



WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT SERVICES ON THE MEADOW:

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

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

July 7, 14, 21 & 28
August 4, 11, 18 & 25

July 14: Parents' blessing of their recently graduated high-school sons and daughters plus "Second-Friday" birthday and anniversary celebrations

August 11: Parents' blessing of their sons and daughters who are returning to college plus "Second-Friday" birthday and anniversary celebrations

August 18: Bring your friends, relatives, and acquaintances to our "Prospective-Member" service

SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICES AND TORAH DIALOGUES

10:00 a.m. - Service with potluck lunch to follow; please contact the hosts to coordinate lunch items

July 8 - at the home of Bill and Betty Shapiro in Wyncote

July 22 - at the home of Abby Binder and Jane Tausig in Glenside

August 12 - at the home of Bob and Susan Seltzer in Huntingdon Valley

August 26 - at the home of Paul and Mindy Levy in Elkins Park ■

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 CONFIRMANDS



The leadership and members of Congregation Kol Ami extend our *mazal tov* to this year's Confirmands, Talia August (daughter of Andy August and Barbara Fink) and Abraham Moss (son of Kenny Moss and Sandy Glatter) for achieving this milestone and for the successful conclusion of their independent study projects. Talia's project was "American Sign Language in the Synagogue: Expanding our Community" and Abe's project was "Judaism and the Judiciary," focusing on the life and work of Justice Louis Brandeis and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg. ■

MAZAL TOV TO OUR 2017 HIGH-SCHOOL GRADUATES

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

Madeleine August – Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Hannah Hausen – Hampshire College, Amherst, MA

Noah Hoffman – Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Bloomsburg, PA

Lia Hyman – University of Delaware, Newark, DE (after a gap year)

Samuel Langman – The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

Jacob Margasak – University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

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Benjamin Shuster – American University, Washington, DC

Drew Steinbrecher – American University, Washington, DC

Eleanor Streitwieser – University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

July 1 - *Hukkat*

Numbers 19:1-22:1, Judges 11:1-33

July 8 - *Balak*

Numbers 22:2-25:9, Micah 5:6-6:8

July 15 - *Pinchas*

Numbers 25:10-30:1, Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

July 22 - *Mattote-Massei*

Numbers 30:2-36:13, Jeremiah 2:4-28

July 29 - *Devarim*

Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22, Isaiah 1:1-27

August 5 - *Va'etchanan*

Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11, Isaiah 40:1-26

August 12 - *Ekev*

Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

Isaiah 49:14-51:3

August 19 - *Re'eh*

Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

Isaiah 54:11-55:3

August 26 - *Shofetim*

Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

Isaiah 51:12-52:12 ■



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HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

- ***erev Rosh Hashanah***
Wednesday, September 20
- ***Rosh Hashanah***
Thursday, September 21
- ***Kol Nidrei***
Friday, September 29
- ***Yom Kippur***
Saturday, September 30 ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As Kol Ami President, I had the privilege of addressing family and friends from Congregation Kol Ami and Old Your Road Temple-Beth Am as we celebrated the first graduates of our LAMED program on May 22.

LAMED is the 12th letter of the Hebrew alphabet, thus positioned at the alphabet's center, towering above all the others. It is the only letter that visually stands out and is instantly discernible in all texts. Since God does nothing by happenstance, there surely is significance in the fact that the LAMED is so tall. The literal meaning of the letter LAMED is "learn" or "teach." LAMED represents the aspiration of the truly devoted pupil to learn from the mouth of the teacher, but in our community, the significance of LAMED is much more.

A few years ago, LAMED was a vision for an innovative leadership-development program for post-Confirmation students who wished to serve their community and enhance the Religious School experience for future generations. Plans took shape from committed members Jeff Cohen and Jennifer Streitwieser, with the support of both boards of Congregation Kol Ami and Old York Road Temple-Beth Am, and David Monblatt's leadership.

And so the LAMED program began in October 2015 with YOU: our first class of 11th graders. One month later after the program began, I attended a meeting with you, your parents, Rabbi Holin, and David Monblatt. You shared your thoughts about how the program would educate and better prepare you for adulthood. It was clear that you were continuing to explore your place in the Jewish community and that you were excited about the contributions you would make.

Since then, I've worked with you, learned from you, participated in your creative programs, even observed you in the hallways of Kol Ami. You are awesome.

In addition to your busy lives, you committed to community service and learning to envision, structure, and produce 21st-century Religious-School programs. You met with guest speakers weekly, and each meeting sparked conversation and provided a foundation for you to play an integral role in figuring out how to continue your heritage. What's more, you enthusiastically passed along different facets of Judaism to our Religious-School children.

You learned the challenges of teaching and the importance of lesson plans, while appreciating the creativity and diligence of our teachers—your mentors. You made your "mark" with our students—by providing a sense of purpose, creating programs for our youth, and tutoring Hebrew.

Thank you for making Judaism fun, meaningful, and relevant to the next generation.

Thank you for immersing yourselves so devotedly in the program.

Thank you for finding your strength and your voice as you deepened your Jewish knowledge.

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GESHER L'AhteED: BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

We are well underway in the bittersweet process of finding a new rabbi to become our spiritual leader when Rabbi Holin retires in a year (July 2018).

In many ways, we have been blessed: Rabbi Holin was generous and gave us one-and-a-half years to do all the necessary work to find our new rabbi and ensure a smooth transition, more time than most rabbis give before moving on.

It's important to remember that in addition to finding a new rabbi, we are working together to make plans to celebrate Rabbi Holin and all that he's done for Kol Ami. And it's all called our **Geshher l'AhteED: Bridge to the Future**.

We are moving forward, striving to achieve the goal that our search is based on input from just about everyone who cares about and thinks of Kol Ami as their spiritual home. From early on, our Board of Trustees and our former presidents have all played a role in ensuring that our process is clear, transparent, and thoughtful.

In January, there were three Congregational conversations at which Kol Ami leadership answered questions and updated members about this process of finding a new rabbi.

Many of you participated in parlor meetings to provide insights and ideas to support our search efforts, which yielded a "Word Cloud" that describes qualities we seek in our new rabbi.

In addition, in May, parents of religious school students joined in a discussion to get their input, and members of the Engagement Committee met with our Confirmation Academy students for their unique perspective.

At the Kol Ami annual meeting on May 7, President Shelley Chamberlain provided an update on **Bridge to the Future**, and a Congregation-wide survey was sent out in June to further assist in envisioning the Kol Ami of the future.

If you couldn't attend that meeting, or if you want to keep up with the latest developments on the search, you can check a dedicated section of the Kol Ami website, and articles, like this one, in the Bulletin. For additional questions, thoughts, or concerns you might have, please e-mail them to questions@kolamielkinspark.org. ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Programming Committee

Thursday, August 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Chair: Shelley Chamberlain, 215-635-1738

Religious School Committee

Thursday, July 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Chairs: Lisa Ney and Benny Shoham, 215-886-2029

MAZAL TOV

We congratulate the following:

- **Guy and Karol Appel** on the marriage of their son, Bryan, to Samantha Cramer on May 6.
- **J. B. Dilsheimer and Casey Lyons**, and big brother Mickey, on the birth of their son, Levi Finneus on June 8.
- **Ruben Honik** on the marriage of his daughter, Grace, to Ben Levine on May 20.



CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving memory:

Sidney Joshua Kahn

*father of Randi (Alejandro Cadji) Kahn
grandfather of Ohad and Yael*

Edward James Kolar, Jr.

*father of Duane (Lisa) Kolar
grandfather of Lucy*

Irving Schwartz

uncle of Joel (Rebecca) Schwartz

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

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send articles by the fifth of the previous month (e.g., by August 5 for the September/October issue) to **Janet Falon** at jfalon@english.upenn.edu. Articles may be edited as needed. ■



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Thank you for taking the steps to be the next generation of involved Jews as well as secular leaders.

Thank you for committing to a vision and partnering with us to make it a reality.

Thank you for standing tall, like the LAMED, and very likely being discernible members of the greater Jewish community.

I couldn't be prouder of each of you. *Kol Hakavod* for the significant effort: for your personal growth, for the bonds you have formed with each other, and for all you have personally and professionally accomplished through LAMED.

Tonight this room is filled with promise. Graduation is the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. We are excited to watch you take your place in the long chain of Jewish tradition. There are many paths to follow; I have no doubt that you have chosen to follow the path of Judaism and will continue to stand tall and be a "light" for the Jewish community.

The evening was inspirational. Each of the nine graduates spoke about their genuine enthusiasm for this transformative experience. May LAMED continue to provide students the opportunity to serve their community by producing experiential educational programs that build positive Jewish identities and inspire others to lead an ethical life. We are so proud of our young adults (see photo below) for carrying on the Jewish tradition of study, worship, and deeds of love.

L'dor v'dor,

Shelley Chamberlain, 215-635-1738

srchamberlain@comcast.net ■



Front Row (L-R): Samantha Murawsky, Hannah Hausen, Benjamin Galtman, Drew Steinbrecher, Maddie August, and Lia Hyman. **Back Row (L-R):** Benjamin Moss; David Monblatt, Program Director; Rabbi Elliot J. Holin, Congregation Kol Ami; Rabbi Jake Singer-Beilen, Associate Rabbi, Old York Road Temple-Beth Am; Eleanor Streiwieser, and Jacob Margasak

Kol Ami Events

JULY AND AUGUST BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

erev Shabbat, Friday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat, Friday, August 11, at 6:30 p.m.



If you or someone in your family is celebrating a birthday or anniversary in July or August, please join us at these special “Second-Friday” *erev Shabbat* service on the meadow on those dates.

Rabbi Holin will bless everyone

with these *simchas* under a *tallit*. Watch for your invitation for this special *Shabbat simcha*.

Rabbi Holin will continue to send personal letters to everyone celebrating a significant birthday or anniversary ending with 0 or 5 (for example, 40, 45). If you have a special 0 or 5 birthday or anniversary, you will be invited to participate in any Friday service in “your” month by blessing the candles or *challah*, or reciting the *Kiddush*, or at any Saturday service that month by carrying or blessing the *Torah*.

FASTS IN JULY AND AUGUST



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

NATAL (*nab'tahl*) – the Israel Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War – addresses Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder of combat veterans and former prisoners of war, as well as those who

have lost loved ones in battle or suicide bombings, and anyone who suffers the sustained emotional and mental pressure of living with the fear and uncertainty that war and the threat of war bring. In addition, NATAL reaches out to families and relatives of victims and bereaved families through on-site counseling, a national hotline, and free or subsidized psychological assistance and treatment by highly trained professionals.

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

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

Fast days to benefit **NATAL** will be on “first Wednesdays”: July 5 and August 2.

Phast for Philadelphia is on behalf of unemployed workers in Philadelphia who are struggling to make ends meet by helping them pay their mortgages, address healthcare needs, and pay electric bills.

Phast for Philadelphia fast days will be on “fourth Thursdays”: July 27 and August 24.

American Friends of NATAL

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

Unemployment Information Center

112 N. Broad Street, 11th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
(check payable to Unemployment Information Center with memo note “Philadelphia Unemployment Office”)

MURAL ARTS AND JEWISH LANDMARKS TOUR SPONSORED BY LOCA

Tuesday, September 12

Pick-up at Kol Ami at 9:30 a.m.; return at 1:30 p.m.

Parking is available at Kol Ami

Ride into history on the Mural Arts Trolley. All members are invited to join us for a two-hour tour of Philadelphia's famous murals with immigration themes, coupled with important landmarks of the Jewish Community in South Philly. Jerry Silverman, an experienced and entertaining guide, will introduce us to several of Philly's 3,000 murals and give us insight

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JUNE 6, 2017

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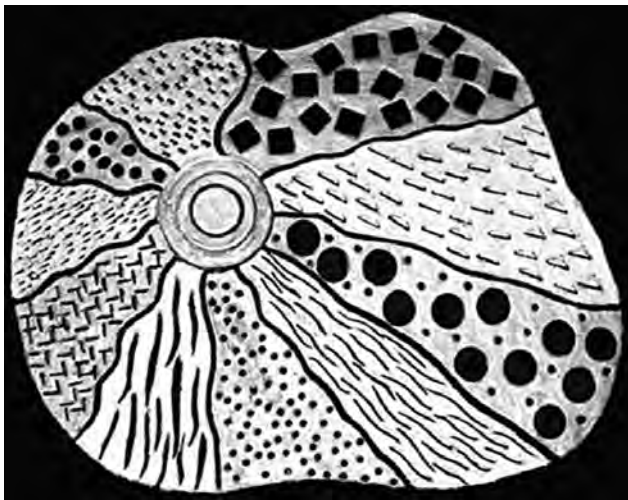
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ARTIST OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 6 - OCTOBER 23 JOEL W. SLOANE



Joel's art has evolved over the past decade through his participation as an art student, as well as graduate studies in the field of Depth Psychology and *Kabbalah*. Within Judaism and all religious traditions are mystical teachings that combine sacred texts with the wisdom of living masters (i.e., teachers). These oral teachings are interpretive works, and they comprise a lesser-known gateway to the sacred material hidden inside each tradition. Because the teachings are hidden away from the public, they can be seen and understood as abiding in a unconscious reservoir or dream state.

In recent years, Joel has developed digital artwork based on spiritual symbols and ideas found in Judaism and other world traditions. His work is a blending of universal paths, drawing on archetypal and natural forms as an expression of integration and beauty. He recently completed a Master's degree program in Creativity at Pacifica Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara, CA.

Joel encourages people to take time to develop their artistic talents through art education. He believes personal creativity and self-expression can be seen as one of the highest human capacities. A personal connection with the arts can be a gateway to wholeness, creativity, and higher consciousness. For more info on his work, visit jws-dreamscapes.com. ■

The Kol Ami gallery hours are Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m.-noon. If the Religious School is closed on those days, the gallery is also closed. All of the artist's works are for sale. See Elaine Stevens if interested in purchasing a piece.

KOL AMI EVENTS (continued from page 5)

into the artists and their works. In addition, we will visit hidden treasures of the Jewish Community, including The Little *Shul* (1909), the vibrant and revitalized Orthodox Synagogue in South Philly. (There will be a limited amount of walking.)

Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your knowledge about our communal past and visit contemporary murals. The tour is limited to 38 time-travelers. The cost is \$35/person. Make checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami and return to Elaine Stevens ASAP so that we hold the date and availability of the trolley.

Pick-up at Kol Ami at 9:30 a.m. and return at 1:30 p.m. Parking is available at Kol Ami.

SAVE THE DATE

AMERICAN CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our annual blood drive will be held on Monday, November 6. Mark it in your calendar! ■

THANK YOU TO OUR BOOK SWAPPERS!



Pictured is Sheila Lynch, Reading Specialist at the Henry Lee Elementary School in West Philadelphia, looking at all of our donated books from our "Book Swap!" She was thrilled to receive them. These books will go on to building the student's very own home libraries. ■

PRACTICING THEIR LOTUS POSITIONS



Mommy & Me enjoy some yoga on the Kol Ami lawn. ■

KOL AMI **JULY 2017** AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	4 Early Learning Center CLOSED	5	6 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m. Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	7 erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	8 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogues 10:00 a.m. Home of Betty and Bill Shapiro in Wyncote
9	10 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	11 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	12	13 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.	14 "Second-Friday" erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow and blessing of our High- School Graduates 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	15
16	17 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	18 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Center Traveling Farm 10:00 a.m.	19	20 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Center Family Fun Night 5:00 p.m.	21 erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	22 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogues 10:00 a.m. Home of Abby Binder and Jane Tausig in Glenside
23	24 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	25 Early Learning Center Story Teller 9:30 a.m.	26	27 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.	28 erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	29
30	31 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.					

KOL AMI **AUGUST 2017** AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	2	3 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.	4 <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	5
6	7 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	8 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	9	10 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.	11 "Second-Friday" <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> on the Meadow and blessing of our Returning College Students 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	12 <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah Dialogues</i> 10:00 a.m. Home of Bob and Susan Seltzer in Huntingdon Valley
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27	28 Early Learning Center CLOSED	29 Early Learning Center CLOSED	30 Early Learning Center CLOSED	31 Early Learning Center CLOSED		

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