment to underprivileged children throughout the world.

"My most memorable Jewish experience was being in Kindergarten in our Hebrew School because it was a lot of fun and I learned a lot. If I had not started Hebrew School in Kindergarten, I probably would not understand Judaism as well as I do now.

"My favorite prayers are the *Borchu* and the *Avote v'Imahote*. I like the *Borchu* because it symbolizes the beginning of a service, which is when I calm down and think about everything that is going on in my life. I also think about my goals in life and what is good, as well as the improvements that I can make. The *Borchu* says, "This is the time to forget about your stresses, and just settle into the service." It reminds me that I owe eternal thanks to the people who make my life so much fun and who keep me healthy and educated.

"I like the Avote v'Imahote because it is a prayer of remembrance for our ancestors: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel. This prayer reminds us that no matter how bad things can be, you are to never forget your ancestors who helped build Judaism and who helped make it what it is today. It is also a reminder for me to remember not only our ancestors in the Torah, but also my parents, grandparents and great-grandparents for granting the gift of life.

"I chose to chant verses from Genesis 48:8-20 in my *Torah* Portion because they talk about family. Israel— the renamed Jacob—was pleasantly surprised when his son, Joseph, walked in with his own sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. Israel never thought that he would live long enough to meet his grandchildren, but here he was face to face with them. Even though he was almost blind, he found both of them and put his hands on top of each child's head to bless him, but then he suddenly crossed his arms and put his right hand on the head of the youngest child, Ephraim, and his

left hand on the head of the older child, Manasseh. Since the right hand was to have been placed on the head of the eldest child, Joseph thought that his father had mixed them up because he could barely see. He lifted his father's hands to place each on the head of the child in the proper way, but his father again placed his hands as they had been before, explaining to Joseph that while Manasseh would be great, Ephraim would be even better, which is why he placed his right hand on Ephraim's head. Then Israel blessed the boys, saying, 'May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh,' which has become the traditional blessing that fathers give their sons."

We congratulate Ben's parents, Larry and Chris, and his brother, Noah. ■

# BAR MITZVAH OF BENJAMIN GLATTER MOSS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, AT 10:00 AM



Ben is in the seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School. His favorite subjects are science, social studies, and flute because he enjoys them and learns the most in them.

His *Mitzvah* Project raised money for the Montgomery County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

(SPCA) so that the animals can be cared for, and through this *mitzvah*, he learned that one can always do something to help others.

"I enjoy being Jewish because my religion offers me so many things: a different language, multiple skills, and lots of fun.

"I chose to read my verses (Exodus 6:26-7:7) from this week's *Torah* Portion because it made me think about why God would stiffen Pharaoh's heart to show him God's power, when Pharaoh was already bad and deserving of punishment.

"One of the lessons that I can apply from the *Torah* Portion to my life is based on Moses' response to God's demand that he tell Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go, and Moses said he could not do it because he gets tongue-tied. God replied that Aaron would speak for him, so I think one lesson is that we can stand up to do something right if we put our minds to it."

We congratulate Ben's parents, Sandy and Kenny, and his brother, Abe. ■

Don't miss these enlightening opportunities for Adults at Kol Ami...

# Continuing Jewish Education

# Tastes of Honey: Sample the Wonders of Jewish Wisdom Literature



Instructor: Rabbi Elliot Holin Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Join Rabbi Holin on the following Wednesdays to delve into Jewish texts and teachings that stimulate thought and have the potential of enriching your life:

Date	Writings/Works
January 18	The Book of Job, part 1: "The Lord has given, and the Lord has taken" (1:21)
January 25	The Book of Job, part 2: "The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind" (38:1)
February 15	Selected works of Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai, part 1
February 22	Selected works of Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai, part 2

Please call Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182 by <u>January 4</u> to RSVP for the January classes.

### LOOK FOR MORE CLASSES

We're excited about the adult education offerings in this bulletin. If you have a topic of interest or know of an instructor with relevant courses, please let us know so that we can consider it for upcoming offerings. Contact Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182.

# **Jewish Ethics for Everyday Life**

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

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

Date	Writings/Works
February 1	"The Robin Hood Dilemma": Taking the law into one's own hands
March 14	"Nothing but the Truth": When is lying permitted?
April 4	"Survivor: Who Gets to Live?": Choosing one life over another in medical treatment
May 2	"When the Hand Rocks the Cradle": How long do parents bear responsibility for their children?

Rabbi Alexander Coleman, a native of Liverpool, England, received his education from *yeshivas* in Jerusalem and New York. For the past 15 years, he has dedicated himself to Jewish education and spiritual counseling in the Philadelphia area, offering classes and one-on-one mentorship on Jewish philosophy, spirituality, law, and ethics as well as text-based classes on *Chumash*, *Talmud* and other classic works.

His classes on Jewish law and ethics are accredited by the PA Continuing Legal Education Board. CLE confirmation forms will be provided at the class and all CLE processing will be handled by the presenter, and entails a separate fee.

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

Please RSVP by <u>January 20</u> to Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org.

# Introduction to Judaism: "Jewish Literacy"

under the auspices of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) at Congregation Kol Ami

Instructor: Rabbi Howard Bogot Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (12 sessions) Commencing March 5 through May 21

This course in "Jewish Literacy" is for anyone interested in exploring Judaism: interfaith couples, those considering conversion, and Jews looking for adult-level basics. This course introduces the fundamentals of Jewish thought and practice, and topics include: Jewish holy days, life-cycle events, theology and prayer, history, and Israel.

The URJ cost of the course is \$180 for members and \$325 for non-members. Couples attend at the prices quoted since couples are encouraged to take the class together. Single attendees also pay the same amount.

For further information, please contact Laurel Klein, URJ's Introduction-to-Judaism Coordinator, at 512-699-5550 or lklein@urj.org.

# **Believing by Association**

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



Finding meaning in God meant more to Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan than thinking about God being all-powerful, all-knowing, and ever-present. Kaplan encouraged religious Jews to discover God in the power of salvation, to see cooperation as the chief source of happiness and the potential for good in humanity, to view freedom as the liberation of personality, and the

reconstruction of Jewishness as a righteous civilization. Participants in this seminar will discuss the ways in which reconstructing Judaism promotes rediscovering God.

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

Please RSVP by March 27 to Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org.

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

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

This enrichment program is designed for people in intimate long-term relationships and couples of all ages and sexual orientations. Intimate partners share a journey filled with bumps in the road along with hills and valleys. Couples benefit from learning fundamental "rules of the road," informed by Jewish values and wisdom, to help them navigate their relational journey with skill, resilience, and love. By understanding that each unique intimate relationship naturally progresses through seven distinct stages, couples can anticipate how needs, priorities, and desires may change.

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

Session 1 Jewish Wisdom about Relationships, Personal Growth, and Spirituality  Session 2 The Jewish Imperative: Listen, Understand, and Act!  Session 3 The Double Mitzvah: the Jewish Perspective on Sexuality  Session 4 Cultivating Commitment	Session	Topic
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Patrice Heller has been a Reform rabbi in the Philadelphia community for 30 years. She is also a psychologist and PA-licensed marriage and family therapist and has maintained an independent rabbinical and psychotherapy practice since 1986. In addition, she has been an adjunct associate professor for the Psychology department at Temple University since 2006 and recently became a therapist at the Postpartum Stress Center in Rosemont, PA.

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

Please RSVP by <u>April 5</u> to Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org.

# Kol Ami Events

### FIRST-FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for January Birthday and Anniversary Blessings Friday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m. at our *erev Shabbat* Service



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

# **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 **Wednesday**, **January 18**, and **Tuesday**, **February 21**.

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 **Monday**, **January 30**, and **Wednesday**, **February 29**.

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

### **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')

# CONTEMPORARY JEWISH WRITERS BOOK GROUP REVIEW OF "THE COUNTERLIFE" BY PHILIP ROTH WITH LOU BARRETT

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



What if you could choose another life to live, a life different from your own? And what if an ethnic and religious people decide to redefine a stereotypical role?

In Philip Roth's novel "The Counterlife," Henry Zuckerman, a dentist, and his older brother, Nathan, a writer, find themselves living alternate versions of the modern Jew. Henry undergoes heart surgery in a mid-life attempt to renew

his youthful self. Upon his recovery (or is it his funeral?), he sets out to live in Israel, hoping to transform his life. Abandoning his secularism, Henry becomes a passionate rightwing orthodox Zionist. He moves to the West bank. Nathan, too, embarks on a radical life change and begins to listen to his own heart. Playing fictional tricks on us, Roth is preoccupied with what goes on in the conflicted heart of man.

Nathan Zuckerman decides to visit Israel on the eve of the *Yom Kippur* war. In this multi-layered novel, Philip Roth manipulates his characters so that the brothers encounter all aspects of modern society: religion, social anxiety, nationalism, mistrust, love, and self-doubt. His pursuit is a search for identity in a modern, assimilated battleground. Despite his self-mockery, Roth is serious; he shifts perspectives to expose modern Jewish self-splitting. Roth forces his characters to make choices, right or wrong.

In "The Counterlife," Philip Roth shatters comfortable modern life by becoming wickedly funny and provocative. In it, he asks us, and himself, a serious question: What is it to be a Jew in a modern, free society?



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Saturday, January 14, 2012 7pm - 11pm Congregation Kol Ami קול עמי

WINNINGS PROVIDED AS RAFFLE TICKETS FOR FANTASTIC PRIZES!

\$30/person in advance \$40 at the door

Tickets include \$25 in gaming chips, open bar, light fair and dessert

# FOR TICKETS, CONTACT:

Bill England at 215-635-0920 or bilengland@yahoo.com or Sharon Myers at 215-938-7435 or allentiresm@gmail.com Send your check to Congregation Kol Ami, 8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027 with "Casino Night" on the memo line.



# Congregation Kol Ami Super Bowl Sunday Hoagie Sale



Planning to host a Super Bowl party or just tired of cooking? We can help!

Members and friends of Kol Ami are invited to order hoagies provided by Heritage Hoagies in Huntingdon Valley. The 10" hoagies can be picked up in the lobby of Kol Ami on **Sunday, February 5** at 12:00. All profits from the sale will be used to support the activities of the Kol Ami Religious School.

Questions? Contact Robin Warsaw (215) 635-5839 or <a href="mailto:rkwarsaw@comcast.net">rkwarsaw@comcast.net</a>



Please fill out and return the form below by **Sunday, January 29.** 



Name:			
Phone Number:	Email:		
All Hoagies come with Lettuce, mayo or oil, hot or sweet peppe	Tomato and Onion unless otherwers.	rise specified.	Please specify
	Lettuce/Tomato/Onion	Mayo or Oil	Hot or Sweet
# of Turkey Hoagies:			
# of Tuna Hoagies:			
# of Cheese Hoagies: (American, Provolone & Swiss)			
Total # of hoagies:	@ \$6.00 = Total Paymer	nt \$	

Please Make Checks Payable to Congregation Kol Ami

# STARTING YOUR MEMOIRS

# Thursday, January 19, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

In our *Yom Kippur* discussion group this year, people said they'd be interested in writing down their personal history and its stories—so let's get started! Kol Ami member/writer and writing teacher Janet Falon will facilitate a workshop called "Starting Your Memoirs." In this class, you will plan and begin memoir-writing and learn the various approaches to doing so. We will discuss some of the issues of writing a memoir and learn specific writing exercises to help you retrieve your memories and to counter writer's block.

No writing expertise or experience is necessary. And you don't have to be "old"—whatever that means—to write your memoirs. If you have any questions about the class, e-mail Janet at jfalon@english.upenn.edu.

Please RSVP to Elaine Stevens by <u>January 15</u> if you'd like to attend.

# "ADULTS-ONLY" MARTINI HAVDALAH

Saturday, January 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

We'll supply the hors d'oeuvres and you supply the mixing devices, hard liquor, and mixers (and/or beer or wine). Causal attire is appropriate for this service.



5:30 p.m. - Martinis and Hors d'oeuvres 7:00 p.m. - Singing and *Havdalah* Service 7:30 p.m. - Continued Celebration

Please RSVP to Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark. org by January 25 so that we can ensure enough hors d'oeuvres for everyone.

# SHIR SHABBAT: A SHABBAT IN SONG -A WEEKEND OF FEMALE-LED SERVICES

Friday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, February 4, at 10:00 a.m., at Kol Ami

Join us on a weekend when we celebrate the women in our tradition and in our lives!

Shabbat Shirah celebrates the time in our cycle of Torah readings when the Israelites fled Egypt and went through the Sea of Reeds on their way to Mount Sinai. "Miriam,

Aaron's sister, took a *timbrel* in her hand, and all the women went after her dancing with *timbrels*, and Miriam chanted, 'Sing unto the Lord!'" (Exodus 15:2021).

Rejoice with us on *erev Shabbat*, February 3, at our femaleled *Shir Shabbat* service—A *Shabbat* in Song—and at our *Shabbat* morning service on Saturday, February 4, when women in the spirit of Miriam will lead by chanting from the *Torah* and offering the *dvar Torah*.

# CONGREGATION KOL AMI SUPER BOWL SUNDAY HOAGIE SALE

# Sunday, February 5

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The ten-inch hoagies can be picked up in the lobby of Kol Ami on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>February 5</u>, at noon. Questions can be directed to: Robin Warsaw, rkwarsaw@comcast.net; Kenny Moss, km.photos@comcast.net (PTO co-chair); or Heather Pelletier, hfppt1@gmail.com (PTO co-chair).

TWO DATES IN FEBRUARY FOR...



For more information on the two FREE informative sessions below or to RSVP, contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org.

# Sunday, February 12, from 11:00 a.m. to Noon "Life Essentials Made Easy" with Guy Appel

Whether you need or are a caregiver, or have an interest in this topic, come join Guy Appel, managing director and cofounder of Interphase Medical Equipment when he will speak about Home Healthcare Equipment as it relates to the home environment and the complexity of the reimbursement process.

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# **FUTURE-GENERATION LATKE MAKERS**

These crunchy treats are a favorite among the little ones, both making and eating them. Mrs. Goldstein shows her students the art of making *latkes* during one of the Nursery School's *Hanukkah* activities..







# **KOL AMI EVENTS:** MEMBER-TO-MEMBER CONVERSATIONS (continued from page 13)

Interphase Medical Equipment has been supplying the needs of residents and medical institutions in the Philadelphia area, as well as the five surrounding counties, with quality products since 1985.

# Sunday, February 26, from 11:00 a.m. to Noon "Great Recession, Little Depression, or New Normal? A Talk about the Economy" with Andy Cassel

Four years after the United States entered a recession, the economy continues to struggle. Unemployment is high, job growth is slow, and the financial markets signal that the path ahead will be anything but smooth. What's causing this, and when will it end? Economists have many answers, but little consensus. We'll pick apart some of the current thinking and try to make sense of the trends.

Andrew Cassel, a Kol Ami member since 1995, wrote about the economy and business for "The Philadelphia Inquirer" for many years. He currently edits a Web site called "Dismal Scientist" for the economic forecasting division of Moody's Analytics in West Chester.

### **EXPERIENCE SHABBAT EXPERIENCES!**

During the 2011-2012 program year, we will offer several unique *Shabbat* experiences for the entire family.

Daytime programs will begin with a brief *Shabbat* service at 10:00 a.m. and *Oneg* at 11:00 a.m., followed by the opportunity for us to truly celebrate the meaning of *Shabbat* with *mishpachah*, the synagogue family:

- Saturday, March 17, at 4:00 p.m. "Jews in Sports" presentation by Robert Alan Katz as part of our afternoon *Havdalah* service experience
- Saturday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m.
   Walking Tour of Jewish Philadelphia' with guide Linda Nesvisky
- Saturday, May 12
   Walk-lunch at High School Park or Avelthorpe Park following the service

### SAVE THE DATE

# CONGREGATION KOL AMI "PROM NIGHT"

### Saturday, March 24

Dust off your old tux, press your favorite prom or bridesmaid dress, shine your dancing shoes, wear a matching corsage, and dance the night away.



This will be ISH event and Religious School PTO fund-raiser to be held in Kol Ami's own social hall. It's guaranteed to be so exciting and fun filled that two Kol Ami groups have joined forces for a wonderful evening packed with *live* music and frivolity (from Kol Ami's very own energetic Greg Brown & Band).

Watch for flyers with more information to be distributed closer to

the date. All profits from the dance will be used to support the activities of the Kol Ami Religious School. Please direct any questions to the following individuals: Sherry Cohen, shcohen361@verizon.net (ISH co-chair), Heather Pelletier, hfppt1@gmail.com (ISH co-chair/PTO co-chair), or Kenny Moss, km.photos@comcast.net (PTO co-chair).

# **COMMUNITY & NATIONAL EVENTS**



# JOIN RABBI HOLIN AT THE 2012 AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE

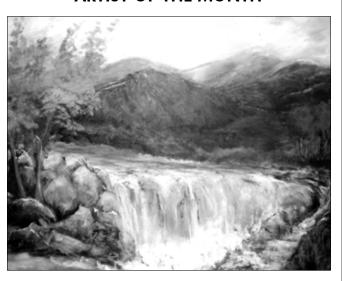
Sunday, March 4, through Tuesday, March 6 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center (Washington, DC)

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 United States-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/pc or contact Rabbi Holin (215-635-4182) if you are interested in joining him at this important time on behalf of Israel.

# **ARTIST OF THE MONTH**



**IRMA SHAPIRO** is the featured artist in Kol Ami's gallery for the period <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>January 4</u>, through <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>February 29</u>.

Irma writes: "The definition of 'Who Am I' changes when a beloved dies, and one must recognize the children as independent individuals. This was a defining period in my life. I chose to reclaim myself as a full-time artist. Painting became my passion as well as my occupation. I have come to define myself as a colorist, mixing expressionism with impressionism on a large canvas. Sky and water excite me, and I try to set a mood. It thrills me when someone loves my work enough to want to take it home for their everyday pleasure."

Over the years, Irma has studied with Sol Carson, Jim Luders, Martin Jackson, Sam Fried, Laura Goodman, and William Greenwood at such places as The Tyler School of Art, The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Samuel Fleischer Art Center, Moore College of Art, and The Main Line Art Center.

She is a member of The Sketch Club, The Plastic Club, The Delaware Valley Art League, Artist Equity, MGOPA, and The Chester County Art Association.

Irma resides in Bala Cynwyd, PA, with her dog, Ginger.

All of Irma'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.

# OUR JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 4 & 5) ENJOY HANUKKAH ACTIVITIES













# KOL AMI JANUARY 2012 AT A GLANCE

1 No Religious School Winter Break	2 No Nursery School	Tuesday 3 Adult <i>B'nai Mitzvah</i> Class 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday 4 Nursery School 9:30 a.m Jewish Programming	Thursday 5 Craft Show Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Friday 6 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m.	Saturday 7 Bar Mizvah of Benjamin Mass 10:00 a.m.
			Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Operations Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.		"New-Member" <i>erev</i> Shabbat Service and "First-Friday" blessings; Adult choir participation 7:30 p.m.	
	6	10	11	12	13	14
	<b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m Yoga	Nursery School 9:30 a.m Fitness	<b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m Jewish		Nursery School <i>erev</i> Shabbat service	Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Social Action	Religious School	Programming		11:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
	Committee Meeting	Committee Meeting	Religious School		erev Shabbat Service	Casino Night
Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:00 a.m Gr 7 Family Education Program 12:00 p.m Student Choir Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.		7:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
	16	17	18	19	20	21
No Religious School Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend Social Action Committee "Cook for a Friend" 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Jewish Writers Book Group with Lou Barrett 11:00 a.m.	No Nursery School Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend	Nursery School 9:30 a.m Fitness Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 p.m.	Nursery School 9:30 a.m Jewish Programming Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Continuing Jewish Adult Education with Rabbi Holin 7:30 p.m.	Memoir Class with Janet Falon 7:00 p.m.	Nursery School <i>erev</i> Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 p.m.	Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Moss 10:00 a.m.

# Shabbat Service and 10:00 a.m. Grade 8 Participation Martini Havdalah Torah Dialogue "Adults-Only" 5:30 p.m. 28 KOL AMI JANUARY 2012 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED) Grades 3-6 Participation erev Shabbat Service erev Shabbat Service **Nursery School** 7:00 p.m. 1:00 a.m. 27 Thursday 26 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Adult Education with Wednesday Continuing Jewish Religious School 9:30 a.m. - Jewish **Nursery School** Programming Rabbi Holin Tuesday Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Fitness 9:30 a.m. - Fitness **Nursery School** 24 3 Monday Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga 23 11:40 a.m. - Gr K-7 *T'filah* 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir 11:40 a.m. - Gr K-7 *T'filah* 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir **Adult Choir Rehearsal** Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. - Mid-year Caring Congregants Committee Meeting 0:00 a.m. to Noon 10:00 a.m. to Noon Sunday Religious School Religious School Religious School Religious School Parent Meeting Staff Meeting PTO Meeting Trope Class **Trope Class** 0:00 a.m. 9:50 a.m. Rehearsal 11:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:50 a.m. **Rehearsal** 9:00 a.m.

# **Kol Ami Contributions**

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

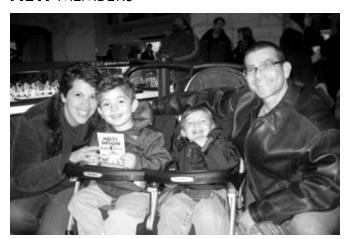


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TO:



# **NEW** MEMBERS



Congregation Kol Ami is pleased to welcome a new family into the fold: **Rachael and Lee Malkiel** and their young sons, Jack, age 4, and Lucas, age 2, both of whom are in Kol Ami's preschool.

Rachael is a physician assistant at Abington Memorial Hospital, and Lee is following up his days as a doctoral candidate at the University of Pennsylvania by being a stay-at-home dad with his boys. Rachael notes that Lee's devotion to the hometown Eagles and Phillies is already rubbing off onto their sons.

The Malkiels joined Kol Ami to establish a closer connection to the local Jewish community and to begin to educate Jack and Lucas about their Jewish heritage. We are delighted that they choose our congregational family to do this. Let's give a warm and hearty welcome to the Malkiel family.

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