

CONGREGATION Kol Ami

VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, June 1, 7:30 p.m.

“First-Friday” *erev Shabbat* Service
for June birthday and anniversary
blessings and the voices of our
Adult Choir

SATURDAY, June 2, 10:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of
Eleanor Streitwieser
(see page 7)

FRIDAY, June 8, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, June 9, 10:00 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of
Drew Steinbrecher
(see page 7)

FRIDAY, June 15

6:30 p.m. - “First-Year Anniversary”

Member *erev Shabbat* Service
on the Meadow as we celebrate the
first anniversary of members of
our synagogue

5:45 p.m. - BYOD and blankets or
comfortable, soccer-style chairs

FRIDAY, June 22

6:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service
on the Meadow

5:45 p.m. - BYOD and blankets or
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FRIDAY, June 29

6:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service
on the Meadow

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AN INVITATIONAL TO REMEMBER: GOLF & TENNIS OUTING A WONDERFUL SUCCESS



The Congregation Kol Ami Sh'lah'chaynee Award was presented to Jay Goldstein, President and CEO of Valley Green Bank (second from right) on Tuesday, April 24, for his leadership and outstanding contributions to the Philadelphia region. Making the presentation are: (from the left) David Hyman, President of Kol Ami; Algot Thorrell, Chairman of Valley Green Bank; and (at right) Alan Greenberger, Deputy Mayor for Economic Development and Director of Commerce for the City of Philadelphia.

Sometimes, as a result of hard work, lots of practice, and maybe a little luck, you serve up ace after ace, shoot well below par, and really smack the ball out of the park. This past April 24, Kol Ami did all of that and more. We took a new approach with our Golf and Tennis Outing, our major fund-raising event. We honored Jay Goldstein, CEO and President of Valley Green Bank, and collaborated with their organization on the outing. As a result of wonderful efforts from our three chairs—Algot Thorell, Chairman of Valley Green Bank; Lesley Seitchik, Valley Green's Director of Marketing; and our very own President, David Hyman—we set new attendance records. A full listing of the sponsors, contributors, and participants appears on page 5.

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TORAH & HAFTARAH

June 2 - Naso

Numbers 4:21-7:89, Judges 13:2-25

June 9 - B'haalotecha

Numbers 8:1-12:16, Zechariah 2:14-4:7

June 16 - Shelach

Numbers 13:1-15:41, Joshua 2:1-24

June 23 - Korach

Numbers 16:1-18:32, I Samuel 11:14-12:22

June 30 - Hukkat

Numbers 19:1-22:1, Judges 11:1-33 ■

MAZAL TOV

We would like to congratulate:

Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz for her setting of "*Adonai S'fatai*" (which begins the *Amidah*) being chosen for inclusion at the upcoming American Conference of Cantors/Guild of Temple Musicians annual convention in Portland, Oregon. This melody is sung during the chapel service held on *Shabbat* mornings at our synagogue. Great work! We're proud of you.

Marshall and Ilene Schafer on the birth of their great nephew, Rahm Dutta Isaacman, born on May 11 to Sibren and Tanushree Isaacman. ■

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences in loving memory of:

Audrey Konwiser

*mother of Jean (Stephen) Ettinger
grandmother of Leigh and Meryl*

Al Rotman

uncle of Ellen (Michael) Matz

Ruth Stark

grandmother of Jon (Karoline Adler) Auerbach

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

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

JUNE IS A TRANSITION MONTH

Our Religious School Year has concluded. Our fiscal year will conclude shortly. So this is a good time to reflect on the past twelve months. We have been busy...very busy. Listed below are a few of our new and important accomplishments:

1. With the use of Capital Campaign dollars, adoption of a plan to preserve the functionality and value of our aging building. This will include the installation of a new HVAC system, transitioning from fuel oil to natural gas; upgrading the electrical system; and replacing vulnerable sections of our roof, all planned to be completed by early Fall 2012 (see the related article on page 9).
2. Hiring a new and creative Director of Education with high energy and exciting ideas for our Religious School (see the related article on page 6).
3. Projected 13% reduction of our annual operating deficit through careful spending and enhanced fund-raising.
4. Record attendances at new-and-improved *Purim*, *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah* celebrations.
5. Launched "The Pulse," an online opportunity to measure Congregation opinion, and the Inclusion Committee, which works to provide the opportunity for full inclusion of members of all physical and cognitive abilities.
6. The announcement of a fall symposium for interfaith couples in the region, featuring keynote speaker Anita Diamant.
7. Recording of a new Kol Ami CD to be released in the fall, featuring Rebecca and our Choirs.

We have much to be proud of. I am grateful to so many of you who devote yourselves to our synagogue. Of course, it is not only what we have achieved that deserves acknowledgement, but also the way we conduct our business and daily interactions. Leviticus 19:18 sets G-d's standard for us: "Love your neighbor as yourself, I am God." Our congregations demonstrate a daily appreciation for this Commandment.

I am looking forward to the slower pace of summer, with fewer meetings and more time to think and plan. I also particularly enjoy our picnic dinners and *even Shabbat* Services on the Meadow during the warm weather. I look forward to seeing you there.

David Hyman

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

I grew up in a city where seeing men walking hand-in-hand with men, and women kissing women, was as much a part of the landscape as the Golden Gate Bridge.

My only reticence—and I emphasize the word “only”—was seeing effusive, public demonstrations of affection, and I felt the same way about overt heterosexual displays of love or lust. Some things are best expressed in the private domain.

And some things need to be stated publicly, among them President Obama's support of same-sex marriage rights. What a clarion call from Capitol Hill! It will not change state laws, and it will further entrench an electorate not disposed to voting for him, but the matter to me at this moment is less political than it is personal. It is a statement to our LGBTQ brothers and sisters that, in the words of Leviticus 19:18, “You shall love your neighbor who, like you, is also created in the Divine image.”

From 1974 to 1978, while serving a congregation in Pittsburgh, PA, I was the Rabbinic Advisor to Western PAFTY, the Reform Movement's coalition of youth groups in western Pennsylvania. I worked closely with a youth advisor from a congregation in Monroeville. The two of us spent significant time planning youth conclaves and traveling together with high-school students to Camp Harlam two or three times a year. The bus rides were about eight hours each way, with nonstop chatter and songs filling the lungs of 30 to 40 young adults, and you get to know people pretty well along the way. Except that I didn't know David as well as I thought I did. One day he said, “I have something to tell you, and I want you to be honest with me. I want you to say anything you want after I tell you.” That was quite a lead-in, and he went on to tell me that he was gay and had met someone he loved. I did have something to say to him. I said, “I'm really happy for you.” We laughed and hugged, and that was that.

I am often struck by the fact that those who are the most outraged about the presence of same-sex couples in their midst are almost-without-doubt the very people who have never met anyone who is drawn to people of the same sex...have never spoken to him or her...have never heard his or her life story.

We ought to care less about sexuality than we do about dignity, and we should support laws that champion loving relationships that lead to marriage no matter the sexual orientation of the adults.

Shalom u'vrachab,
Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

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Please send articles by the fifth of the previous month (for example, by June 5 for the July/August 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. ■



You count with us.

June 2012

Dear Congregation Kol Ami,

We are still reveling in Kol Ami's very successful Spring Golf and Tennis Outing when you honored Valley Green Bank and me—what a warm and heartfelt event. We appreciated celebrating together not only our long term business relationship, but also the strength of our two institutions as leaders in the community.

We were pleased that we could help raise funds for Kol Ami. David Hyman and I would like to continue building a bond between us by offering Kol Ami members a promotion from Valley Green Bank. When you open a new account, the Bank will make a contribution to the Synagogue. We have provided the details below.

Once again, we are excited about continuing our positive relationship.

Sincerely,

Jay Goldstein
President and CEO
Valley Green Bank

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Welcome our New Director of Education

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our new Director of Education, David Monblatt. David is a warm, creative, and inspiring Jewish educator with many years of experience teaching students of all ages.

As Director of Congregational Learning at Temple Sinai in Dresher, David created experiential programs, developed objective-based curriculum, and led professional development.

Prior to coming home to Pennsylvania, David was involved in a nonprofit organization in San Francisco that creates and distributes free films and curricula about the Jewish partisans of World War II.

David has a very artistic background. With degree in Acting and Drama from Syracuse University, he has stage, television, and film experience.

Growing up in our neighborhood, David attended Beth Am as a child. He is looking forward to becoming an integral part of our “intimate-and-dynamic” congregation, and we are looking forward to welcoming him. ■

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



When I was a kid, I spent two summers at the John Chaney-Sonny Hill Basketball Camp at Temple University’s Ambler Campus. Coach Chaney often delivered motivational speeches in between the endless hours of defensive drills and layup lines. At the time, I wanted to become the greatest Jewish NBA player since Dolph Schayes. That didn’t exactly pan out. However, I think it’s fairly safe to say that I became the greatest Jewish basketball player who ever became Director of Education for Kol Ami of Elkins Park. That is, unless Rabbi Kalev has a wicked jump shot.

Coach Chaney is still known in the sports world for his credo: “Winning is an Attitude.” I don’t remember him ever giving us a pep talk without saying so. I thought about what these words meant for many years, and I reached the conclusion that Coach believed winning isn’t necessarily an objective or destination, as much as it is an approach. By believing in and creating a culture of positivity and success, we could be winners on the court and, more importantly, in life. The philosophy stuck with me all these years, and throughout my career as a Jewish educator, it became apparent that an adaptation of this philosophy would help in serving congregations who sought to prioritize Jewish education. So with thanks to Coach Chaney, allow me to introduce the following idea: Learning is an Attitude.

However, first let me to introduce myself: My name is David Monblatt. I am a Jewish educator and Huntingdon Valley native, and I am honored to serve as your new Director of Education.

Jewish education is my great passion—I have been in the field for over 18 years, specializing in school transformation for the last nine. Most recently, I served as Director of Congregational Learning for Temple Sinai in Dresher. Prior to this, I was the Congregational School Specialist for the Bureau of Jewish Education of San Francisco. I have also served as Director of Education for the Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation, a national nonprofit that produces films and a curriculum about the stories and life lessons of the Jewish partisans of World War II. Before this, I was a founding member of the first full-time teaching team in the United States for supplementary religious-school education at Central Synagogue in New York City. My career has been focused on inspiring the attitudes of students and families toward lifelong Jewish learning, and I am so excited to be continuing this work with Kol Ami.

So back to Learning is an Attitude... *Pirke Avot* (Ethics of the Fathers) offers that our universe is structured upon three things: *Torah*, *Avodah*, and *G’milut Chasadim*. The first of these, *Torah*, can be translated as “learning”—the act of taking in or knowing some of all there is to know—drawing from the well of Infinity. This is an external act, gathering up something (information) outside of ourselves. The act itself is holy, for it both empowers us to better understand our lives and forces us to recognize the

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BAT MITZVAH OF ELEANOR STREITWIESER

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, AT 10:00 A.M.



Eleanor is in the seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School. Her favorite subjects are math, science, and Spanish. Her extracurricular activities include soccer, track, roller hockey, and participation in her Rosh Hodesh group.

Eleanor's *Mitzvah* Project was helping to walk greyhounds at the NGAP in Philadelphia. The dogs live in a shelter when they become too old to race, and since there are not enough workers to walk all the dogs everyday, volunteers are needed. Greyhounds that learn how to walk on a leash are much more likely to be adopted.

She says, "One of my most powerful Jewish experiences was on our congregation's Family Trip to Israel in 2007 when we climbed Masada and had a service on top just as the sun rose and the day began. I felt proud to be part of something greater than myself: there is a place for Jews somewhere, and I've been there.

"My favorite prayers are the *V'ahavtah* and the *Avote v'Imahote*. I enjoy reciting the *V'ahavtah* because it tells us to love God with all of our heart and all of our might and teaches us how to perform the commandments that G-d has given us, such as how to teach our children Jewish values from the *Torah* as well as putting *mezuzahs* on the doorposts of your house. I like the *Avote v'Imahote* because it gives equal respect to our female and male ancestors, in a way that reminds us of the Ten Commandments: "honor your father and your mother." We need to remember our ancestors and all the great things they did.

"I chose to chant my particular verses (Numbers 6:1-12) from the *Torah* because they tell us how to stay loyal to G-d by making a commitment and keeping our promise. For instance, my *Torah* Portion talks about the vows of the Nazirites, and one of them was not to cut their hair as a way of feeling more connected to G-d. G-d noticed if they had cut their hair or not, and whether they had kept their promise."

We congratulate Eleanor's parents, Erik and Jennifer, and her siblings, Sam, who celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* on May 7, 2005, and his Confirmation on June 8, 2008; and Katherine, who celebrated her *Bat Mitzvah* on March 1, 2008, and her Confirmation on June 7, 2011, both continuing on to the I.M. Wise Program of Continued Jewish Study at Gratz College while in high school. ■

BAR MITZVAH OF DREW STEINBRECHER

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, AT 10:00 A.M.



Drew is in the seventh grade at J.R. Masterman School. His favorite subjects are science and social studies. Science interests him the most because some of the simplest things are very complex, such as a phone sending a radio frequency across the world.

His extracurricular activities include participation in the Mentally Gifted program, in which he chooses an activity, studies it for about three months, and then presents it to other classes. He has studied aeronautics, Latin, algebra, and how to play chess.

He volunteers time at Cat Tails, an organization that takes care of cats that have been found abandoned and are then designated for adoption.

"I enjoy being Jewish because I am able to invite friends to celebrate holy days with me, and I'm proud of being part of a faith with such an historic background and a never-ending community," Drew says.

"My favorite holy day is Passover because I celebrate the *Seder* with family and friends, while at the same time practicing Jewish traditions. Passover gives you a magnificent feeling wherever you celebrate it, but it feels even better in your own home.

"My most powerful Jewish experience was going to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington to see what happened in our history. I saw the horrors that our ancestors experienced, and it moved me to make sure that it does not happen again.

"I chose to chant my particular verses from the *Torah* (Numbers 10:1-12) because I see what they describe as a model community from which we could learn a lot given how wary we are of our neighbors. The lessons we learn could help us communicate better, bring everyone together, and create a more efficient, caring community."

We congratulate Drew's parents, Barry and Michele. ■

GOLF & TENNIS OUTING

(continued from page 1)

A huge *Todah Rabah* goes out to many who helped, including:

- **Elaine Stevens**, who coordinated the whole event and kept things running beautifully on the day including closing out a very successful auction.
- **Eric Pelletier**, who developed and ran the silent auction.
- **Jeff Cohen**, who collaborated with Eric, Elaine, and David in developing, organizing, and delivering the event.
- **Nigel Blower**, who developed our custom, online auction site.
- **Susan Holin**, who developed the tennis tournament and helped ensure all our players had a great time.
- **Sharon Myers**, who helped us during the day with registration and logistics.
- **Alan Greenberger**, who gave a rousing introduction of Jay at the dinner.
- **Michael Harris** of the Phillies, who brought an ever-richer live auction package, and then doubled it, so we had two winners.
- And countless Kol Ami members and friends in the community who recruited participants, contributed auction items, played tennis or golf, joined in the evening's festivities, purchased auction items, and/or bought raffle tickets.

So how did we do? More than 200 people participated in the day: over 120 golfers, over 40 tennis players, and another 40 dinner attendees. Kol Ami netted a total of more than \$70,000, which was more than three times as successful as our last outing. *Kol Hakavod!* ■

Social Action

RUBY'S KIDS

Thanks to all the Kol Ami volunteers who helped to make the April 29th Ruby's Kids birthday party a success. Ruby's kids include children ages 4 to 12 who live in the Kirkbride Shelter in Philadelphia. Besides the birthday cake, the highlight of the day was T-shirt painting and, as you can see, some other creative expressions. ■



FRUITS OF OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: CONSTRUCTION COMES TO KOL AMI THIS SUMMER

In February's bulletin, we shared a summary of the great, ongoing work to preserve and develop our campus. Over the last few months, the Operations Committee and the Board of Trustees have immersed themselves in the intricacies of heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) as well as roofing; and at the April Board meeting, the Board approved the contracting for several major projects. As often happens when you improve your home, you do things that most visitors might not notice, but they are nonetheless critical to preserving your home.

Here is what we are doing:

1. Replacing our old, highly inefficient HVAC system, which supports the sanctuary for air conditioning, and the sanctuary, lobby, and classroom wing for heat. We will have a new, high-efficiency system that will also include air conditioning for our lobby.
2. Replacing the roofing system on our sanctuary, lobby, classroom wing, and chapel with a low-maintenance, high-quality roofing system that should lower our energy bills and last us for a good 30+ years. As a result, we will not have to worry or even think about a leak in our building.
3. Adding a new natural-gas line service to our HVAC system, enabling us to save roughly \$30,000 per year from our existing fuel-oil cost. Even the difference between a new fuel-oil versus new natural-gas system saves us over \$15,000 per year. This project pays for itself in five to seven years and will save

us a great deal in the out years, especially if domestic natural-gas prices continue to trend down and foreign oil continues to trend up. We will retain the ability to burn oil should the trend reverse.

4. Replacing PECO's very old electrical transformer (on the side of our building) with a state-of-the-art transformer to support our new 800-amp electrical service required for the HVAC upgrade.

As a result, you and your guests can count on much more comfortable conditions in the sanctuary and lobby. As a congregation, we'll see significantly reduced utility costs, improved ability to rent our sanctuary and lobby areas, and, perhaps most importantly, the preservation of our largest physical asset, our spiritual home. Again, a huge *Toda Raba* to all who made our capital campaign so successful, thus enabling these critical projects.

Minimizing Disruptions:

Any project of this magnitude will result in some inconvenience, and we are working hard to minimize it. Planning has been ongoing for some time, with increased effort in May. Construction will begin the second full week of June. We won't have air conditioning in the Sanctuary from June 11 through mid-to-late August. Keep in mind that we don't use the sanctuary for services in the summer, and the chapel, our indoor location if services on the meadow are rained out, has a separate air-conditioning system and is unaffected by these projects. While we don't expect to need them, we have well-developed contingency plans for September events in the

sanctuary should we encounter project delays we can't overcome.

There will likely be times during the summer when the Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) pick-up will have to be moved, and we will work closely with CSA leaders to make things easy. There might be a rough patch in the driveway as trenches for electrical and gas lines are dug and then temporarily patched. Expect that there will be a day or two, hopefully on the weekend, when we will not have electricity to the campus. Of course, we will carefully plan for taking wonderful care of our Nursery School children in that event, not to mention John, our on-site custodian. Overall, the projects are all being developed to protect our children, members, and visitors. We are contracting with companies who have outstanding reputations, including Worth and Company for the HVAC project and Jottan Inc. for our roofing work. PECO will handle the natural gas and electrical transformer work.

Jeff Cohen will be the point person for these projects and will be working closely with Elaine Stevens to ensure the impact on our spiritual and community life is both well-planned and minimal. Rebecca's husband, Joel Schwartz, an electrical engineer, and Michael Levin, an architect, will continue to help, bringing trained eyes to the project, supplementing the oversight we will receive from Alderson Engineering and Metcalf Architectural Design. Guy Appel, Operations Co-chair, and Marshall Schafer and Mike Chernoff, Operations Committee members, will help ensure the work goes smoothly. ■

Kol Ami Events

FIRST-FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for June Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Friday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m.
at our *erev Shabbat* Service



If you or someone in your family is celebrating a birthday or anniversary in June, please join us at this special *erev Shabbat* service. Rabbi Holin will bless everyone with a June *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 the URJ’s **Nothing But Nets** project—which helps 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 **Tuesday, June 12**, and **Thursday, July 12**.

His **Phast for Philadelphia**—which benefits 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 **Friday, June 22**, and **Monday, July 23**.

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

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(make check payable to the URJ with a memo note “Nothing But Nets”)

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

“THE HEART INSIDE KOL AMI” CARING CONGREGANTS

Sunday, June 24, at 11:00 a.m.



Looking for a way to help our Kol Ami community? Join us at our June meeting. Our goal is to support every member of Kol Ami during a challenging time. Contact committee co-chairs Elaine Gershenson at 215-887-3994 or Mindy Levy at 215-885-3672 with questions. We hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY YOGA WITH AMY QUIGLEY AT KOL AMI

Wednesdays & Fridays at 9:15 a.m.
Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

This all-level, vinyasa-style yoga class will involve a variety of yoga postures and sun/moon salutations. Breath awareness and movement (vinyasa) will allow the student to connect with and deepen his or her own personal practice.

These active classes are intended for students who are comfortable with yoga basics; beginners are welcomed and will be offered individual modifications.

Prices: The ten-class card is \$70; the five-class card is \$40; and the drop-in rate is \$10/class. For more information, visit www.yogawithamyq.com or e-mail yogawithamyq@gmail.com.



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Kol Ami Babysitting List Available



Need a babysitter so you can run out to dinner, the movies, or some Kol Ami event?

If so, remember that we now have a list of Kol Ami babysitters, complete with contact information and other useful things. If you're interested in it, contact Janet Falon at 215-635-1698 or jfalon@english.upenn.edu. ■

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members, **Brian and Valerie Weiss** and their children, Tyler and Hannah. We hope you will feel right at home at Kol Ami, and look forward to getting to know you. ■

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We're thrilled to announce... Kol Ami Choirs' Music CD



To celebrate Kol Ami's 18th *Chai* Anniversary, we are planning to begin a year of celebrations with the release of our second *Shabbat* Music CD compilation.

This CD will include the beautiful sounds and voices of Rebecca Schwartz and our Adult and Student Choirs, which are such an exquisite part of the Kol Ami experience in worship and ritual.

Rebecca, the Kol Ami choirs, and Cory Newman have all completed their recording sessions, and the CD is now in the mixing stage.

This celebratory treasure will be given to all members to celebrate our special anniversary and commemorate the founding of our synagogue. We will also share it with prospective member families, as it will give them a sense of the warmth we have on *Shabbat*.

The Worship Enhancement Committee is reaching out to you, the most enthusiastic fans of our music, to help us with the CD production costs. We are offering sponsorships in the amounts of \$50, \$100, \$250, and \$500. Each sponsor can be recognized in the CD booklet and event materials for being a supporter in its creation. For \$500, a full page can be added to the booklet; \$250 half page; \$100 quarter page; and \$50 for listing/acknowledgment.

Please contact Richard Goldstone (rgoldstone.pa@gmail.com) or Elaine Stevens (execdir@kolamielkinspark.org) for further information on how you can contribute to this special project and the celebration our *Chai* Anniversary. ■

CHICKS!

The Kol Ami Nursery School had a visit from the Quiver Farms Chick Hatching Project. The children were able to see the chicks hatching (top left photo), and then the chicks spent a week here as we watched them grow.



KOL AMI JUNE 2012 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Last Day of Nursery School "First-Friday" erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Birthday and Anniversary blessings Adult choir participation	2 <i>Bat Mitzvah of Eleanor Streitwieser</i> 10:00 a.m.
3	4	5	6 Operations Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	7	8 <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> 7:30 p.m.	9 <i>Bar Mitzvah of Drew Steinbrecher</i> 10:00 a.m.

KOL AMI JUNE 2012 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 Inclusion Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m. Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting 11:00 a.m.	11	12 Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	13	14 Interfaith Relationship Dialogue 7:30 p.m. Home of Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen	15 "First-Year Member Anniversary" erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYODinner	16
17	18 Nursery School Summer Camp Begins 9:00 a.m.	19	20	21	22 erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYODinner	23
24 Caring Congregants Committee Meeting 11:00 a.m.	25	26	27	28	29 erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYODinner	30

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infinite nature of God. Learning brings us closer to the Eternal.

An idea that we may choose to nurture together at Kol Ami is that Jewish learning, by definition, is without end. Graduating religious school or reaching Confirmation is not a conclusion, but instead, a celebration of lifelong Jewish learning. By believing in, and creating a culture of lifelong learning, we bring meaning to our lives, ensure Jewish continuity, and draw closer to God.

I believe that we must instill in our young people the wisdom to pursue learning (*Torah*), internalize and express learning (*Avodah*), and transform learning into acts of loving kindness (*G'milut Chasadim*). To this end, I hope to deliver an educational program replete with the knowledge, tools, and inspiration that will help young people to continue on the path of Jewish learning throughout their lives.

I am thrilled to be joining the Kol Ami community, and I look forward to meeting each of you in the near future.

L'Shalom,

David Monblatt ■

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