



WORSHIP SERVICES

THE HIGH HOLY DAYS ARE EARLY THIS YEAR!

SATURDAY, June 1, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue at the home of Bill and Betty Shapiro in Elkins Park; potluck lunch to follow

Friday *erev Shabbat* Services on the Meadow:

June 7, 14, 21 & 28

July 5, 12, 19 & 26

August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

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

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

Special summer service themes

FRIDAY, June 7, at 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 plus "First-Friday" birthday and anniversary blessings as well

FRIDAY, August 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Annual Parents' Blessing of College-Bound and Returning Daughters and Sons (see page 8)

SATURDAY, August 16, 6:30 p.m.

Prospective-Member *Shabbat*; bring your friends and neighbors who might enjoy meeting us and becoming part of our congregation!

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AN INVITATIONAL TO REMEMBER: 2013 GOLF & TENNIS OUTING A WONDERFUL SUCCESS



The Congregation Kol Ami *Sh'lah'chaynee* Award was presented to Jonathan H. Spergel, Esq., Partner at Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (second from left) on Monday, May 6, for his leadership and outstanding contributions to the Philadelphia region. Making the presentation are (from the left): Robb Fox, Bob Rosenthal, and David Hyman.

With the encouragement of Rabbi Holin's prayers, the clouds cleared, the mercury rose, and we had much fun at Kol Ami's Annual Golf & Tennis Outing. This year's venue was held on May 6 at the Philmont Country Club, where we recognized Manko Gold attorney Jonathan Spergel for his many civic activities, including: the Lower Merion Conservancy, Legacy Youth Tennis and Education, and the City Avenue Special Services District. Robb Fox, Jonathan's law partner, and tennis pal Bob Rosenthal joined with the Kol Ami team of Jeff Cohen, David Hyman, Eric Pelletier, and Elaine Stevens, resulting in a very successful fund-raiser for our Synagogue. Thanks to everyone who supported the effort. A full listing of the sponsors and supporters can be found on page 16. ■

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SATURDAY, August 31, 9:00 p.m.

Selichot Service ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

June 7 - *Korach*

Numbers 16:1-18:32

First Samuel 11:14-12:22

June 14 - *Hukkat*

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

June 21 - *Balak*

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

June 28 - *Pinchas*

Numbers 25:10:30:1

First Kings 18:46-19:21 ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Interfaith Relationship Dialogue

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

Home of Co-chairs: Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen, 215-635-4716

Worship Enhancement Committee

Sunday, June 9, at 11:00 a.m.

Co-chairs: Mindy Levy, 215-885-3672, and Bill Shapiro, 215-517-8666

MAZAL TOV

Congratulations to:

Bernard and Edis Hall on their granddaughter, Hillary Reitman, being accepted to the graduate program at Oxford University.

David and Patricia Ann Long on the marriage of their son, Daniel, to Ana Barlow on May 11, 2013. ■

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences in loving memory of:

Dr. Ronald Kaplan

*father of Mark (Karin) Kaplan
grandfather of Molly and Ellie*

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

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



There are nearly as many jokes about the trials and tribulations of synagogue presidents as there are about the challenges posed by mothers-in-law. I can relate to none of them. This is my final

“President’s Letter” as my two-year tenure comes to a close. It has been a joy.

Feeling pressured to say something meaningful in my last message, I’ve settled on five points that preoccupy me:

1. **Judaism is a necessary element to the future of the Jewish people.** As much as I enjoy eating “Jewish cuisine,” hearing “Jewish jokes,” reading “Jewish literature,” etc., I am certain that these delightful cultural by-products will disappear over time in the absence of our *raison d’etre*, i.e., our religion. Like a cut flower whose beauty endures hours or even days once its roots are separated from the soil, the Jewish people will only survive for limited generations without Judaism. We must protect and engage our Faith.
2. **There are many types and categories of Jews** (Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist, Ashkenazi, Sephardic, etc.). I believe there is one distinction that matters most of all: the Serious versus Non-Serious Jew. We know we are becoming a Serious Jew when our religious identity is not compartmentalized into certain limited times and/or place in our lives. For the Serious Jew, his/her identity informs daily living.
3. **Judaism seeks to elevate human conduct.** Although we are created in G-d’s image, we are also part animal. Ritual plays a critical role in maximizing our G-d-like aspects and minimizing our more animalistic instincts. One small, but profound, example is welcoming *Shabbat* with candle lighting and prayer. A family’s Friday-night dinner is transformed from ingesting calories to a meaningful time of human connection by these two small rituals.
4. **Judaism provides a time-tested value system**, i.e., a guide for moral and ethical conduct. Judaism recognizes that the human condition predisposes us to do what “we feel like doing” and a great ability to rationalize after the fact. We can make the world a better place if we choose our behavior based on this internalized set of values rather than the emotion of the moment.
5. **Gratitude is at the core of Judaism.** Recognition of blessings is the underpinning of our prayer and our life view. We “choose life.”

So it is appropriate that I conclude with my expression of sincere gratitude to each of you* in our community for the opportunity to have served as Kol

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

As I was preparing to leave for Israel just six weeks ago, people told me, "Have a good time and be safe." I intended to do the former and hoped for the latter, but in this world, who knows where "safe" is?

Imagine my stunned disbelief when, in my hotel room in Tel Aviv on the morning of April 16, I turned on CNN and learned about bombs that exploded at the finish line of the Boston Marathon. There I was, a little over a hundred miles from Damascus to the north, hearing about explosive devices that detonated in America.

With sustained frequency, one of the reasons that people tell me they are not willing to visit Israel is that it is "too dangerous." There was a time that my response was, "Then don't go to Atlanta." Israel lives in a tough neighborhood and, as my cousin there says, "We are a small pot on a high flame," but Israelis live with uncertainty with greater equanimity than any people I know. We worry much more about them than they do for themselves. Life goes on. You have but to walk the streets or sit in restaurants in Jerusalem-Tel Aviv-Haifa and elsewhere to feel the energy of the people and the country.

Meanwhile, Israelis to whom I spoke—family members, cab drivers and guides—expressed dismay about the inability of politicians on Capitol Hill to pass stringent gun control laws or to make any significant inroads against the NRA and its supporters on the issue of gun control and background gun checks. Israelis are well aware that proponents of the NRA use them as "poster children" to advocate gun rights-gun ownership for civilians in America, claiming that since most Israelis are trained to the military and understand the need to have guns in their homes, so too should Americans have that unfettered right.

The claim is specious because the odds of Israeli civilians acquiring gun permits are as likely as ascending Mount Everest wearing roller skates. It is an almost impossible task. Israeli civilians entrust their protection to police officers and military personnel. That is the model this nation should follow.

In the meantime, I urge you to applaud members of Congress who have co-sponsored the King-Thompson bill to require background checks at gun shows and for online and classified ad sales. It is quite possible that the NRA will urge its supporters in Congress to shoot this down as well, but we must continue to press ahead to pass laws that will protect our children "from generation to generation."

Shalom u'vrachah,
Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

by David Monblatt

The conclusion of our 2012-13 Religious School year was packed with educational programming and special events. In April, our Grade 6 and 7 students, accompanied by their parents, had a field trip to **Philadelphia's Holocaust Memorial Ceremony**, where they met survivors and heard first-hand accounts of their experiences. On the same day, our school held a Grade 4 and 5 family education program at Kol Ami, where students were formally introduced to the subject of the Holocaust. The program included an overview of the Holocaust, video, and an interview with two Holocaust survivors.

For the second year in a row, our school participated in the **Stop Hunger Now** program, held at TBI in Blue Bell. In lieu of attending religious school that day, our families came together to package 20,000 nutritious meals for crisis-burdened areas and school feeding programs around the world.

In May, our Grade 6 and 7 students had another field trip to the **National Museum of American Jewish History**. Students participated in a guided tour of the museum, followed by a class luncheon downtown. Later in the month, the school concluded with two major programs. Our students sang and marched in the **Israel Independence Day Parade** (see photo on page 11), a city-wide celebration of Israel's 65th birthday. And the year was capped off with an **Awards Ceremony and Barbecue**, where students were recognized for their many accomplishments throughout the year and received certificates, medals, and trophies.

It was a great year and we're already busy planning for 2013-2014. Have a fantastic summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in the fall! ■

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send articles by the fifth of the previous month (for example, by June 5 for the July 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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ADULT, YOUTH & CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLUS CHILDCARE



We will use the "Gates of Repentance" prayer book during adult services. We have 500 books available, but if you have the prayer book at home, please bring it with you so that the Kol Ami prayer books can derive the greatest possible use by other members and their families.

Our *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* morning services for students in grades 3 through 9 will be under the direction of our Director of Education, David Monblatt. See page 6 and page 7 for further details about these creative services.

As in previous years, we will have a special *Children's-Family Service* for children in grades K-2 on *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* afternoons to ensure a meaningful, interactive experience.

Child care is available during *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* morning services through Laurie Langman (215-654-9717 or laurierobin@verizon.net).

SELICHOT: HOW TO PREPARE YOUR MIND AND HEART FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Saturday, August 31, at 9:00 p.m.; pre-service *Oneg* at 8:30 p.m.

The High Holy Day season is a time for self-reflection, enabling individuals to realign and reconnect with their inner essence. On this night of *Selichot*, we prepare for the High Holy Days through discussion and reflection, and we will embark on paths leading toward renewal to transform our lives this New Year.

TASHLIKH SERVICE - THE BRIDGE TO YOM KIPPUR

Friday, September 6, at the home of Guy and Karol Appel (Meadowbrook)
Bring Your Own: Dinner, Refreshments, and Blanket Plus Bring a Dessert to Share! Dinner at 5:30 p.m.; *Tashlikh* service at 6:00 p.m.

Tashlikh, from the Hebrew word meaning "to send forth," is a service of readings and reflections from Psalms and Prophetic writings. Traditionally

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held on the second day of *Rosh Hashanah* and dating back to the Middle Ages, the *Tashlikh* service is a tribute to the Creator to whose work of creating the fish were the first witnesses, hence the proximity to a natural body of water “(Let waters bring forth swarms of living creatures”). We will symbolically cast our transgressions across the water to be carried away, preparing us for the Day of Atonement just a week later, at *Kol Nidrei* on Sunday, September 27.

REFLECTIVE READING AND DISCUSSION ON YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON

Saturday, September 14, at 3:00 p.m.

Our High Holy Day Reflective-Reading Service provides a pleasant and meaningful interlude between the Children’s-Family Service and the Afternoon Service. We will be discussing a writing by Yehuda Amichai (1924-2000) titled “The Times My Father Died.” If you plan to join Rabbi Holin at this discussion, he asks that you to let him know so he can send you the seven-page story well in advance of the service to ensure a meaningful discussion.

Please call our rabbi at 215-635-4182 to receive your copy of Amichai’s story.

YIZKOR (MEMORIAL) SERVICE ON YOM KIPPUR

The *Yizkor* Service will be held at 5:30 p.m. A booklet listing the names of loved ones to be remembered has been provided by you on your membership forms. If you wish to make any additions or corrections for the booklet, please send this information to Elaine Stevens (execdir@kolamielkinspark.org) by September 9. ■

HIGH HOLY DAYS CALENDAR 2013 - 5774

<i>Selichot</i>	Saturday, August 31	9:00 p.m.
<i>erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	Wednesday, September 4	8:00 p.m.
<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	Thursday, September 5	
	- Adult Service	10:00 a.m.
	- Youth Service	10:00 a.m.
	- Children’s-Family Service	2:00 p.m.
<i>Tashlikh-Shabbat Shuvah</i>	Friday, September 6	6:00 p.m.
<i>Kol Nidrei</i>	Friday, September 13	8:00 p.m.
<i>Yom Kippur</i>	Saturday, September 14	
	- Adult Service	10:00 a.m.
	- Youth Service	10:00 a.m.
	- Children’s-Family Service	2:00 p.m.
	- Selected Readings/Discussion	3:00 p.m.
	- Afternoon Service	3:45 p.m.
	- <i>Yizkor-Neilah</i> Service	5:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT’S LETTER

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Ami’s eighth President. I am thankful to my seven predecessors who each, in his/her own way, shaped our religious community. Thanks to Jeff Cohen who succeeds me on July 1 and the great Board he will lead. He is the ideal choice to lead our continued progress. I am so grateful for the excitement David has brought to our Religious School and the heavenly music that fills our sanctuary thanks to Rebecca. Only a Kol Ami President can begin to understand how fortunate we are to have Elaine; I simply could not have done the job without her daily assistance. Rabbi Holin is our friend, teacher, and spiritual leader. I nominate him as the best Rabbi in Jewish history.

It has been a pleasure. *Toda raba.*

David Hyman

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* I also want to express my appreciation to Jewish writer and commentator, Dennis Prager, whose teachings have shaped my Jewish identity. In particular, “The Nine Questions People Ask About Judaism,” which he co-authored with Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, set me on the course to become a Serious Jew.

WE’LL GET YOU THERE!

Is transportation keeping you home-bound? Would you like to attend services, an event, or a committee meeting at Kol Ami, but don’t have a means of getting there? The Worship Enhancement Committee has developed a system for connecting riders with potential drivers. Just contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org no later than the Thursday before the event that you’d like to attend. Provide your name and phone number or e-mail address and the desired event’s date and time. She’ll send an “in-search-of” e-mail to Kol Ami congregants regarding your need and hopefully a congregant who plans to attend that event will call or e-mail you directly. ■

ALL NEW

High Holy Day Programming

ROSH HASHANAH - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

TWO SIMULTANEOUS PROGRAM TRACKS:

GRADES 3-6

GRADES 7-9



Rosh Hashanah Service (40 minutes)

Two separate, interactive, age-appropriate services. One for grades 3-6 and one for grades 7-9.



High Holy Day University (45 minutes) for grades 3-6

Mazal tov students! You have been accepted to High Holy Day University, where students learn what the High Holy Days are all about. Exciting educational activities await our future graduates, engaging them in activities about compassion, forgiveness, and other High Holy Day themes.



High Holy Day Jukebox (45 minutes) for grades 7-9

You need only to turn on the radio today to hear countless songs about compassion, forgiveness, and reflection. High Holy Day Jukebox is a fun-filled program in which students will examine the lyrics from numerous contemporary songs to discover what they have to say about the themes of the High Holy Days.



Tales of Teshuvah (30 minutes)

Did Darth Vader truly atone for his sins? *Teshuvah* means admitting our wrongdoings, asking forgiveness, and resolving not to repeat our mistakes. In *Tales of Teshuvah*, students will investigate the concept of *teshuvah* through the actions of numerous fictional characters and determine whether or not they have atoned according to the Jewish tradition.



The Knowledge Bowl (35 minutes)

Come one, come all and test your knowledge of Judaism in this fun-filled trivia game about the Jewish year. Students will participate in teams for a chance to win some great prizes (and they may even learn a thing or two).

for Grades 3 through 9

YOM KIPPUR - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

TWO SIMULTANEOUS PROGRAM TRACKS:

GRADES 3-6

GRADES 7-9



Yom Kippur Service (40 minutes)

Two separate, interactive, age-appropriate services. One for grades 3-6 and one for grades 7-9.



Sho-far, Sho-Good (30 minutes)

Do you have what it takes to blow the shofar? It's not as easy as it looks. Come and learn the notes of the shofar and take your shot at sounding the big one: *Tekiah Gedolah!*



Reflections (35 minutes)

The High Holy Days can be a time of serious introspection for young people too. *Reflections* is a break from all the fun-filled programming, and an opportunity for students to pause and contemplate the year that has passed, both as individuals and with their peers.



High Holiday Wax Museum (45 minutes)

Calling all budding Michelangelos! Our students will create their very own masterpieces by positioning themselves and their friends in a variety of wax museum exhibits that express themes from the Jewish year.

Kol Ami Events

"FIRST-FRIDAY" EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for June Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Friday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m.



If you or someone in your family is celebrating a birthday or anniversary in June, please join us at our special *erev Shabbat* service. Rabbi Holin will bless everyone with June *simchas* 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 **Nothing But Nets** fast this month—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 **Monday, June 10; Tuesday, July 16; and Wednesday, August 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, June 3; Tuesday, July 9; and Wednesday, August 16.**

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')

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')

A THANK YOU LETTER FOR OUR MITZVAH

For several years, Rabbi Holin has been on a water fast two days a month, and he sends funds in double the amount that he would have spent on food those days to benefit organizations that help people in need. One of the organizations is the Philadelphia Unemployment Office, and we recently received the following letter:

"Dear Rabbi Holin,

The Board and staff of the Unemployment Information Center thank you for your extremely generous donations. We have been extremely touched by your selfless actions on behalf of your congregation and are honored that you selected us to receive this blessing. The work that 'Phast for Philadelphia' is doing is inspiring.

For thirty years, UIC has provided unemployed and low-income workers with the tools for individual entry and advancement into the mainstream economy. We thank you for recognizing and valuing our work.

Evelyn Dodds, Operations Manager"

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL PARENTS' BLESSING OVER COLLEGE-BOUND-AND RETURNING DAUGHTERS AND SONS

Friday, August 9, at our 6:30 p.m. Service



Every year, parents and their college-bound and returning children attend this special service where parents have the opportunity to quietly talk to their child(ren) as they gather in front of the ark during this time of transition for the entire family and to bless them with "words from the heart."

This is especially meaningful for parents whose only or eldest child is leaving for college for the first time. It is a moment prior to silent meditation that has moved everyone present each year at this service.

Rabbi Holin will provide texts of traditional blessings in Hebrew and English that you might choose to quietly recite with your child, in addition to sharing private thoughts between you and your son or daughter. If you would like to receive copies of the blessings in advance of the service, please call Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182. ■

Congregation Kol Ami

Sunday, June 9th @ 1:35 p.m.

Gates open @ 12:35 p.m.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: THE LOY FAMILY

Let's say *shalom* to new members Jason and Rachel Loy, their daughters, Natalie and Emily, and their son, Ethan. They just joined in November, but their ties to Kol Ami run longer and deeper, as Jason and Rachel were married by Rabbi Holin in 2004, and they are such close friends with our Education Director David Monblatt that their oldest daughter, Natalie, is David's godchild. Jason and Rachel say that they joined Kol Ami to establish the pathway for their children's Jewish education—and six-year-old Natalie is joining our K/1 class. Little sister, Emily, is three years old and little brother, Ethan, is one.

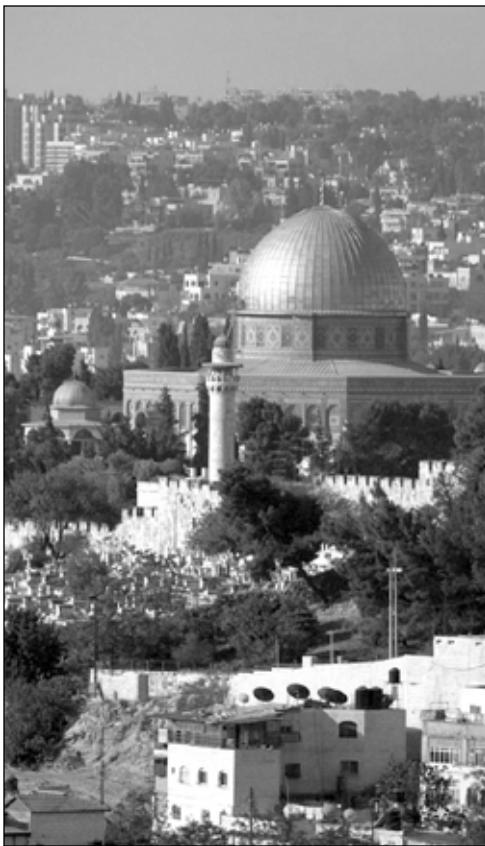
Rachel was born and raised in Wisconsin, while Jason is originally from our area. After Rachel relocated to southeastern Pennsylvania in her twenties, she met Jason and they married here. Subsequently, they made job-related moves to North Jersey and then Akron, Ohio (where Natalie was born in 2006). They came full circle by returning to the Philadelphia area shortly thereafter, and both

Emily and Ethan were born at Abington Hospital. Jason is a chemical engineer who is a Safety and Environmental Manager for Ashland, Inc., a worldwide specialty chemical company, with offices in Wilmington, DE. Rachel is a contract manager for Jones Lange LaSalle, a facility management company with offices on the Merck campus in West Point, PA.

The Loy's home activities center around their three children, although they like to travel when they can, and to find time to read whenever they get the chance. Natalie is taking judo lessons, and Emily is a gymnast (at the Little Gym in Jenkintown). Ethan precociously toddles around, trying to do what his big sisters are doing! The Loy household is also home to two cats, Hargrove and Honey.

We are very happy to welcome the Loy's to Kol Ami, as they really already are members of our family, but now more so than ever! ■





CONGREGATION KOL AMI TRIPS TO ISRAEL 2014 WITH RABBI HOLIN, YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Information about itineraries and price will follow in future bulletins.

FAMILY TRIP

Please note: Children must be 8+ years old to join us on this trip.

Leave Philadelphia on Sunday, August 17

Return on Thursday, August 28

(Night flight from Tel Aviv on Wednesday, August 27, at 11:30 p.m.,
arriving in Philadelphia on Thursday, August 28, at 5:15 a.m.)

ADULT TRIP

Leave Philadelphia on Sunday, October 19

Return on Thursday, October 30

(Night flight from Tel Aviv on Wednesday, October 29, at 11:30 p.m.,
arriving in Philadelphia on Thursday, October 30, at 5:15 a.m.)

Contact Rabbi Holin for more information at 215-635-4182.



Kol Ami students, their parents, and some congregants recently sang and marched in the Israel Independence Day Parade, a city-wide celebration of Israel's 65th birthday.

Kol Ami Nursery: Chicks, Gardens & Stories!



LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH: The children interacted with the recently hatched chicks (above), became members of the dirty fingernails club when they helped fill their own raised-bed garden at Kol Ami with soil (below), and listened to guest reader David Monblatt during story time.



KOL AMI JUNE 2013 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Home of Bill and Betty Shapiro (Elkins Park); potluck lunch to follow
2	3	4	5	6	7 Nursery School End-of-Year Picnic 11:00 a.m. "First-Year Member Anniversary" <i>erev</i> Shabbat Service on the Meadow and "First-Friday" Birthday and Anniversary Blessings 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYODinner	8
9 Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting 11:00 a.m.	10 Nursery School CLOSED	11 Nursery School CLOSED Interfaith Relationship Dialogue 7:30 p.m. Home of Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen	12 Nursery School CLOSED	13 Nursery School CLOSED	14 Nursery School CLOSED <i>erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow</i> 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	15

KOL AMI JUNE 2013 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17 Nursery School Summer Camp Begins 9:00 a.m. Nursery School Music 9:30 a.m.	18 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m.	19 Nursery School Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m.	20	21 erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	22
23	24 Nursery School Music 9:30 a.m.	25 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m.	26	27	28 erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	29
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Kol Ami Contributions

We thank the following individuals for their generous donations to Kol Ami funds. If you would like to make a donation, send it to Congregation Kol Ami, 8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027, and indicate to which fund it should be applied.

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In Honor of:

Adult *Bnai Mitzvah* Class

Guy, Karol, Bryan, and Taylor Appel

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Rebecca Schwartz

In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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Elaine Stevens

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