

CONGREGATION Kol Ami

VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, February 28, 7:30 p.m.

"Fourth-Friday" *erev Shabbat* Service to honor **Maya Hyman, Leslie Levin, and Kara Schilder**—our 12th-grade graduates of the two-year Gratz College Isaac Mayer Wise Reform Teaching Certificate Jewish Studies program—and to congratulate them for their devotion to continued Jewish study and as student teachers in our Religious School; we will also celebrate February's weather-delayed birthday and anniversary blessings

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, March 7, 7:30 p.m.

"First-Friday" *erev Shabbat* Service/ "Shabbat Across America"—

Congregation Kol Ami joins in the national celebration! Give your friends a taste of Kol Ami in the presence of our Adult Choir and with March's birthday and anniversary celebrants (see pages 8 and 9).

SATURDAY, March 8, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue; our Grade 7 and 8 students will share their thoughts and engage us in dialogue about some of the issues raised in their study of Responsa Literature (750-1050 CE) with Rabbi Holin: letters written by Jews in the Diaspora to scholars in Babylonia and Palestine asking questions about how to resolve pressing personal and communal issues

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"AS A DRIVEN LEAF" AUDIENCE-PARTICIPATION DRAMATIC READING BY MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, AT 10:00 A.M.



Who has not, if even for a nanosecond, seen your own child at six or seven years old alone in the schoolroom, terrified and calling for you? Who has not, if only for a nanosecond, pictured your child ripped from your arms by a cold jackbooted Nazi, or an indifferent drunk driver, or impersonal illness? Who has not questioned the idea of God, the existence of God? Who has not dismissed God with disdain and contempt in the senseless death of a child, especially if it were your child? Who has not yearned for a just world, for order and reason in the universe? Who has not struggled with God?

The ancient story of Elisha ben Abuyah and his crisis of faith is even more timely today than when it was first recorded 2000 years ago. This story provided the basis for the novel "As a Driven Leaf" by Rabbi Milton Steinberg, an unorthodox thinker who had come under the influence of Mordechai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionist Judaism, while a student at the Jewish Theological Seminary in the 1920s.

In his foreword to "As a Driven Leaf," Chaim Potok tells us that little is known about the historical Elisha ben Abuyah, the central character of the novel: "There is considerable debate about his role in Jewish history and his relationship to the sages; he is accused of being an apostate, a dualist, a Sadducee, a lover of harlots, a betrayer of the Jews to the Romans after the debacle of the Bar Kochba rebellion in 132-135 C... His lasting fame—or infamy!—rests on his having been one of a minute number of rabbis excommunicated during the entire eight hundred years of the Rabbinic period."

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PLEASE SAVE THE DATE...

TIKUN OLAM BRUNCH: SUNDAY, MAY 4, AT 11:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICES

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FRIDAY, March 14

6:00 p.m. - "Fun-for-Kids" *erev Shabbat* Service—appropriate for all ages; it's a happy half hour with lots of music and our terrific Student Choir
7:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service with book reviewer extraordinaire Beverly Rosen who will speak about the newest book by author Michael Lavigne, "The Wanting"

SATURDAY, March 15, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, March 21, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, March 22, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue; preceded by a lox-and-bagel breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

(FRIDAY, March 28)

There is no service this evening due to our Nursery School's Annual *Shabbat* Dinner and Silent Auction

SATURDAY, March 29, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

March 1 - *Pekudei*

Exodus 38:21-40:38, II Kings 12:1-17

March 8 - *Vayikra*

Leviticus 1:1-5:26, Isaiah 43:21-44:23

March 15 - *Tzav*

Leviticus 6:1-8:36, I Samuel 15:2-34

March 22 - *Shemini*

Leviticus 9:1-11:47, Ezekiel 36:16-38

March 29 - *Tazria*

Leviticus 12:1-13:59

Ezekiel 45:16-46:18 ■

MAZAL TOV

Congratulations to **Toni and Russell Montague** on the birth of their granddaughter, Margot Elise Cohen, daughter of Jeremy and Meredith Cohen. ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

After this winter, spring can't come soon enough. The rebirth it portends has me thinking of future plans, and, this spring, I ask you to join me in thinking of and acting on your love of Israel. Israel embodies our past, occupies our present, and must be a part of our future as Reform Jews. There is so much we can each do to keep the dream of Israel alive, such as:



1. **Study about Israel.** As a student, you can collect for the Jewish National Fund and plant trees in Israel and/or participate in the Israeli Independence Day parade. If you are of *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* age, you likely received a gift of an Israeli bond, giving you the chance to reflect on what Israel might mean to you in the future when that bond matures.
2. **Peer trip to Israel.** In your late teens, you can take a four- or five-week NFTY trip to Israel. Thanks to the continued generosity of Sally and Stewart Eisenberg, our Discover Israel fund can afford you with as much as \$1,000 towards a peer trip. In the past, you had to make a choice between a NFTY trip and a Birthright trip, but now taking a peer trip no longer makes you ineligible for Birthright*. As URJ members, Kol Ami may be able to help if your child is wait-listed, especially for one of the URJ trips. (gokesher.org)
3. **Study in Israel.** Before, during, or after college, you might consider Masa Israel Journey, which connects Jewish young adults ages 18-30 to gap year, study abroad, post-college, and volunteer programs. Our own Jonathan Holin recently reveled in this experience, and David Holin is on a Masa trip now. (masaIsrael.org)
4. **Family Trip to Israel.** Nothing is more exciting than planning and taking your first family trip to Israel. Many of our families have done this, whether with the congregation or on their own. Just ask the Appels or the Asams or the Bakers or the Fishbeins or any of the many Kol Ami families who have been to Israel to regale you with their stories and tips from their recent trips.
5. **Adult Trip to Israel.** Visiting Israel as a mature adult may be a much different trip than on earlier visits. Our October 19-30, 2014, Kol Ami's Adult "Discover the Voices of Israel" trip will take us well off the beaten track. Commitment is due by April 1. Ellen and I are joining the Rabbi and Susan, and we hope you will too. Bart and Nadine Weiner had a different Israel experience by participating with Volunteers for Israel, working at an army base to free up IDF soldiers for more important duties. As Bart described it: "The trip gave us exposure to a slice of Israeli life that almost every Israeli citizen has experienced, but few tourists will ever see. It provided a different connection to the country that will last your lifetime, and a connection to the people and the land that is hard to get as a tourist. It was a patriotic experience different from the spiritual or historical connection you typically make when in Israel." (www.vfi-usa.org)

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*See page 18 for the latest Birthright Israel eligibility guidelines.

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

For three days in February—Wednesday, February 5; Friday, February 7; and Sunday, February 9—these were among the lead stories on the front page of “The New York Times”:

FEBRUARY 5

- An Olympics in the Shadow of a War Zone
- Health Care Law Projected to Cut the Labor Force
- Onetime Critic of Health Law May Yet Profit
- In Texting Era, Crisis Hotlines Put Help at Youths’ Fingertips

FEBRUARY 7

- Ex-SAC Trader Convicted of Securities Fraud
- Russia Claims U.S. Meddling Over Ukraine
- Boehner Doubts Immigration Bill Will Pass in 2014
- Beloved Deaf Composer in Japan Appears to Be None of the Above
- On Blog, an Ex-Christie Ally Showed Approach to Politics

FEBRUARY 9

- Economy and Crime Spur New Puerto Rican Exodus
- Cheap Software Helped Snowden Plunder Secrets
- Wielding Whip and a Hard New Law, Nigeria Tries to ‘Sanitize’ Itself of Gays
- French Breakup Makes Dinner Harder to Do

Anti-depressants, anyone? I have something better: create blessings.

It is one thing to go through life waiting for blessings, if by blessings we mean an affluence of goodness, but it is something else to create those moments for yourself and also for others. I do not mean material richness, but rather things that cannot be weighed or measured and are felt to be the essence of grace: health, happiness, contentment, hope. Add to those the willingness to be open to change, to allow for possibilities. Mix in families and friends to this nourishing, nurturing brew.

Sometimes blessings return to their source: to you. If you create blessings, I am convinced that you will see the world differently, you will experience life differently, and you will be more aware that blessings surround you because you have become proactive in creating them.

I have long believed this, and its message was reinforced in a fascinating article, “The Sainly Way to Succeed” by Susan Dominus (“The New York Times Magazine,” March 27, 2013). She writes about Professor Adam Grant, PhD, 32 years of age, the youngest-tenured and highest-rated professor at Wharton. His field is organizational psychology, the study of workplace dynamics. He advises companies about how to maximize efficiency and productivity, but what he does consistently and remarkably well is that he creates an astonishingly positive effect upon people by virtue of constantly being there for them: in person, on the phone, and via e-mail. His thesis is that contributing to other peoples’ lives has the potential for making us more productive than thinking about benefitting

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send articles by the fifth of the previous month (for example, by March 5 for the April 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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6. My "*Sh'lach'chaynee* - Send me" request in March is to deepen your engagement with Israel. I can't imagine a world without Israel, and I suspect you can't either. So do your part: Dialogue with your children, young and old; read and learn about Israel; and defend Israel, flaws and all. Plan a family trip or join our adult trip. Send your teenager to Israel, and send them more than once. Give Israeli bonds as *Simcha* gifts, and go out of your way to buy Israeli goods. Spring into action with Israel.

Jeff Cohen, 215-635-3232
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Membership Committee

Thursday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m.
Co-chairs: Julie Cohen, 215-635-4716,
and Robin Warsaw, 215-635-5839

Operations Committee

Monday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m.
Co-chairs: Guy Appel, 215-938-9330,
and Jeremy Wintroub, 215-906-9063

Religious School PTO

Sunday, March 2, at 10:15 a.m.
Co-chairs: Kenny Moss, 215-277-5335,
and Heather Pelletier, 215-855-3216

Spiritual Growth Group

Monday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m.
Co-chairs: Natalie Dyen, 215-657-4124, and Janet Falon, 215-635-1698 ■

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving memory of:

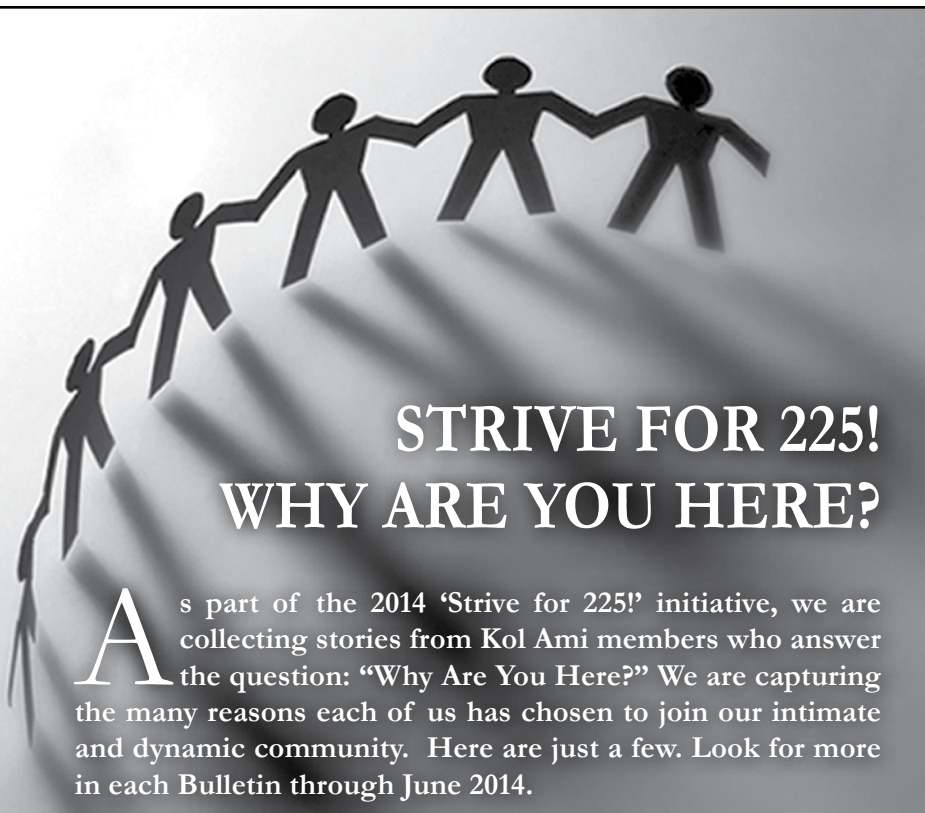
Andee Millstein

aunt of Laurie (Chuck) Langman

David Samuel

uncle of Orly (Gaby) Maravankin

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



STRIVE FOR 225! WHY ARE YOU HERE?

As part of the 2014 'Strive for 225!' initiative, we are collecting stories from Kol Ami members who answer the question: "Why Are You Here?" We are capturing the many reasons each of us has chosen to join our intimate and dynamic community. Here are just a few. Look for more in each Bulletin through June 2014.

If you haven't shared your story yet, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Membership Co-chairs Robin Warsaw (rkwarshaw@comcast.net) or Julie Cohen (Julie@juliecohencoaching.com).

"The warmth, intimacy, that Irene Baker knew my name and was my instant best friend, the opportunities to be involved and needed, the intimate *Torah* study, that my wife and daughter feel so comfortable; I could go on..."

— Joel Edelstein

"We joined Congregation Kol Ami in 2007 when our son Drew was entering third grade. We were looking for a small, intimate synagogue we could genuinely feel a part of. The past seven years have truly been a wonderful experience for us. We have made terrific friends here who will hopefully last a lifetime. Our absolute high point was Drew's *Bar Mitzvah* day, June 9, 2012. The day will always be a magical memory for us. We look forward to many more years in this truly wonderful, caring community."

— Michele, Barry, and Drew Steinbrecher

"We joined Kol Ami originally because we followed Rabbi Holin, who married us and so impressed us. We have stayed with Kol Ami because of the warm, embracing, and inclusive community that is constantly creating opportunities to be involved."

— Janine Pratt ■

HOW I CAME TO KOL AMI

by Mary LaRue

My previous synagogue has an annual special music *erev Shabbat*. I was in the choir, and we always looked forward to working with a guest composer. When Rebecca Schwartz came to work with us, I was delighted. I had recently stumbled across her music on iTunes and loved it. That *Shabbat* service was wonderful! We all enjoyed Rebecca's warm manner, her enthusiasm, and the *ruach* that pervades her music. We sang her *Ma'ariv*, and it was so beautiful it gave us the shivers. I decided that if I ever left that *shul*, I would find out where Rebecca was and go there.

Then I got to know Gail, and it soon became clear that we were going to spend our lives together. For a while, we attended my old *shul*, but the commute was long and tiring. It was clear that we needed something closer—not that difficult, in this area! I began looking online and was glad to find that Rebecca was at Kol Ami, only 15 minutes from our house. In June 2012, Gail and I attended a *Kabbalat Shabbat* service here for the first time. The weather was perfect, so the service was outdoors, and the huge linden trees in the meadow were at the height of their fragrance. I was glad to see that Rebecca was there with her guitar. We were greeted warmly and soon decided that we had found our new synagogue home.

Everyone at Kol Ami has been friendly and very welcoming. Gail and I are impressed by all the activities and by the energy of the Congregation. Rebecca encouraged me to join the choir, which, of course, I gladly did. In June 2013, Gail and I officially joined Kol Ami as an interfaith couple. We both feel very much at home, and we appreciate the thoughtfulness and depth of the worship here. We've made friends and look forward to meeting more and more congregants as time goes on.

Oh—I almost forgot to add—the rabbi is terrific, too! ■

ATTEND THESE GREAT EVENTS AND...

BRING A FRIEND

Participate in the “Strive for 225!” campaign. Bring a prospective-member 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):

- Continuing Jewish Education with Rabbi Holin and Rabbi Bogot, starting on **March 4 and 5**
- “*Shabbat Across America*” on **Friday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m.**
- Rhonda Fink-Whitman, author of “94 Maidens,” on **Sunday, March 9, at 10:30 a.m.**
- “Fun-for-Kids” *erev Shabbat* Service with our Student Choir on **Friday, March 14, at 6:00 p.m.**
- Pre-*Shabbat* Service lox-and-bagel breakfast on **Saturday, March 22.** ■

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

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ourselves. He phrased it this way: “I never get much done when I frame the 300 e-mails as ‘answering e-mails.’ I have to look at it as, How is this task going to benefit the recipient?”

The article goes on to inform the reader that in Grant's book, “Give and Take,” he divides the world into three categories: “Givers, matchers, and takers. Givers give without expectation of immediate gain; they never seem too busy to help; share credit actively and mentor generously. Matchers go through life with a master chit list in mind, giving when they can see how they will get something of equal value back and to people who they think can help them. And takers seek to come out ahead in every exchange; they manage up and are defensive about their turf... Much of Grant's book sets out to establish the difference between the givers who are exploited and those who end up as models of achievement. The most successful givers, Grant explains, are those who rate high in concern for others, but also in self-interest. And they are strategic in their giving—they give to other givers and matchers, so that their work has the maximum desired effect; they are cautious about giving to takers; they give in ways that reinforce their social ties; and they consolidate their giving into chunks, so that the impact is intense enough to be gratifying... He found that people who felt they had contributed to others' well-being at work did not always feel great at the end of the workday; but they usually did by bedtime, especially if they had reflected about their contribution in the intervening hours.”

Do good, feel good.

Do more, feel better.

Do more.

Be a giver.

Shalom u'vrachah,

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

"AS A DRIVEN LEAF"

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Rabbi Howard Bogot, who has taught Continuing Jewish Education classes at Congregation Kol Ami and other Delaware Valley synagogues, wrote a short play based on "As A Driven Leaf" and led a class in the interactive reading of the script. The reading elicited a great deal of discussion from class members, and we hope it will also evoke a lot of discussion from you when we present it on Sunday, April 6.

The dramatic reading will take approximately 20 minutes. There will be time for discussion following the reading. We hope you will leave with a new thoughtfulness about this timeless issue and, perhaps, even a few answers. We welcome you and your guests to join us in creating a stimulating event.

We encourage you to read the short play in advance, which will be e-mailed to all of our members within a few days. Hard copies will also be available in the synagogue office and on the morning of the reading as well.

Bagels and coffee will be provided. ■

LEGACY ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

Congregation Kol Ami is proud to announce the formation of the Kol Ami Legacy Endowment Society and to welcome and thank our first members for their commitment to the future of our synagogue.

Michael and Sara Chernoff

David Hyman

Lee Laden

Ilene and Marshall Schafer

Elaine Stevens

The Wintroub Family

The Society welcomes any/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. ■

Share Your Passover Hospitality

The first *seder* occurs on Monday, April 14, and there may be some Kol Ami members who, for a variety of reasons, don't have a place to go. So why don't you do the *mitzvah* of offering to include some fellow congregants at your *seder*?

FOR HOSTS

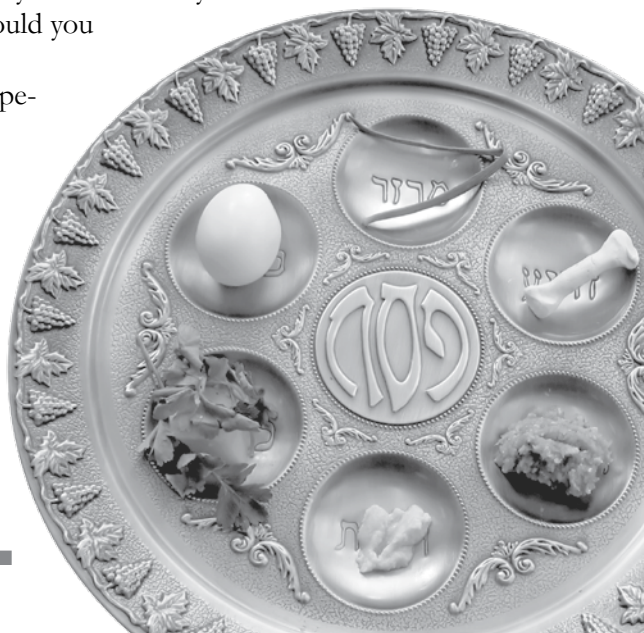
If you're interested in hosting someone/s at your *seder*, please send the following information to Janet Falon at jfalon@english.upenn.edu by March 20:

- Your name, address and phone number
- Your e-mail address
- How many people do you have room for?
- Would it be okay if you hosted a family with children, or would you prefer to have adults only?
- Will the *seder* food be vegetarian, gluten-free, or any other special diet?
- Do you have any pets?
- Do you go through the whole *bagaddah* or do you do an abbreviated *seder*?

FOR ATTENDEES

If you're interested in attending someone's *seder*, please send the following information to Janet Falon at jfalon@english.upenn.edu by March 20:

- Your name, address and phone number
- Your e-mail address
- How many people will attend?
- Would it be okay if your host family has children, or would you prefer adults only?
- Do you have any special food needs, such as vegetarian, gluten-free, etc.?
- Would it be okay if your host family has pets? ■
- Do you like to go through the whole *bagaddah* or would you prefer an abbreviated *seder*? ■



Adult Learning Opportunities at Kol Ami

Continuing Jewish Education

Hayyim Nahman Bialik, Israel's National Poet: His Words and Influence

Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

March 4, 11, 18 & 25 (4 Sessions)

Instructor: Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

Bialik (1873-1934) was born in Ukraine and studied at the renowned Volozhin Yeshivah in Lithuania. His poem "Should You Wish to Know the Source" is fulsome praise for the synagogue as a house of prayer, study, and the embodiment of *mitzvot*. "Sabbath Queen" is a beautiful description of the gifts that the day of rest bestows on everyone who tastes its splendor. Bialik eventually left the *yeshivah* to join the *Haskalah* (Jewish Enlightenment) movement.

In 1903, his epic poem "In the City of Slaughter" was a scream of anguish following the brutality of the Kishinev pogroms, precursor to the flames of the Holocaust that would be kindled 30 years later.

His poems urged a reawakening of the Jewish People in the face of anti-Semitism and in the name of national identity (Zionism) as well as poems that speak about intimate relationships found in love and friendship. We will read and discuss each of the poems noted above and many others.

RSVP to the synagogue office by March 1.

Moses: From Existence as Slavery to Existence as Freedom – Mensch, Myth, Midrash

Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

March 5, 12, 19 & 26 (4 sessions)

Instructor: Rabbi Howard Bogot

Moses is often embraced as a reflection of Jewish character; unique, goal-oriented, God-choosing, but always human. Was Moses real or the invention of the collective conscience of the Hebrew people? Is Moses a law-giver, teacher, or "union organizer?" Participants in these seminars will explore the Mosaic persona as well as the inability of this heroic leader to enter the Promised Land or be mentioned in a traditional *Pesach Haggadah*.

RSVP to the synagogue office by March 1.

Revelation

Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

April 2, 9, 23 & 30 and May 7 & 14 (6 Sessions)

Instructor: Rabbi Howard Bogot

Location: Old York Road-Temple Beth Am in Abington, at no cost to our members

Conversational theism, inspiration, tribal survival, caprice, and intuition are all descriptions that could profile the role of revelation as the origin of Judaism. Did God "speak" to Moses? Do moderns receive divine messages? Is revelation completed or progressive? Are Jews chosen or choosing? Through discussion, seminar participants will consider the components that are hallmarks of the narrated moment in which the Jewish people received *Torah*.

NOW FORMING

Summer Hebrew Classes for Adults with Rabbi Holin!

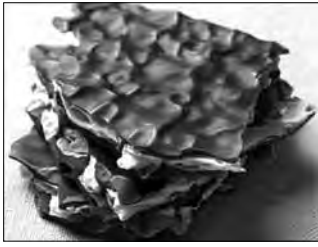
Are you interested in learning how to read Hebrew so as to more fully participate in our *Shabbat* services? Then, join Rabbi Holin at his eight-week summer class, one day a week for an hour and a half. Please call our rabbi as soon as possible to let him know what times during the day/evening are best for you.

Or, do you want to improve or refresh your ability to read Hebrew and, at the same time, learn how our *Shabbat* prayers evolved and what they mean, such as: the *Borchu* (why is it referred to as "the call to worship"?), *Yotzer*, *Sh'ma* (why was this a dialogue between Moses and the people at Sinai?), *V'ahavtah* (what are its most important words: "to love" or "to teach"?), *Avote v'Imahote* and *G'vurote*? Then consider this eight-week summer class. Please call our rabbi to let him know what times during the day/evening are best for you.

Registration Instructions

To register for a Kol Ami workshop, contact Elaine Stevens at execdir@kolamielkinspark.org or 215-635-3110 by the deadline shown. Non-member course fees are \$50 per course. Course fees can be applied to membership for the current year or forthcoming year. ■

Kol Ami Events



PASSOVER CANDY SALE FOR OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Help support our terrific Religious School and satisfy you and your *Seder* host's sweet tooth by ordering your

Passover candy during our fund-raising drive.

Brochures have been distributed through the Religious School. A variety of offerings will be available featuring products from Bartons. All your favorites, including macaroons, chocolate matzo, and almond butter crunch will be on sale.

Prices start under \$10. Orders will be accepted through Sunday, March 23, and will be delivered in time for your Passover celebration.

Hard-copy order forms can be picked up in the Religious School Office or at the Executive Office. For your convenience, you can order your Passover candy online too and Kol Ami gets the credit. Go to www.misschocolate.com and use code 7101113.

Questions regarding the candy sale can be directed to Gary Sender at 215-661-1980.



FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT

NATAL (*nah'tabl*), 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, March 5, and Wednesday, April 2.

Phast for Philadelphia is on behalf of unemployed workers in Philadelphia who are struggling to make ends

meet by helping them pay their mortgages, address health care needs, and pay electric bills. Forthcoming **Phast for Philadelphia** fast days will be on Thursday, March 27, and Thursday, April 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")



"FIRST-FRIDAY" EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for March Birthday &
Anniversary Blessings
Friday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m.
(in conjunction with the
"Shabbat Across America")

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

"SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA"

erev Shabbat, March 7, at our 7:30 p.m. service
Congregation Kol Ami joins in the national celebration!
Give your friends a taste of Kol Ami!

"Shabbat Across America" is a nationally acclaimed annual event that gives people a positive and joyful *Shabbat* experience. Synagogue members throughout the country are

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Join us at Congregation Kol Ami קול עמי for

Shabbat Across America

Friday, March 7, 2014

On Friday night, March 7, 2014, hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews — *Shabbat*. Everyone is invited... singles, couples, families — all ages. Together, we'll turn an ordinary Friday night into something extraordinary!

You're invited to join us at Congregation Kol Ami for this joyful "*Shabbat Across America* - A Musical *Shabbat* with Children Welcome" experience featuring our adult choir.

Prospective members will be our guests for a catered dinner followed by services and then a dessert *oneg*. Our Musical *Shabbat* Service begins at 7:30 p.m.; preceded by dinner at 6:45 p.m., and followed by a dessert *oneg*. (Even if you can't arrive by 6:45 p.m., you're welcome to come for services.)

Dinner is complimentary for prospective members, but RSVP is necessary. Please contact Julie Cohen at julie@juliecohencoaching.com or Robin Warsaw at rkWarsaw@comcast.net if you can join us for this nationally-acclaimed program by the National Jewish Outreach Program.

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encouraged to invite their unaffiliated friends to a *Shabbat* dinner at their congregation to celebrate the defining moment of the Jewish week. The National Jewish Outreach Program will publicize this evening throughout America.

Your guests will be “our guests” at the catered dinner, so please call Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 no later than March 1 to RSVP for dinner (\$16 per adult and \$10 per child under the age of 8).



RHONDA FINK-WHITMAN, AUTHOR OF “94 MAIDENS,” TO SPEAK AT KOL AMI

**Sunday, March 9
from 10:30 a.m. to Noon**

It was August 11, 1942, and 94 school-girls ages 14 to 22 in Nazi-occupied Poland awaited their fate at the hands of their captors. Meanwhile, a young

Jewish family was on the run from the Nazis in Berlin, and time was running out for the pursuers and their prey.

Rhonda Fink-Whitman is a veteran TV and radio personality as well as an award-winning screenwriter, longtime Jewish educator, and the daughter of a Holocaust survivor. Her mother suffers the scars left by the Holocaust some 70 years later, and so Fink-Whitman went to Germany to probe Nazi archives in an attempt to discover what happened to her mother during World War II.

Inspired by true events, “94 Maidens” is a powerful story about heroism, resistance, martyrdom, and survival.

Fink-Whitman is also the director, producer, and host of “The Mandate Video,” which she hopes will convince lawmakers in her home state, Pennsylvania, to mandate Holocaust and Genocide education in both the Commonwealth and in other states.



LOCAs IN THE SOUP KITCHEN

**Sunday, March 9, at 2:00 p.m.
(Snow Date: March 16)
at the home of Marci Wolpert in
Laverock**

What better nourishment to warm hearts, bellies, and spirits than hot soup. Join us to break bread and share soup. Bring homemade soup (with recipe), bread, crackers, or dessert. RSVP to Natalie Dyen (nat.dyen@verizon.net) or Jean Ettinger (jeanettinger@gmail.com) to coordinate what you're bringing.

NURSERY SCHOOL ANNUAL SHABBAT DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Friday, March 28, at 6:45 p.m.



We need your help with this Nursery School-sponsored event. Here's how: 1) donate items to be auctioned or raffled, for example, gift certificates, museum tickets, art items, etc.; 2) buy and help sell

tickets for the raffle portion of the event; and/or 3) attend the auction and bid on baskets.

We would love to see you attend and support our event. Please contact Sheri Cutler at 215-635-4180 to purchase raffle tickets.

“THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK” AND HOLOCAUST AWARENESS PERFORMANCE

Wednesday, April 2, at 6:15 p.m. at Kol Ami

Our very own **Arin Edelstein** will star in the title role of “The Diary of Anne Frank.” The 45-minute performance, produced by the Holocaust Awareness Museum, is being sponsored by her parents, Betsy McKinstry and Joel Edelstein in conjunction with the Kol Ami Religious School.

The entire Kol Ami Congregation, its community and friends are invited.

This well-known play, by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, portrays a German Jewish teenager and how she lived in hiding with her family during the Holocaust.

A facilitated discussion will follow the live performance, highlighting Holocaust history and issues of bigotry and tolerance, as well as coming-of-age and family relationship issues described in Anne Frank's diary. This discussion also allows the audience to ask questions of the actors and often focuses on the characters they portray and the situation in which they found themselves.

The Holocaust Awareness Museum produces two live plays through the Anne Frank Theater Project: “The Diary of Anne Frank” and “Lida Stein and the Righteous Gentile,” which portrays how Jews and Gentiles reacted to the changing political climate in pre-war Germany. Arin, a student in Kol Ami's Confirmation Academy, has been performing with the Museum's productions since 2012 and currently portrays Anne Frank and Lida Stein.

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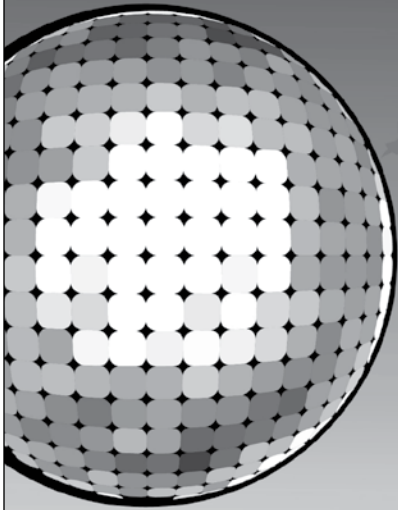
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RETRO DISCO NIGHT

"Studio-18 Stayin'-a-chai"

March 22, 8 'til 11 p.m.

Boogie-woogie the night away
to the sounds of the 70s



\$20 per person



BYOB & an appetizer to share.

Coffee, tea, punch & desserts provided.

(Please consider donating a can of food for hunger relief!)

Pull out your polyester leisure suits (fire extinguishers will be on hand), slip into your favorite Donna Summer dress, and join us at our Studio-18 Stayin'-a-chai disco party.

This fund-raiser is open to all adult congregation and friends, so be ready to get your funk on in the Social Hall.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

of Advance Tickets: _____ @ \$20.00/person Total: _____

Please make checks payable to "Congregation Kol Ami."

Direct questions to Sherry Cohen (shcohen361@verizon.net), ISH Co-chair, or

Heather Pelletier (hfppt1@gmail.com), Religious School PTO Co-chair

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THE HOLOCAUST AWARENESS MUSEUM AND EDUCATION CENTER
PRESENTS

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

A ONE-ACT ADAPTATION OF THE ORIGINAL PLAY
BY FRANCES GOODRICH AND ALBERT HACKETT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014
6:15 PM

CONGREGATION KOL AMI
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PLEASE JOIN US FOLLOWING THE PERFORMANCE FOR
DISCUSSION AND TALK-BACK WITH THE ACTORS

FREE AND OPEN
TO THE KOL AMI COMMUNITY AND
FRIENDS

APPROPRIATE FOR AGE 11 AND ABOVE

THIS PERFORMANCE OF THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK IS SPONSORED
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Holocaust Awareness Museum
and Education Center
"Preserving History to Learn from the Past"

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Other educational programs offered by the Holocaust Awareness Museum include its Survivors Speakers Bureau. Survivors, as well as Liberators, (American GIs) present their testimonies to audiences in the five-county Greater Philadelphia Area. In the 2012-13 academic year, the Museums programs reached 35,000 students in 268 schools and organizations. Visit www.holocaustawarenessmuseum.org.

A SPECIAL EREV SHABBAT SERVICE IN HONOR OF **RABBI SEYMOUR ROSENBLOOM OF CONGREGATION ADATH JESHURUN**

Friday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary



Please join us to pay tribute to Rabbi Rosenbloom for his leadership in the community and as a friend of our Congregation as he prepares to retire from the pulpit.

On October 2, 1978, in his first *Rosh Hashanah* sermon as the spiritual leader of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Rabbi Rosenbloom gave voice to his calling: “To be a rabbi is to have faith

in the destiny of *ahm Yisrael*, the Jewish people; to be a rabbi in a congregation is to have faith in Jews, and to believe that in each of us there is what is called in Yiddish *das pintele Yid*, that little spark of Jewish soul that with proper guidance can blaze forth with the brilliance and luster of full Jewish living.”

In 1997, after spending a year on a partial sabbatical, he wrote these words: “I am touched at these times when I see how my involvement, and the ancient faith we share, can touch the soul and elevate the spirit.”

Rabbi Rosenbloom inspires us—within and beyond his synagogue—through word and deed. On *erev Shabbat*, June 9, 2006, three months before we would take our “*Torah walk*” carrying our sacred scrolls from Gratz College to dedicate our synagogue here on High School Road, Rabbi Rosenbloom and his congregation formally welcomed us to the community at a special service in AJ’s sanctuary: a night of such joy that our arrival was sweetened by the embrace of this very special rabbi and his members.

Our rabbi considers Rabbi Rosenbloom a treasured colleague with whom he meets several times a year to discuss the challenges of the rabbinate and to share program ideas that will benefit the children, youth, and adults of the congregations we serve.

Our congregation and community been enriched by this remarkable man, and we will gather this evening to show him how much he means to us.

2014 PENN LECTURES IN JUDAIC STUDIES - MOVING INTO MODERNITY

HEBREW WITHOUT HEBREWS: CONVERSO HEBRAIST ALFONSO DEZAMORA AND THE SPANISH INQUISITION

Monday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Kol Ami

Around 1530, at the peak of the Spanish imperial dominance of a large part of western Europe and the Americas, a Hebrew professor in the then leading humanist university of Alcalá de Henares wondered deep down in his heart about what to do. Born as a Jew in Spain and converted (as a “Converso”) around the fateful year of 1492, when Jews were banned from legally living in the Iberian kingdoms, he had been summoned in 1530 by the powerful ideological police, the infamous Spanish Inquisition, to act as an expert witness in the ongoing trial of a “Judaizer”—a legally Christian person who was accused of practising Judaism clandestinely. He turned up before the Inquisition as a witness. But in his more intimate life, this Hebrew professor, known by his Christian name of Alfonso de Zamora, managed to write down a shot guideline for Conversos being brought before the ecclesiastical tribunal. He cautiously wrote it in the reserved language of the Hebrews among his private personal notes. In the course of his career of more than 40 years, Alfonso de Zamora, the paramount Hebrew Christian in early modern Spain, faced the Inquisition and individual inquisitors more than once. In my talk, we will explore together how relevant his experience is for our own modern struggles: how Alfonso faced discrimination, issues of identity, self-definition, and belongingness. In the process, I hope we will all be inspired by the complex personality of early modern Converso Hebraist Alfonso de Zamora.

YOM HASHOAH – HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m., at Kol Ami

**“Teenagers Who Resisted the Nazis and
Their Collaborators” presented by Mitch Braff,
founder and executive director of the
Jewish Partisan Foundation in San Francisco**

This engaging presentation about historic facts and stories about Jewish partisans is a “must-see-and-hear” for our Congregation’s young adults and adults. Many of the 30,000 Jewish partisans were teenagers who fought the Germans and their collaborators in at least 10 European countries. Mr. Braff will combine short clips from films he has produced on this subject and will discuss how teenage Jewish partisans fought and survived, exploring the ethical issues of killing, stealing, and revenge.

Mr. Braff founded the Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation in 2000 and has conducted more than 50 formal interviews with former partisans all over the world. He has worked with teams of educators and filmmakers to create JPEF lessons and study guides, short films (narrated by Ed Asner, Live Schreiber, and Tovah Feldshuh), and an educational website, www.jewishpartisans.org. ■

2014 Kehillah of Old York Road

Annual Observance of *Yom HaShoah*

Sunday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m.

"Teenagers Who Resisted the Nazis and Their Collaborators"



*a presentation of true stories
documented by historical facts
about the Jewish partisans*

by Mitch Braff

founder and executive director
of the Jewish Partisan Educational
Foundation in San Francisco

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CONGREGATION KOL AMI

is honored to host this event and welcomes all area
synagogues, rabbis, and neighbors in our community to a
very special service and presentation in our sanctuary.

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APRIL 29TH GOLF AND TENNIS OUTING: PHILMONT COUNTRY CLUB

This event is our synagogue's primary fund-raiser, and we are thrilled this year to be honoring **William P. Fedullo, Esq.**, the 87th Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. We are sure to have many golfers and tennis players from Philadelphia's legal and business community joining us at Philmont Country Club for sports, drinks and dinner.

Last year's participants thoroughly enjoyed the facilities of the country club, and we are pleased to be returning there once again. The day begins with registration at 10:00 a.m. and lunch for golfers at 11:00 a.m. with a

tee-off at 12:30 p.m. Tennis starts at 2:30 p.m., followed by a wonderful evening of cocktails and dinner beginning at 5:15 p.m., highlighted by another exciting auction.

Elaine Stevens is on point to hear from you. There is still plenty of time to be a sponsor, sign up to play tennis or golf, put a twosome or foursome together, eat, drink, bid on action items, and buy and sell raffle tickets for a rich 50/50 drawing.

See page 16 for the sponsorship levels and page 17 for the registration form. ■

KOL AMI'S ARTIST OF THE MONTH: KIRSTEN FISCHLER, FROM FEBRUARY 25 TO APRIL 7

Kirsten Fischler's art expresses her struggle with life's duality—life is filled with contradiction, irony, contrast, and counterpoints, which often exist simultaneously. It also represents the cycle of life. She often reuses plywood that she finds discarded, or she recycles her own artwork within each piece. Many of the panels are completed paintings from former series or sample boards. In the past, she has painted over the images she didn't like, learning that life is not that clean. She grew from her mistakes and incorporated her past experience in a way that works both compositionally and spiritually.

Kirsten, a native of West Chester, PA, has developed a unique style of art making that incorporates recycled building materials in such a way that the leftover mundane is transformed into sought-after refinement. She has been working with reclaimed wood and oil paint as her primary

medium for over 20 years. Her early influences were John Lafarge and Louis Comfort Tiffany, who created the painted-glass windows in the Church of the Holy Trinity where her father was rector. She later was influenced by the work of Francis Bacon, Louise Nevelson, Chinese landscape painters Yuanji and Kwo Zsi, as well as the medical drawings of Golgi and Cajal.

Kirsten received a BFA from Rhode Island School of Design in illustration, where she spent her junior year abroad in Rome, Italy, as part of the European Honors Program. She earned an MFA from Pratt Institute in painting. It was there that she was chosen to participate in the professional "Critic's Symposium." She ran her own faux-finishing and mural-painting business for several years after graduating, which led to the style of the paintings being shown here at the Synagogue.

Kirsten's work and a short biography appear in the book, "100 Artists of the Brandywine Valley" by Catherine Quillman. Kirsten has taught at Moore College of Art, Pratt Institute, and currently teaches part time at Delaware Colleges of Art and Design. Her work is in private collections both domestically and abroad.

Please join us at Kirsten's open house on Sunday, March 23, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Kol Ami gallery hours are Wednesday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If the Religious School is closed on those days, the gallery is closed as well. Also, all of Kirsten's works are for sale, and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the synagogue. See Elaine Stevens if interested in purchasing a piece. ■



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

PLATINUM / \$5,000

Two golf foursomes or
twelve tennis players

"Sole' Hole Sponsor or "Lead"
Tennis Sponsor, representation
on website and on event signage

GOLD / \$2,500

One golf foursome or
six tennis players

Hole Sponsor or Tennis Sponsor,
representation on website
and on event signage

SILVER / \$1,000

Two golfers or three tennis players

Representation on website
and on event signage



\$1,800 / Cocktail Party Sponsor

Four cocktail and dinner guests,
sponsor sign and representation on
website and on event signage



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Two cocktail and dinner guests
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\$500 / Closest to Pin Sponsor

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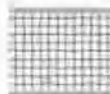
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\$300 / Golf Hole Sponsor

Signage only at a golf hole



\$300 / Tennis Court Sponsor

Signage only at a tennis court

REGISTRATION LEVELS

Please see other side for
full registration.



\$325 / Individual Golfer

Lunch, golf, cocktails and dinner



\$175 / Individual Tennis Player

Tennis, refreshments, cocktails
and dinner



\$100 / Dinner Guest

Cocktails and dinner

REGISTRATION

Please circle as many items that apply on the reverse side and complete the registration information below.

PARTICIPANT

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☐ **Tennis**

☐ **Cocktails and Dinner only**

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Please mail registration card along with your check made payable to Congregation Kol Ami in the enclosed envelope.

‘Birthright Israel’ experience: The window opens wider

Several children of Kol Ami members have experienced Birthright—a 10-day, fully paid, Israel experience in the company of professionally trained guides—and they have returned transformed by what they saw, heard, and did.

Birthright Israel has redefined eligibility for their trips to be more inclusive, and we think it important that you and your children be aware of this opportunity that our rabbi highly recommends as a transforming experience in their lives.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for the Birthright Israel gift is primarily based on these three factors:

- Ages 18 to 26
- Jewish background
- First time in Israel on a peer program since turning 18

Eligibility is determined through an online application and subsequent interview. Scroll down for more.

Israel Outdoors—which involves hiking, swimming, cave crawls, etc.—proudly welcomes approximately 8,000 young adults on a Birthright Israel experience each year. We are very proud to embrace a wide spectrum of backgrounds and interests—which is what makes our trip dynamics so special. Explore some of the profiles of our participants at www.israeloutdoors.com/exploring/i-am-israel-outdoors/.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1) Ages 18 to 26

Applicants must be at least 18 years old at the time of the trip and must have already graduated from high school. Applicants can also be no older than 26 years old to still qualify for the program. However, anyone who is still 26 as of May 1 is eligible for any trip in the same summer season of trips even if they have turned 27 by the time of the actual trip (i.e., May, June, July or August.) Similarly, for winter trips, anyone who is still 26 as of December 1 is still eligible for any trip in the same winter season of trips even if they have turned 27 by the time of the actual trip (i.e., November, December, January, February, March).



NOTE: It is the policy of Israel Outdoors to give automatic priority status to applicants who are 26 since their eligibility window is closing soon!

2) Jewish Background

Applicants must have at least one Jewish birthparent or have converted to Judaism in order to qualify for the gift. But don't worry, having a Jewish background does not mean you need to be religious to qualify or fit in on our trips. In fact, many of the participants in Israel Outdoors have more of a cultural connection to Judaism than a traditional one. With Israel Outdoors, there is no "right way" to be Jewish, and you certainly don't need to worry about being "Jewish enough."

3) Prior Israel Experience

Rules pertaining to prior Israel experience have recently changed. Although the detailed rules have not yet been issued by Birthright Israel, we can tell you:



- Applicants who traveled to Israel prior to turning 18 on a peer program shorter than three months in length are eligible.
- Applicants who traveled to Israel prior to turning 18 on a peer program longer than three months in length may be eligible. Clarification will be posted soon.
- Applicants who traveled to Israel after turning 18 on a peer program designed for college students or young adults are not eligible. Such programs include any study abroad, gap year, *yeshiva*/seminary, and any other experience under the umbrella of Masa Israel.
- Applicants who traveled to Israel after turning 18 on a peer program designed for high school teens may be eligible. Clarification will be posted soon.
- Applicants who traveled to Israel on a peer program and turned 18 during the trip may be eligible. Clarification will be posted soon.
- Applicants who traveled to Israel since turning 18 on a family trip, a multi-generational trip, or some interfaith/secular experiences are eligible.

Additional Restrictions

- Must have graduated high school
- Have not lived in Israel since the age of 12
- Have not served in the Israeli Army
- Not currently registered in a Jewish Studies program in any institute of higher learning such as Jewish Teacher Training program, Jewish Studies program, Rabbinic program, *Yeshiva*/Seminary, Jewish Communal Service program, etc.
- Must have a current United States address (be a resident/citizen/full-time student in the United States). However, applicants living in Canada are eligible to take part in a Specialty Trip (www.israeloutdoors.com/the-trips/specialty-groups/) or Israel By Bike (www.israeloutdoors.com/the-trips/israel-by-bike/) departing from the United States.

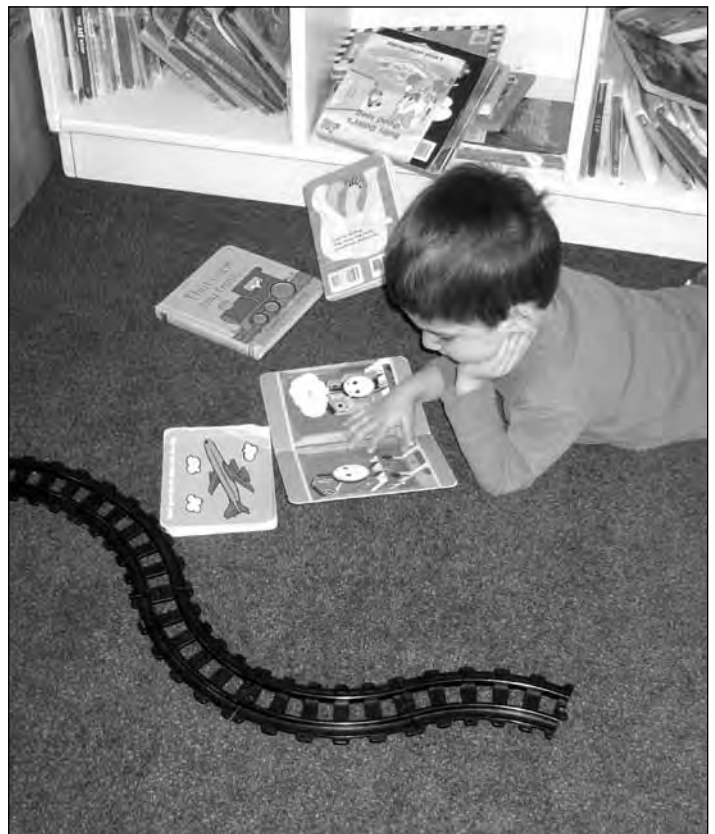
UNSURE ABOUT YOUR ELIGIBILITY?

Many applicants wonder if they are "Jewish enough" for a trip. Others are concerned about coming from an interfaith household. And some feel they've just lost their connection to Judaism. If you are unsure if you are eligible for a trip, we encourage you to e-mail info@israeloutdoors.com or call 202-537-0006 in advance and ask. ■

SOURCE: WWW.BIRTHRIGHTISRAEL.COM

KOL AMI NURSERY KIDS

WE HAVE ARTISTS, SINGERS, ATHLETES, AND SCHOLARS AMONG OUR KOL AMI NURSERY KIDS! AND THEY ALL HAVE A GREAT TIME DOING THEIR THING!



KOL AMI MARCH 2014 AT A GLANCE

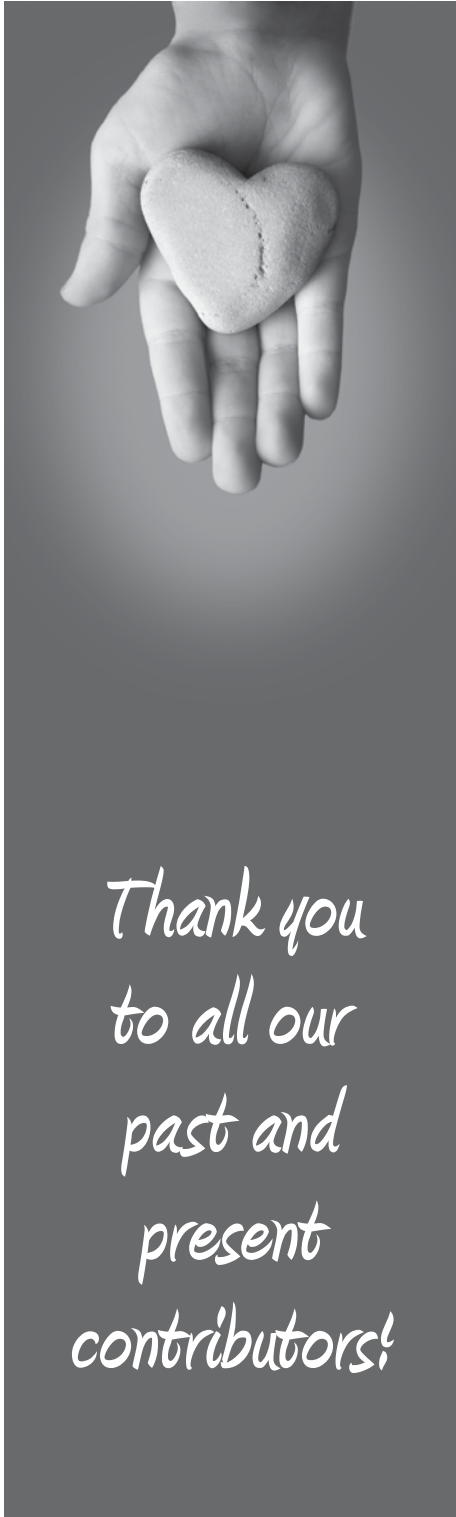
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2 Student Trope Class 9:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Religious School PTO Meeting - 10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.	3 Nursery School Music 9:30 a.m. Operations Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	4 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m. Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Holin 7:30 p.m.	5 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Bogot 10:00 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	6	7 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. "First-Friday" and "Shabbat Across America" erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Participation	8 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Grade 7 & 8 Participation
9 Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon Author Rhonda Fink-Whitman "94 Maidens" presentation 10:30 a.m. LOCAs in the Soup Kitchen 2:00 p.m. at the home of Marci Wolpert in Laverock	10 Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff 7:00 p.m.	11 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m. Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Holin 7:30 p.m.	12 Nursery School Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Bogot 10:00 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	13 Nursery School Music 9:30 a.m.	14 Nursery School Purim Carnival 11:00 a.m. "Fun-for-Kids" erev Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m. Student Choir Participation erev Shabbat Service with guest speaker Beverly Rosen 7:30 p.m.	15 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
						1 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.

KOL AMI MARCH 2014 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 Student Trope Class 9:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:00 a.m. - Family Event - The <i>Purim</i> Bowl 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.	17	18 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m. Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Holin 7:30 p.m.	19 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Bogot 10:00 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	20 Nursery School Nature Jack 1:30 p.m.	21 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	22 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. preceded by lox-and-bagel breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Retro Disco Night 8:00 p.m.
23 BAKE SALE Student Trope Class 9:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:00 a.m. - Gr 4 to Abramson Center 10:00 a.m. - Gr 5 & 6 Family Education Program 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. Artist Open House Kirsten Fischler 2:00 p.m.	24	25 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m. Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Holin 7:30 p.m.	26 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Bogot 10:00 a.m. Nursery School Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	27 Membership Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	28 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. Nursery School Annual Shabbat Dinner and Silent Auction 6:45 p.m.	29 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
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In Honor of:

**Special birthday of
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MARCH 2014

- **TUESDAY EVENINGS**
March 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 7:30 p.m.
Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Elliot Holin
- **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**
March 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 10:00 a.m.
Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Howard Bogot
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 7, at 7:30 p.m.**
“Shabbat Across America” with Adult Choir and “First-Friday” blessings
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“Fun-for-Kids” *erev Shabbat* Service with Student Choir
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 14, at 7:30 p.m.**
erev Shabbat Service with guest speaker Beverly Rosen reviewing “The Wanting”
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 22, at 10:00 a.m.**
Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue, preceded by a lox-and-bagel breakfast at 9:30 a.m.
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 22, at 8:00 p.m.**
Retro Disco Night
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 23, at 10:00 a.m.**
Religious School Bake Sale
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 23, at 2:00 p.m.**
Artist Open House of Kirsten Fischler
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 28, at 6:45 p.m.**
Nursery School Annual *Shabbat* Dinner and Silent Auction ■

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- **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, at 6:15 p.m.**
“The Diary of Anne Frank” and Holocaust Awareness Performance
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 4, at 7:30 p.m.**
erev Shabbat Service honoring Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom with Adult Choir and “First-Friday” blessings
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 6, at 9:30 a.m.** - Pancake Breakfast
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 6, at 10:00 a.m.**
Reading-discussion of “As A Driven Leaf”
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 6, at 1:00 p.m.**
Healing Service
- **MONDAY, APRIL 7, at 7:00 p.m.**
Penn Lecture in Judaic Studies, “Hebrew without Hebrews: Converso Hebraist Alfonso de Zamora and the Spanish Inquisition”
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 12, at 10:00 a.m.**
Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue, followed by a potluck lunch
- **MONDAY, APRIL 14** - First *Seder*
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 15** - Second *Seder*
- **MONDAY, APRIL 21, at 10:00 a.m.**
Passover Yizkor Service
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 25, at 6:00 p.m.**
“Fun-for-Kids” Show and *Qvell erev Shabbat* Service with Student Choir
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 25, at 8:00 p.m.**
Volunteer Recognition *erev Shabbat* Service, preceded by a wine-and-cheese social at 7:00 p.m.
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 27, at 10:00 a.m.**
Religious School Bake Sale
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 27, at 7:00 p.m.**
Yom HaShoah Service with guest speaker Mitch Braff
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 29**
Kol Ami Golf and Tennis Outing ■