

CONGREGATION
Kol Ami
VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

WORSHIP SERVICES

TUESDAY, June 3, at 7:00 p.m.
erev Shavuot - Confirmation Service

WEDNESDAY, June 4, at 10:00 a.m.
Shavuot - Yizkor Service in memory of loved ones who died since the past *Yom Kippur*

FRIDAY, June 6, at 7:30 p.m.
First-Year Member Anniversary
"First-Friday" *erev Shabbat* Service with June birthday and anniversary blessings as the Adult Choir serenades us into the summer

SATURDAY, June 7, at 10:00 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Abraham Moss
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**FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT
SERVICES ON THE MEADOW:**

June 13, 20 & 27

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)

SATURDAY, June 14, at 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue at the home of Abby Binder and Jane Tausig in Glenside; potluck lunch to follow ■

REJOICE WITH OUR 10TH-GRADE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT OUR 17TH CONFIRMATION CLASS SERVICE
EREV SHAVUOT, TUESDAY, JUNE 3, AT 7:00 P.M.



We will rejoice with the following students and their families at a creative service that includes the students' thoughtful writings about Jewish identity, their values, the people who have inspired them, the world around them, and how they envision their future:

Sarah Boise Barry and Allison Boise
Arin Edelstein Joel Edelstein and Betsy McKinstry
Adam Rosenfeld Fishbein Joel Fishbein and Rachel Ezekiel-Fishbein ■



POSTPONED IN APRIL DUE TO WEATHER...

Congregation Kol Ami Golf and Tennis Outing

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014 • PHILMONT COUNTRY CLUB

TORAH & HAFTARAH

June 7 - *B'haalotecha*

Numbers 8:1-12:16

Zechariah 2:14-4:7

June 14 - *Sheblach*

Numbers 13:1-15:41

Joshua 2:1-24

June 21 - *Korach*

Numbers 16:1-18:32

I Samuel 11:14-12:22

June 28 - *Chukat*

Numbers 19:1-22:1

Isaiah 66:1-24 ■

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving memory of:

Benson Krieger

uncle of Jennifer (Erik) Streitwieser

Janet Lindsley

mother of Tracy (Murray) Greenfield

grandmother of Samantha

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings are held at the Synagogue, unless otherwise noted.

Religious School Committee

Thursday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Sheryl Cohen, 215-885-2436, and Barbara Fink, 215-886-2297

Spiritual Growth Group

Monday, June 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Co-chairs: Natalie Dyen, 215-635-4336, and Janet Falon, 215-635-1698

Worship Enhancement Committee

Sunday, June 22, at 10:00 a.m.

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

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

THE UNION OF REFORM JUDAISM (URJ) & CONGREGATION KOL AMI

Any institution, ours included, runs the risk of being insular. Think about your own career and how important continued learning from and networking with a variety of sources has been to your professional success. We are fortunate to have Rabbi Holin for many reasons, one being how connected he is to the wider world of Jewish scholarship, social action, and to Eretz Y'Israel. The URJ is an additional source for Jewish learning for all of us. As a member of Kol Ami, you should be receiving the publication "Reform Judaism" (reformjudaismmag.org) and I hope you are using reformjudaism.org as a resource for enriching your family's Jewish life.

Recently I had a few opportunities to learn more about the URJ and how we as members can benefit. Ellen and I travelled to San Diego this past December to participate in the URJ Biennial. Since joining URJ, Kol Ami has sent delegations to the Biennial in Toronto in '09, in Washington, DC in '11 and I hope to attend the '15 Biennial to be held November 4-8 in Orlando with others in Kol Ami. The Biennial is a rare and inspiring opportunity to learn, network, worship, and connect with over 5,000 North American Reform Jews. It is filled with workshops on a myriad of relevant topics and features a vibrant marketplace of services and products for the Jewish community. Perhaps most importantly, Biennial helped me see all that we can learn from a broad, rich, and diverse community and reinforced so many of the great things we are doing here.

In January, the Rabbi, Elaine, and I met with our new URJ liaison, Rabbi David Levin, to dialogue on what we are trying to do at Kol Ami. David is a resource we can go to with specific questions that he'll understand in the broader context of our goals and needs. For now, I am the link to David, so if there is something you are working on for Kol Ami, and the resources don't appear in urj.org, please let me know and I'll ask David to point us in the right direction.

In late April, I went to Atlanta to attend the Scheidt Seminar for incoming and first year synagogue presidents. This turned out to be an inspirational and useful four days, filled with in-depth dialogues with President Rabbi Rick Jacobs and Steve Sacks, the Chairman of the URJ Board. As participants, the 98 of us focused on the opportunities and challenges we have, placing them in the context of how we help move our synagogues and Reform Judaism further into the 21st century and practice what Rabbi Jacobs calls "audacious hospitality" to our members, guests, and those in our community who have not yet chosen to join Kol Ami. Through song, worship, study, and dialogue, I came away with ideas and a network of other people we can call on with questions, and who we might be a resource to.

There is value in being part of something larger; joining and remaining members in Kol Ami is an example of this value. Being part of the URJ

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

During the months prior to the High Holy Days 2013, members of our congregation joined me and the chairpersons of our Worship Enhancement Committee to review drafts of the *Selichot* and *Kol Nidrei* services that are due to be published in time for the High Holy Days 2015. We welcomed those two service drafts at *Selichot* and *Kol Nidrei* last year, and then we met two weeks later to hear your thoughts about both services. As one of 300 “pilot congregations” in the Reform Movement that studied, introduced, and reacted to service drafts, we sent along our recommendations for edits to the evolving *Machzor*, the 2015 High Holy Day prayer book in development.

We continue with this special cohort of Reform synagogues to now study drafts of the *erev Rosh Hashanah*, *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur* Morning and the *Yom Kippur* Afternoon services in advance of the High Holy Days 2014. They will be published in time for the High Holy Days in 2015 with revisions at the discretion of the Central Conference of American Rabbis editorial board.

“Gates of Repentance,” the well-worn *Machzor* that has been used since 1978, is being phased out. The times, they have been changin’, to echo Bob Dylan, and the themes and words of the new *Machzor* – *Mishkan HaNefesh*, ‘Sanctuary of the Soul’ – will reflect those changes.

I invite you to join me; our president, Jeff Cohen; and our Worship Enhancement Committee co-chairs, Bill Shapiro and Mindy Levy, to discuss each of the services on the dates below and to offer your ideas about which readings in particular should be included in our services commencing with *erev Rosh Hashanah* on Wednesday, September 24.

Based on our collective responses to these four service drafts, we will determine whether we will introduce them as temporarily bound copies at our High Holy Day services this year.

Once you decide which of the study groups you will attend, I will gladly give you an advance copy of that service’s text upon request prior to the meeting.

- **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 7:00-8:30 P.M. - the *erev Rosh Hashanah* service**

- the blessing over the *Yom Tov* candles: “The first *mitzvah* in the *Torah* is ‘*Y’hee ohr*— Let there be light!’ So we are commanded: in everything you do, be a *menorah*, a bringer of light. Live with honor, act with integrity, do your work with passion – and the radiance of your deeds will live after you.”
- as we proceed from the *V’ahavtah* to the *MiChamocha*: “*Mitzrayim* is not just a place on an ancient map where a narrow strait blocks the way between two seas: *Mitzrayim* is a place in us where a narrow strait blocks the sea which is our soul from reaching the Sea which is its source.”

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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can be valuable to us as well. Our membership in URJ supports the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (www.huc.edu) that educates future Rabbis, Cantors, Jewish Educators, and lay leaders. It gives us preferred and reduced-rate access to Camp Harlam and all the URJ camps as well as to the URJ's Israel programs. It gives our children access to the NFTY regional and national organizations and their programming. It helps to keep us connected to Reform Jewish music and liturgy, and it connects us with the URJ's new communities of practice focused on developing useful knowledge and best practices on critical topics and to the regional networks that are looking for new ways to connect us to other synagogues in the southeast Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey geographies.



June's "*Sh'lach'chaynee* – Send me" request is to access check out some of the websites above, come to *Shabbat* on the Meadow beginning in mid-June, and participate in our two key fund raisers – *Tikun Olam* honoring Jeff Jubelirer on June 8th and our rescheduled Golf and Tennis outing on June 24th, honoring Philadelphia Bar Association Chancellor William Fedullo. Perhaps most importantly, please join us on June 3rd and celebrate our wonderful confirmands and their unique and personal writings on the first night of *Shavout*.

Jeff Cohen
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JEFF JUBELIRER TO RECEIVE *TIKUN OLAM* AWARD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 8



Over the past 17 years, our Congregation has honored members of the community who have made meaningful contributions to repairing the world, including last year's honorees, Stewart and Sally Eisenberg. This year, we are excited to announce that this year's honoree is Jeff Jubelirer, who just happens to be the brother of our very own Laurie Jubelirer Langman and brother-in-law of her husband, Chuck.

Jeff is widely recognized as one of the top corporate communications and public relations strategists in Greater Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Perhaps best known for his unparalleled expertise in issue and crisis management and public policy advocacy, Jeff is a "go-to" media and political analyst for local broadcast and newspaper outlets. In addition, Jeff is a regular contributor on 6abc's venerable weekly public affairs show, "Inside Story."

Giving back to the community is of utmost importance to Jeff. He currently serves on the Boards of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Philadelphia and Susquehanna Valley, Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children, Legacy Youth Tennis and Education, and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of Eastern Pennsylvania/Southern New Jersey/Delaware. In 2012, Jeff received the prestigious national Daniel Ginsberg Award for his exemplary leadership on behalf of the ADL. Jeff is as an adjunct professor, teaching issue and crisis management at Temple University; and he serves on the University's Department of Strategic Communication Advisory Council. He also serves on Penn State's (his alma mater) Department of Political Science Board of Visitors. In addition, he writes a quarterly column in the "Pennsylvania Law Weekly" on emerging issues in public relations.

Jeff lives in Greater Philadelphia with his wife, Tracey, a pediatric oncologist with The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; his two daughters, Sofie and Ali; and the family pug, Kayla.

Please join us on Sunday, June 8, for the *Tikun Olam* brunch honoring Jeff. This is one of our three major fund-raisers that enable Kol Ami to be the strong and helpful community presence we are. Tickets are \$54 per person and sponsorships are also available. Please contact Elaine Stevens to make your reservation for this warm and important event. ■

BRING PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS TO SOME
GREAT KOL AMI EVENTS

Participate in the “**Strive for 225!**” campaign and bring a prospective member or friend to any Kol Ami event, fill out a “guest pass,” and you will be entered in the raffle to win an iPad Mini. Here are some great events to share with your friend(s):

- *erev Shavuot*-Confirmation Service - Tuesday, June 3, at 7:00 p.m.
- *Shavuot-Yizkor* Service - Wednesday, June 4, at 10:00 a.m.
- First-Year Member Anniversary “First-Friday” *erev Shabbat* Service - June 6, at 7:30 p.m.
- *Tikun Olam* Brunch to honor Jeff Jubelirer - Sunday, June 8, 11:00 a.m.
- Our first *erev Shabbat* Service on the Meadow - Friday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m.; preceded by a bring your own picnic dinner at 5:45 p.m. ■

SOCIAL ACTION

JEWISH RELIEF AGENCY

Sunday, June 8, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Come out and help us sort, pack, and deliver food to needy families at the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) Food Distribution Center. 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 at their warehouse in Northeast Philadelphia (directions can be found at www.jewishrelief.org). Volunteers package kosher, nonperishable food in boxes and deliver the food packages to recipients according to pre-determined delivery routes, complete with driving directions and maps. Most delivery routes take between 30 to 60 minutes to complete. ■



STRIVE FOR 225! WHY ARE YOU HERE?

Thanks to all our members who answered the question “Why Are You Here?” and shared their passion and love for Congregation Kol Ami. You, our members, are the best source for continuing to build our community. Please continue to share with your friends, neighbors, and colleagues what our intimate and dynamic community means to you. Here is the final installment of this year’s ‘Strive for 225! Share Your Story’ campaign—from one of our original members and from one of our newest families:

“I came to Kol Ami with my parents when this ‘new’ congregation opened its doors with Rabbi Holin as the spiritual leader. Nineteen years, three buildings, and one (and only!) stint as president, I am still amazed at the strength of our little, yet mighty congregation. My family continues to enjoy the programs, choir, calls from Elliot on the girls’ birthdays—all of the things that make Kol Ami, Kol Ami.”

– Ben Long

“We are proud to be part of the Kol Ami family; our youngest daughter goes to Preschool, and we ultimately became members. Rabbi Holin is a warm and welcoming presence; the teachers and all staff are caring, supportive, and comforting. We enjoy the small, caring community at Kol Ami, and the fact that members have the freedom to attend and be part of events at their own pace, knowing Kol Ami is there no matter what. The Cantorial Soloist brings the joy of music to the children and adults in a fundamental and fun way, with an engaging personality and love for her work. I feel “love” is the word, with a sense of respect for all who are part of this congregation and school. We look forward to many years of being part of Kol Ami—there is a difference for here as opposed to anywhere else. To be there for each other is a gift.”

– The Adelman Family
Robin, Ira, Marlene & Belle ■

YEDIDAY CONTRIBUTORS

We greatly appreciate the support of the following members of *Yediday* Kol Ami, which raises funds to support our Synagogue:

Anonymous
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For more information about *Yediday* Kol Ami, please contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org. ■



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• **MONDAY, JUNE 23, 7:00-8:30 P.M. - the *Rosh Hashanah* morning service**

- “Hear the *shofar*, O Israel –
you who must wrestle faith and history
to the ground.
Hear the *shofar* –
a deep breath of hope,
stranger among sounds,
rough draft of
redemption.”
- “They said redemption would come only when no one’s expecting it anymore, and one night they sat silent and awake at the thresholds of their stores and homes and didn’t expect redemption, and when dawn rose there were tears rolling down from all the rooftops.”

• **TUESDAY, JULY 8, 7:00-8:30 P.M. - the *Yom Kippur* morning service**

- a contemplative reading to begin the service: “Rabbinic tradition claims that Moses broke the tablets of the Ten Commandments on the tenth of *Tishri*, that is, on *Yom Kippur*. The original tablets of the Ten Commandments were fashioned by the Divine, untouched by human flaws, but when the people of Israel sinned and created a Golden Calf, God despaired and wanted to get rid of them. Moses was so distressed that he smashed the tablets. It was almost as if the tablets were too pure to be left in human hands.

Then came forty days of working through the heartbreak. Reconciliation and catharsis were followed by forty days of hard-won repentance based on realism, forgiveness, and acceptance of others’ limitations—that would guide the Israelites for centuries to come. Such tablets express the spirit of *Yom Kippur* when out of our brokenness we become stronger than when we claimed to be whole.”

- a closing prayer: “Rabbi Nachman of Breslov taught: ‘Always look for the good in yourself. And remember: Joy is not incidental to your spiritual quest; it is vital. For so it is written (Isaiah 55:12): ‘You will go out through joy, and be led forth in peace.’

Focus on the good in yourself, take joy in what is good, and you will be led forth from inner darkness.”

• **TUESDAY, JULY 15, 7:00-8:30 P.M. - the *Yom Kippur* afternoon service**

- The High Holy Days are suffused with memory: “Said Basha—89 years old, a member of the Aliyah Senior Citizens Center in Venice, California: ‘Do you know what it meant to me when I was called to the candles last Friday? I’ll tell you. When I was a little girl, I would stand this way, beside my mother when she would light the candles for *Shabbat*. We were alone in the house, everything warm and clean and quiet with all the good smells of the cooking food coming in around us. We were

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BAR MITZVAH OF ABRAHAM MOSS

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, AT 10:00 A.M.



Abe is in the seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School. His favorite subjects are mathematics, science, and Latin because they are all challenging and give him a way to test his abilities: math presents the challenge, “How do I solve this problem?”; science provides him with

an abundance of information otherwise unavailable; Latin is a gateway, the key to almost all others languages.

His school extracurricular activities are Solar cars, Theatrics, Debate Club, Current Events, and Reading Olympics; and outside of school, he fences and participates in Boy Scouts.

His volunteer activities are at the Abramson Center, cleaning and refurbishing the community, and helping with the recent move that his school undertook.

Says Abe, “I am proud to be Jewish and I enjoy being Jewish because of how long we, as a People, have lasted and how much we have endured while others have failed and ceased to exist. It is truly remarkable how our religion has gone through more than it bargained for and has still been able to show the rest of the world that it never falters, and nothing will stop it from existing and thriving.

“One of my most powerful Jewish experiences was being in Israel with my family after my brother’s *Bar Mitzvah*. We were at the Western Wall and Masada, and at other religious locations. This experience became imprinted in my memory because of how interesting it was and how well the guide presented everything to us. Masada, for example, was amazing because of how they lived, gathered resources, and stored food for years.

“An experience that transformed me and the way that I look at the world was being at Yad Vashem. It made me reconsider what I had thought about the Holocaust and its repercussions, and it was really the Children’s Exhibit that did it for me. Entering the room, one sees thousands and thousands of reflections from a single candle, and those reflections symbolize the 1.5 million children who were murdered and how all their lights were snuffed out, just like candles. It truly hit me hard, and it took me a while to stop crying because of how powerful this experience was.

“The most surprising thing I learned or felt when I was in Israel is how safe it is, even surrounded by its enemies. I saw countless soldiers and checkpoints, and other defensive measures everywhere, and there were few areas that were not covered by Israel’s protection. The interesting part is how friendly the people were. You could have a conversation with them when they weren’t busy, and yet they were also extremely serious and gruff seeing how they protected their homeland around the clock.

“After my experience in Israel, I have not really changed my mind about what I think of it because all the years before I went to Israel, I heard people say that it is a beautiful and fantastic country. When I went there, it lived up to its reputation and more. It is really a fantastic place, especially Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Overall, it really is one of those places you can admire for your whole life.”

“I will chant from the Book of Numbers 12:4-16. The verses tell us about how the people disrespected God and Moses, and that God was so upset that Miriam was afflicted with leprosy. The theme is about how leaders earn our respect and the need to respect our leaders.”

We congratulate Abe’s parents, Sandy and Kenny, and his brother, Ben, who celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* at Kol Ami on January 21, 2012. ■

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still warm from the *mikva*. My braids very tight, to last through *Shabbes*, made with my best ribbons. Whatever we had, we wore our best. To this day, when the heat of the candles is on my face, I circle the flame and cover my eyes, and then I feel again my mother's hands on my smooth cheeks.”

– *Yom Kippur*, in the words of Yehuda Amichai, is also about journeys:

“Jerusalem port city on the shores of eternity. / The Holy Mount is a huge ship, a luxurious pleasure / liner. From the portholes of her Western Wall happy / saints look out, travelers. Hasidim on the dock wave / good-bye, shout hurrah till we meet again. She's / always arriving, always sailing. And the gates and the docks / and the policemen and the flags and the high masts of churches / and mosques and the smokestacks of synagogues and the boats / of praise and waves of mountains. The sound of the ram's horn is / heard: still another sailed. Day of Atonement sailors in white uniforms climb among ladders and ropes of seasoned prayers.

And the trade and the gates and the gold domes: / Jerusalem is the Venice of God.”

I invite you to take the first steps in the second phase of the evolving *Mishkan HaNefesh* as the High Holy Days approach by joining me on any one or more of these evenings to engage the texts and share your thoughts about what speaks to you.

Shalom u'vrachah,
Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

WORDS OF GRATITUDE TO CONGREGATION KOL AMI FROM RABBI ROSENBLOOM

On *erev Shabbat*, April 4, we honored Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, and these are his words to us in a letter received just two days later:



Dear Rabbi Holin,

I am so grateful to you and to Congregation Kol Ami for the wonderful service on Friday night, and for your honoring me in such a warm and generous way.

The service itself was so refreshing. The pacing, music, and language were intensely spiritual and created such a warm, intimate, and moving time that both Cindy and I were struck by its beauty.

The *Hanukkah Menorah* is absolutely exquisite. Cindy and I are just in awe of it! We love it and are so looking forward to using it for *Hanukkah*. It will be a true act of *Hiddur Mitzvah* to use it when we light the candles, and it will always bring back fond memories of this wonderful, meaningful evening.

My heart is full of gratitude to you, Jeff Cohen, Elaine Stevens, Rebecca Schwartz, and the entire Kol Ami Family. I will never forget this special evening.

With admiration, friendship, and love,
Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom ■

STUDY AND DIALOGUE WITH RABBI HOLIN AND OUR WEC CO-CHAIRS ABOUT THE NEW 'DRAFT SERVICES' FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Please bring your ideas and join us at any or all of these meetings:

- **Wednesday, June 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** – the *erev Rosh Hashanah* service
- **Monday, June 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** – the *Rosh Hashanah* morning service
- **Tuesday, July 8, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** – the *Yom Kippur* morning service
- **Tuesday, July 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** – the *Yom Kippur* afternoon service

If you would like a copy of the service prior to the meeting you will attend, please call Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182. ■

Kol Ami Events

FIRST-FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for June Birthday & Anniversary Blessings
Friday, June 6, at 7:30 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 a June *simcha* in front of the *Torah* Reading Table. 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*.

EVENTS FOR THE LOCAs AND MOCAs

Saturday, June 6, at 5:30 p.m. at Marco Polo

Would you like to meet for dinner before the June 6 *erev Shabbat* service? If so, we’re planning to gather at the Marco Polo restaurant for dinner and then head over to the synagogue. The choir is performing that night, which is an added treat. MOCAs (Men of a Certain Age, i.e. husbands and partners) are welcome. As we did last time, the LOCAs and MOCAs will each have their own tables so the men can discuss sports and other “guy” stuff, and the ladies can discuss everything else.

If you’d like to join us for dinner, please contact Natalie Dyen by e-mail (nat.dyen@verizon.net) or phone (215-657-4124) before the end of May so she can make reservations.

LAST MEETING BEFORE THE SUMMER BREAK OF THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP

Monday, June 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Come check out the Spiritual Growth Group at its last meeting before the summer break. Spiritual director Carol

Nemeroff will once again lead the group through some fascinating exercises and readings. Remember, you don’t need to be “observant,” Jewishly learned, or a believer in God to participate. For more information, contact Natalie Dyen (nat.dyen@verizon.net) or Janet Falon (jfalon@english.upenn.edu).

FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT



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. Forthcoming fast days on behalf of **NATAL** will be on Wednesday, June 11, and Wednesday, July 9.

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 health care needs, and pay electric bills. Forthcoming **Phast for Philadelphia** fast days will be on Thursday, June 26, and Thursday, July 24.

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:

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

(make check payable to Unemployment Information Center with a memo note “Philadelphia Unemployment Office”) ■

You are cordially invited to join the

JURIED CRAFT & FINE ARTS SHOW @ KOL AMI 2014 CHAI-LY SPIRITED SPONSORS!

PLATINUM \$360 LEVEL: Receive four entrances to the Saturday Night Preview & Sale plus 20 raffle tickets for a chance to win an art item donated by one of our participating artisans. Platinum Sponsors will also receive four free entrances for the following day.

GOLD \$180 LEVEL: Receive two entrances to the Saturday Night Preview & Sale plus 10 raffle tickets for a chance win an art item donated by one of our participating artisans. Gold Sponsors will also receive two free entrances for the following day.

SILVER \$108 LEVEL: Receive two entrances to the Saturday Night Preview & Sale. Silver Sponsors will also receive two free entrances for the following day.

To show our appreciation for your generosity, our list of **CHAI-LY SPIRITED SPONSORS** will be shared on the event's Web site (www.kolamicroftshow.org), at the event, and in the bulletin. In advance, thank you for considering to be a **2014 CHAI-LY SPIRITED SPONSOR!** At your convenience, please forward your interest and a check to Elaine Stevens.



Juried Craft & Fine Arts Show



SATURDAY **SUNDAY**
SEPTEMBER 13TH **SEPTEMBER 14TH**

PREVIEW & SALE

6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Tickets \$20 (Members) / \$25

Entertainment & Catered gourmet light fare

Raffle sale for original art items

SHOW DAY & SALE

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets \$5

Gourmet fare for purchase

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HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE APPLIED

Kol Ami Funds

Below is a list of the available Kol Ami funds:

ADULT EDUCATION FUND: Enables us to invite scholars, authors, and artists to speak about: Jewish history and contemporary issues; their motivation for writing about specific themes; and their interpretation through art and music about Jewish life in the past and present.

ARTS AND CULTURE FUND: Enables us to provide funding for cultural programs, including music and arts, the preservation and maintenance of artwork within the synagogue, and the beautification of the meditation garden.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH AND CONFIRMATION FUND: Enables us to provide appropriate gifts (books, *kiddush* cups, and *Shabbat* candlesticks) when our young adults celebrate their *Bar/Bat Mitzvahs* and Confirmations.

'DISCOVER ISRAEL' FUND: Enables us to provide scholarships to enable children of our members to participate in approved peer-group trips to Israel.

FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND FUND: Enables us to underwrite the cost of Family Camp Weekend programs and to welcome specialists on a "weekend away" to explore a Jewish theme with our rabbi.

FAMILY EDUCATION FUND: Enables us to underwrite the cost for our programs and to welcome guest speakers to special events.

LIBRARY FUND: Enables us to purchase books for the education and enjoyment of our children, youth, and adults.

ONEG SHABBAT FUND: Enables us to provide refreshments following *Shabbat* services.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: Enables Rabbi Holin to perform *mitzvot* for those in need, in the name of the Congregation.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND: Enables us to provide resources and programs for the benefit of our children in the religious school.

SYNAGOGUE FUND: Enables us to provide for the general well-being of the Congregation.

YOUTH FUND: Enables us to provide scholarships to enable children of our members to participate in Jewish enrichment experiences at camps, youth enclaves, and other programs. ■

LEGACY ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

Congregation Kol Ami formed a Legacy Endowment Society this past spring, and we thank our first members for their commitment to the future of our synagogue:

Michael and Sara Chernoff
Jeffrey Cohen and Ellen Friedman
Elizabeth Grenald
David Hyman
Lee Laden
Marshall and Ilene Schafer
Elaine Stevens
The Wintroub Family

The Society welcomes all members to make a future gift of any amount through a variety of methods, such as wills or life insurance policies. If you would like to join the Society or if you have questions, please contact the chair, Ilene Schafer, at 215-663-0228. ■



WE'LL GET YOU THERE!

Would you like to attend services, an event, or a committee meeting at Kol Ami, but are nervous about getting there? The Worship Enhancement Committee has developed a system for connecting riders with potential drivers. Just contact Elaine Stevens at execdir@kolamielkinspark.org or 215-635-3110 no later than the Thursday before the event that you'd like to attend. You'll need to provide your name and phone number or e-mail address and the desired event's date and time. Then Elaine will send an "in-search-of" e-mail to Kol Ami congregants regarding your need. Hopefully a congregant who plans to attend that event will call or e-mail you directly. ■

A NAME CHANGE FOR OUR NURSERY SCHOOL

Introducing the Kol Ami Early Learning Center

As you know, we have a long-standing and great partnership with the Federation Early Learning Center (FELS) for running and developing our nursery school. As our parents in the center already know, FELS has embarked on a re-branding campaign to give its centers a more uniform look that will impact all of their marketing materials, including their Web site, stationery, and the agency van that drives around three counties. The primary audience FELS is targeting are parents

LEFT: The children celebrated Earth Day 2014 with fun art projects, and they worked out their little green thumbs by tending to some pansies. BELOW: The Kol Ami kids turned out to be great egg tenders too—all 12 of their incubated eggs hatched in April.



seeking child care and, of course, donors. The main change is to brand all of the centers with their key name (Kol Ami) paired with “Early Learning Center” so that the message we send to the public is unified.

As each center is usually referred to by currently enrolled, alumni, and shopping parents by their key name, this change for Kol Ami will align it with FELS, ensuring that when FELS advertises one center they are advertising them all. FELS knows that parents today are seeking an early-learning environment for their children and that the term “nursery school” is outdated.

As a result, we are proud to let you know that our center will now be known as Kol Ami Early Learning Center. Marketing materials will include the tag line “Kol Ami Early Learning Center is a joint program of Federation Early Learning Services and Congregation Kol Ami.” Lastly, you will see a new sign at our entrance that will read “Kol Ami Early Learning Center” at the top and “A joint program of Federation Early Learning Services and Congregation Kol Ami” at the bottom. ■



KOL AMI JUNE 2014 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		<p>Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><i>erev Shavuot</i> Confirmation Service 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>No Early Learning Center - <i>Shavuot</i></p> <p><i>Shavuot-Yizkor</i> Service 10:00 a.m.</p>		<p>Early Learning Center Last Day of School - Picnic and Graduation</p> <p>LOCA Dinner at Marco Polo 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>First-Year Member Anniversary and First-Friday <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Participation</p>	<p><i>Bar Mitzvah</i> of Abraham Moss 10:00 a.m.</p>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p><i>Tikun Olam</i> Brunch honoring Jeff Jubelirer 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff 7:00 p.m.</p>			<p>Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><i>erev Shabbat</i> Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD</p>	<p><i>Shabbat</i> Service and <i>Torah</i> Dialogue 10:00 a.m. at the home of Abby Binder and Jane Tausig in Glenside; potluck lunch to follow</p>

KOL AMI JUNE 2014 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 	16 Early Learning Center Camp Begins 9:00 a.m. Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	17 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	18 Machzor Study and Discussion Group 7:00 p.m.	19 	20 Early Learning Center Nature Jack 9:30 a.m. erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	21
22 Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m.	23 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. Machzor Study and Discussion Group 7:00 p.m.	24 Kol Ami Golf and Tennis Outing at Philmont Country Club Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	25 	26 	27 erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	28
29 	30 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.					

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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Michael and Sara Chernoff

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In Honor of:

Special birthday of

Andrew Johnson

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In Memory of:

Janet Lindsley

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Stanley and Judith Woloff

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Jeffrey Abrams and Margaret Barry

Al Rotman

Harold and Shirley Horowitz

Sophie Silver

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YOUTH FUND

In Honor of:

Birthday of Peter Denitz

Nancy Schaer ■



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