



WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, March 6, at 7:30 p.m.
erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, February 7, at 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue

FRIDAY, February 13, at 7:30 p.m.
Give your friends a taste of Kol Ami at this national celebration as we partake in "Shabbat Across America" (see page 7) in addition to our "Second-Friday" birthday and anniversary blessings and the voices of our Adult Choir

SATURDAY, March 14, at 10:00 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Warsaw

SUNDAY, March 15, at 1:00 p.m.
Healing Service (see page 9)

FRIDAY, March 20
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 where we welcome book reviewer extraordinaire Beverly Rosen to talk about "The Un-Americans" by Molly Antopol

SATURDAY, March 21, at 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue; followed by a potluck lunch

FRIDAY, March 27, at 6:30 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat - a different taste of *Shabbat* with a brief service from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., followed by pre-ordered dinner and discussion. *continued page 2*

Congregation Kol Ami
קול עמי
Invites you to celebrate
Tikun Olam
HONORING
Steven Scott Bradley
Sunday, March 8, 2015 / 17th of Adar, 5774
At three o'clock in the afternoon
8201 High School Road
Elkins Park, PA
RSVP BY
March 1 to Elaine Stevens
execdir@kolami.info

**SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING
SUNDAY, MARCH 8, AT 11:00 A.M.**

WORSHIP SERVICES

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Kabbalat Shabbat is a phrase that designates the eagerness with which we prepare to “receive the *Shabbat*.” We have a new way here at Kol Ami to do so! (See page 13.)

SATURDAY, March 28, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

March 7 - *Kee Tissa*

Exodus 30:11-34:35

I Kings 18:1-39

March 14 - *Vayakhel-Pekudei*

Exodus 35:1-40:38

Ezekiel 36:16-38

March 21 - *Vayikra*

Leviticus 1:1-5:26

Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

March 28 - *Tzav*

Leviticus 6:1-8:36

Malachi 3:4-24 ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Interfaith Relationship Dialogue

Tuesday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Home of co-chairs Joel Edelstein and Betsy McKinstry, 215-782-1704

Membership Committee

Thursday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Julie Cohen, 215-635-4716, and Robin Warsaw, 215-635-5839

Social Action Committee Meeting

Monday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Co-chairs: Shelley Chamberlain, 215-635-1738, and Jody Long, 215-635-4751

Spiritual Growth Group

Monday, March 2 & 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Co-chairs: Janet Falon, 215-635-1698, and Meryle Gurmankin, 215-464-2466 ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I can almost hear the pop of hardballs and softballs caught in leather gloves as we find ourselves on the cusp of spring. It's not just baseball in the air; soon we will look out on our meadow and see those signs of spring we all so look forward to: the rebirth and renewal that is the green-ing of the world we love. The approach of spring is a perfect time to re-energize and re-engage in your Congregation and our March programming gives all of us at least four great ways to do that:

1. ***Tikun Olam* Award.** While we are right up against the deadline to sign up for our *Tikun Olam* award ceremony, there is still time for you to participate on Sunday March 8th at 3PM when we present our *Tikun Olam* award to Steven Scott Bradley. We will be joined by over 50 members of his congregation, the historic First African Baptist Church of Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania and will revel in the music of their choir. This is one of our three big fundraisers that bridge the gap between membership dues and fees, and what it takes to keep our congregation going. Please join us or send a contribution to celebrate Steve's great work and your great synagogue.
2. **Vote on our Proposed By-Law Changes.** Join us on Sunday March 8th, from 11 to 12:30 for Q&A and to vote on the proposed changes to the by-laws that guide our congregation. You should have received the changes by e-mail and if not, please contact Elaine Stevens or me immediately so we can get them to you. We need 15% of our 180 families in good standing to be at some part of this meeting to have a valid vote and we then need 50.1% positive vote on each of the proposed changes for the change to pass.
3. **Celebrate *Shabbat* Across America on Friday night, March 13th.** This is a special service where we invite all our prospective members to come and worship with us and learn more about our community. I'd like you to mark your calendar to join us that night and reach out to our guests and start a conversation about why you love being a part of Kol Ami.
4. **Continue to engage with Israel.** Kol Ami is committed to Israel. We encourage all our members to visit Israel and are proud of our Discover Israel Fund that supports our teens who travel to Israel on an approved teen trip. Over the years we have sponsored a variety of conversations and presentations about Israel, including bringing Seeds of Peace to our sanctuary, spending a *Shabbat* evening with Elad Strohmayr, the Philadelphia Deputy Consul General of Israel, and encouraging our members to attend AIPAC's annual conference, to name but a few. March brings two great ways to continue the dialogue and learning:

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

In response to requests for Rabbi Holin's sermon on January 23, we present it below:

DEDICATION OF OUR CONGREGATION'S YAHRTZEIT WALL

The reason that many of us are here tonight on the *erev Shabbat* that we are dedicating our beautiful *Yahrtzeit* Wall is in recognition of the need to remember: to consciously recall moments and loved ones.

In the Book of Exodus, Moses told the newly liberated people: "Remember this day on which you departed from Egypt, from the house of bondage" (Exodus 13:3). The great rabbinic commentator, Rashi, focused on the imperative of the word *zachor*/"Remember"—from which the Hebrew word for "memory"/*zib'kah'rone* derives—and he said that we must remember the exodus every single day. That commandment is fulfilled in the third paragraph of the *Sh'ma*, recited daily, which concludes with the statement: "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt" (Numbers 15:37-41).

Rashi emphasized the importance of remembering, with the coda that one must remember our exodus from Egypt every single day: a tall order, to say the least. If we cannot recall that imperative every day, then the frequency with which the words "Remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt" occur in the *Torah* is understandable. That phrase is repeated 36 times, more than any other in the Five Books of Moses: to remember the precious gift of freedom and to help liberate others from their shackles.

There are different ways to remember our loved ones: thinking about someone whose soul is in the *olam ha'ba*/"the world to come"; saying *kaddish* is a time honored way to do so; establishing a fund in his or her name is another; and one of the most tangible ways to do so is the dedication of a *yahrtzeit* plaque. Since we cannot remember "every single day," to quote Rashi, the sight of a *yahrtzeit* plaque in memory of a loved one engages our memory, especially the knowledge that it is here, in the sanctuary, the house of God.

Many of you remember the *yahrtzeit* wall that awaited us when we arrived here in 2006. It was on the wall just beyond the steps to the right side of the *bimah* as you face it. To say that it was unappealing is a massive understatement. It is possible that many of us, upon seeing it, determined that we would someday replace it with a *Yahrtzeit* Wall far more impressive and, in fact, beautiful.

The resolve to do so involved several years of thought and planning: visiting synagogues in our area and on the Mainline to see other *yahrtzeit* walls; and the conception of designs that enabled us to develop our vision for our *Yahrtzeit* Wall that we dedicate this evening. I want to express my personal gratitude, and our Congregation's appreciation, to Jennifer Streitwieser, Bart Weiner, Karol Appel, and Elaine Stevens, whose dedication to this sacred endeavor was exemplary, and to Jeff Cohen under whose watch as our president this task was completed.

Some of you know that when I was living in Israel many years ago, my parents came to visit me in Jerusalem. It was also the first time, post-Holocaust, that my father had seen his brother in decades, and an indelible memory—*zib'kah'rone*—is

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CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving memory of:

Sheila Chappell

sister of Elva (Ken) Davis

Evelyn Hyman

mother of David Hyman (Farah Jimenez)

mother of William Hyman (Janine Pratt)

grandmother of Maya and Lia

Marilyn Mattson

mother of Eric Johnston

grandmother of Shira

Larry Slass

father of Lorie (Bill England) Slass

grandfather of Sarah

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

WE'LL GET YOU THERE!

Would you like to attend services, an event, or a committee meeting at Kol Ami, but don't have a way to get there?

The Worship Enhancement Committee has developed a system for connecting riders with potential drivers. Just contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org no later than the Thursday before the event that you'd like to attend. 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. ■

Continuing Jewish Education for Adults

From Egypt to Sinai and beyond: Torah as a Mythic Journey

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

March 23, April 13, May 4 & 18 (4 Sessions)

Instructor: Rabbi Simcha Raphael



In preparation for the journey from slavery in Egypt to revelation at Sinai that we shall embark upon in the coming months, this course shall explore the inherent contemporary spiritual wisdom in the holy days of *Pesach* and *Shavuot*. Through our study of *Torah* and *Midrash*, we shall come to see the sojourn of the Israelites from slavery to freedom as a mythic journey reflecting and illuminating our own spiritual journeying today. The course shall include textual study, discussion, and meditative reflection.

1. Biblical Wisdom and the Mythic Life: Passover as an Inner Journey
2. Counting the Omer: From Agrarian Income Tax to Contemporary Kabbalistic Contemplation
3. Sinai Revelation as an Ongoing Mystical Moment
4. Transcending Trauma: Mythic Dimensions of the Book of Ruth

RSVP by March 16 to 215-635-3110.

Searching for Faithful Practice— The Place of “Commandment” in an Age of Autonomy

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

April 16, 23 & 30 and May 7 (4 Sessions)

Instructor: Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom



In an age marked by radical autonomy, what is the place of *Mitzvah*? Can it ever be “commandment” or is it always, at best, a “suggestion” for doing good? Can community survive in an age of autonomy?

RSVP by April 10 to 215-635-3110.

Non-member - \$50 per course. ■

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

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the sight of the two of them greeting each other at my uncle's apartment in Bnai Braq, an Orthodox neighborhood in Tel Aviv. They fell into each other's arms and stood there in heartfelt embrace, rooted to the spot, speechless with the wonder of it all.

A bit later, we walked to the neighborhood synagogue, my father and uncle arm-in-arm. When we entered the sanctuary, my uncle brought my Dad to the *yahrzeit* wall and pointed to the memorial plaques on which the names of their parents were engraved. They simultaneously lifted their hands toward the plaques and let their fingertips rest on them for a few moments. That gesture and the reverence inherent in it is similar to what one does upon blessing the *Torah*: the *tallit* is extended to the first word of the text that is being read or chanted, and then the *tallit* is kissed before the blessing is recited. My father and uncle did not kiss their fingers after they had touched the memorial plaques, perhaps to make the distinction between touching the sacred scroll of the *Torah* with a *tallit*, and theirs is a custom that I have continued. Whenever I pass by our *Yahrzeit* Wall, I touch my fingertips to my parents' *yahrzeit* plaques and linger for a moment.

Yahrzeit is a Yiddish word that means “year time”: hence the acknowledgement of the “anniversary” of a death. Traditionally, a person observing the *yahrzeit* of a loved one is called to the *Torah* during a weekday service on which the *yahrzeit* is observed, or on the preceding *Shabbat*. A 24-hour memorial candle is lit on the eve of the day of the observance, symbolic of the phrase in the Book of Proverbs: “The soul is the lamp of God” (Proverbs 20:27). Devotion to family has made *yahrzeit* one of the most widely held observances in Judaism. The *yahrzeit* plaque is tangible, heartfelt evidence of piety. On some memorial walls, electric bulbs—

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Kol Ami Events

FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT (and a new addition for our *mitzvot*!)

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

Camp Hometown Heroes. Since September 11, 2001, almost 5,000 children have lost a parent who served in the U.S. Military. Their deaths have been the result of combat, accident, illness, or suicide. Their children have been present during a gun salute and flag presentation by an Honor Guard, and many of them face depression, profound grief, isolation, and a sense of helplessness.

Camp Hometown Heroes began in 2013 in partnership with pediatric grief counselors to provide a free, week-long overnight summer camp for children and siblings between the ages of 7 and 17. The children participate in art and music therapy groups and have the opportunity to openly discuss their feelings through shared, common bonds of loss.

Since the camp opened in June 2013, 62 children from 14 states have participated free of charge. In 2014, Camp Hometown Heroes welcomed more than 100 children who came to Wisconsin all the way from Hawaii, Idaho, California, and Washington.

Their parents, no longer alive, served our nation. This is our opportunity to stand with their children.

Forthcoming fast days to benefit **Camp Hometown Heroes** will be on **Tuesday, March 3**, and **Tuesday, April 7**.

NATAL (*nah'tahl*), the **Israel Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War**. NATAL addresses Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder of combat veterans and former prisoners of war, as well as those who have lost loved ones in battle or suicide bombings, and anyone who suffers the sustained emotional and mental pressure of living with the fear and uncertainty that war and the threat of war bring. In addition, NATAL reaches out to families and relatives of victims and bereaved families through on-site counseling, a national hotline, and free or subsidized psychological assistance and treatment by highly trained professionals.

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

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

Forthcoming fast days on behalf of **NATAL** will be on **Wednesday, March 11**, and **Wednesday, April 8**

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 26**, and **Thursday, April 30**.

Below are the mailing addresses for the three organization listed above:

American Friends of NATAL

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

Camp Hometown Heroes

983 Badger Circle
Grafton, WI 53024

Unemployment Information Center

112 N. Broad Street, 11th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

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

“A TASTE OF SHABBAT”

Sunday, March 8, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.



Join this informal gathering in our chapel for an innovative approach to experiencing the meaning and joy of *Shabbat* when it's not *Shabbat* through music and dialogues about “what matters, when, and why”

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Join us at Congregation Kol Ami קול עמי for

Shabbat Across America

Friday, March 13, 2015

On Friday night, March 13, 2015 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 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 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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Family Bingo Night

Come out and join us at Congregation Kol Ami

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015

5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Kid-Friendly Prizes • "Themed" Raffle Items

Refreshments Available!

For more information, please call Ellen Kovnat

Phone: 215-886-8713

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Hm Phone/Wk phone:
4 packs _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____
single packs _____ @ \$5.00 = \$ _____
Payment Check # _____ (Payable to Kol Ami) \$ _____



**4 pack – 14" cheese
pizza, 4 drinks, 4 cook-
ies, 10 bingo cards
.... \$20.00
(\$24.00 at the door)**

**Single pack – 2 pizza
slices, 1 drink, 1 cookie,
2 bingo cards \$5.00
(\$6.00 at the door)**

Deadline for pre-ordering is March 11, 2015. Please send form and check to:

8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027

Open to the community

KOL AMI EVENTS (continued from page 6)

This is an invitation to religious school parents and all adults to join us for “A Taste of *Shabbat*” through song, guided by Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz’s selection of songs that we enjoy on *Shabbat* mornings, and with Rabbi Holin and Jeff Wexler, a clinical psychologist and Kol Ami member, to explore the family dynamic in the story about Abraham and Isaac, and how it relates to us as parents and children (i.e., the question being asked is not really the question).

“SECOND-FRIDAY” EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for March Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
Friday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m.



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* 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*.

“SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA”

Congregation Kol Ami joins in the national celebration!
Give your friends a taste of Kol Ami
erev Shabbat Service, March 13, at 7:30 p.m.



“*Shabbat Across America*” is a nationally acclaimed program that gives people a positive and joyful *Shabbat* experience. Synagogue members “Across America” are encouraged to invite their unaffiliated friends to a *Shabbat* dinner at their congregations to celebrate the defining moment of the Jewish week together. The National Jewish Outreach Program will publicize this evening throughout the country. Dinner is complimentary for prospective members. Your guests will be “our guests” at the catered dinner. Please call Elaine Stevens by March 10 at 215-635-3110 to RSVP for dinner (\$16 per adult and \$10 per child under the age of 9) and “*Shabbat* dessert.”

HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, March 15, at 1:00 p.m.

Our tradition offers moving and powerful prayers for loved ones in hospitals, recovering at home, or in hospice care, and for ourselves as well: healers who are in need of healing, and those in mourning. This brief worship service includes the *Mi'Shebbeirach* (“May the Holy One Who blesses...”) prayer as well as the hope that we will find *menuchah* (“tranquility”) within ourselves during trying times.

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MOVIEGOERS GIVE FILM TWO THUMBS UP! Kol Ami congregants, parents, and kids went to see the IMAX film “Jerusalem” on February 1 at the Franklin Institute.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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- On Thursday March 26th we will be hosting the Parents Circle Families Forum (<http://www.theparentscircle.com>) for A Dialogue to Sustain Hope for Peace in the Middle East. Established in 1995, the PCFF is 'a joint Palestinian Israeli organization of over families who have lost a close family member as a result of the prolonged conflict.' This is a special program to listen and engage with captivating stories of loss and renewal. Join us in our sanctuary for a stimulating and thought-provoking evening.
- On March 31st, Kobi Cooper, a Cheltenham High School graduate who made *Aliyah*, is an Israel guide extraordinaire and was the guide of our most recent synagogue trip to Israel, will join us at my house for an informal gathering and discussion of 'A Tale of Two Cities: are Tel Aviv and Jerusalem finally coming together?' and 'Positive Developments in Israel in the Past Ten Years.' This will be not just a reunion for those who went on our recent trip, but an opportunity to whet all our appetites to learn more about Israel and to see her again soon.

This month's *Sh'lach'chaynee* (send me) request of you is to grab the 4 R's of spring—rebirth, renewal, re-energize and re-engage—and attend as many of these programs as you can, deepening your learning about Judaism today and adding your voice to our wonderful community.

Jeff Cohen
215-635-3232
president@kolamielkinspark.org ■

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JEWISH CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE GROUP WITH LUCILLE BARRETT

~~Sunday, March 15, at 11:00 a.m. at Kol Ami~~



The Kol Ami Jewish Contemporary Literature Group continues to discuss classic and contemporary short stories. We will read fiction, across generations, born in different times and settings. Jewish storytellers drew from biblical tales, Talmud, The Zohar, Kabbala. They continue to enrich Jewish collective life.

On March 15, we share Philip Roth's "Defender of the Faith." Roth entered the literary scene in 1959 with the publication of his first book: *Goodbye Columbus*. It was met with critical praise, honors, and many detractors. The collection contains five richly satiric comic tales. In "Defender of the Faith," Roth experiments with new narrative strategies enriched by his extraordinary ear and eye. His fiction rises from a contemporary American social/political reality. "Defender of the Faith" dramatizes a modern ethnic dilemma, an urgent issue for a diversified world. Who am I? What is freedom? What is a Jew?

If you plan to attend, notify executive director Elaine Stevens, who will send you the story by e-mail, about two weeks before our seminar meeting.

TRAVELOCA

~~Sunday, March 22, at 1:00 p.m. at Kol Ami~~

Do you have a travel story to tell? Something that surprised you, moved you, changed your perspective? You're invited to share your **five-minute** narrative with accompanying pictures. This is a chance to show, tell, make new friends, and eat, of course. Whether you come to participate or just to listen, bring a dessert to serve approximately 10 people.

Discussion leaders should put their photos on a flash drive or CD and tell us the title of your presentation for our program. (For example: Norway: Oil and a Work Ethic that Worked, India: Clash of Wealth and Poverty, Grand Canyon: Spirituality below Ground.)

To RSVP to be a discussion leader or audience member, contact Natalie Dyen at nat.dyen@verizon.net or 215-657-4124 by March 1. If a discussion leader, please include the name of your topic.

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE WITH BOOK REVIEWER BEVERLY ROSEN

~~Friday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m.~~



Join us as we review "The Un-Americans," a short-story collection by Molly Antopol, which takes readers to Europe, Israel, and the United States, exploring such universal themes as assimilation, parents and children's relationships, family secrets, love, and betrayal. The collection, on the 2014 long-list for the National Book Award in Fiction, spotlights the talents of a young Jewish-American writer who is wise beyond her years. Memorable and meaningful, the stories stimulate minds, hearts, and in-depth discussion.

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PLEASE JOIN US AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

KOL AMI SECOND SEDER

Saturday, April 4, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Congregation Kol Ami

Delicious Kosher-Style *Seder* Dinner,
Songs, and Passover Story

Tables of 8 are available for family seating.
BYOB

Please return the right half of this form by **March 27, 2015**,
with your check payable to Congregation Kol Ami to:

Barb Fink
721 Meetinghouse Road
Elkins Park, PA 19027

For additional information, call Barb Fink at 215-886-2297
or e-mail at bfink3@gmail.com



PLEASE RETURN THIS HALF OF THE FORM

I/we will attend the Kol Ami Second Seder on
Saturday, April 4, 2015

Name of reservation: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Member prices:

Number of adults	_____	@ \$30.00	= \$	_____
Number of children age 6 - 17	_____	@ \$10.00	= \$	_____
Number of children age 5 and below	_____	@ \$5.00	= \$	_____
Number of vegetarian meals	_____	@ \$30.00	= \$	_____

Non-Member prices:

Number of adults	_____	@ \$40.00	= \$	_____
Number of children age 6 - 17	_____	@ \$20.00	= \$	_____
Number of children age 5 and below	_____	@ \$5.00	= \$	_____
Number of vegetarian meals	_____	@ \$40.00	= \$	_____

TOTAL # PEOPLE _____ \$ _____

MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY: I would like to help defray the Congregation's subsidy of
the cost of this *Seder* meal by making a contribution of \$ _____ to Elijah's Plate.

If possible, please seat me with: _____

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symbolic of the words: "The soul is the lamp of God"—are turned on next to the names of those whose *yahrzeits* are being observed: a practice, not a custom, that we veered away from in favor of placing plaques on the center column for the week of the *Shabbat* during which their *yahrzeit* falls. We feel that the beauty of our *Yahrzeit* Wall, and the central position of those plaques when their *yahrzeit* is observed, is eloquent testimony to the love felt in the hearts of those who remember them.

Memory is such an important part of our tradition, Biblical narratives, and ritual observance. *Zachor u'shmor*. "Remember and observe" we read in the Book of Deuteronomy (5:15). However, our *avote v'imahote*—our ancestors—were wise enough to know that memory alone is not enough: it must be harnessed to deed.

What do we do with memory as it relates to the recitation of *kaddish* or the observance of *yahrzeit*? Leon Wieseltier, author of an epic work called "*Kaddish*," writes: "The mourner must be bettered by the death he [or she] bemoans. Death is a communication to the living."¹ When Wieseltier dwelt upon the personal matter of saying *kaddish* and observing *yahrzeit*, he wrote: "My father's death was the occasion for a reckoning with how I live."²

Allow me to revisit two of those sentences because I think they are so pertinent to our presence here tonight: "Death is a communication to the living" and "My father's death was the occasion for a reckoning with how I live."

The dedication of a *yahrzeit* plaque is personal and profound. It is meaningful and moving. The presence of memorial plaques dedicated to our loved ones inspires us to consider in tangible ways what they mean to us even as space and time from the dates of their deaths expand. This is one of the ways that they remain close.

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BAR MITZVAH OF JONATHAN WARSAW

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, AT 10:00 A.M.



Jonathan is in the seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School. He enjoys reading and creative writing, and music is particularly enjoyable because he plays the saxophone and finds it terrific that a whole class is dedicated to music.

At school he is involved in the National Junior Honor Society, and at religious school he participates in our Stop Hunger Now program. He also joins his family on occasion to walk greyhounds at

the greyhound rescue.

"My favorite holy days are *Pesach* and *Purim* because they both have special foods. For *Pesach*, there is the *Seder*, and for *Purim*, there are *hamantaschen*. Also, on *Pesach*, there is the search for the *afikomen*, and on *Purim*, we dress up.

"My favorite prayers are the *V'ahavtah* and the *Avote v'Imahote*. They are both fun to sing and teach us something important. The theme of the *V'ahavtah* is love for God and passing down the teachings, traditions, and values of our faith. This is important to me because it ties me to the previous generations of Jews and inspires me to carry on the traditions and live a life that demonstrates the important values of Judaism, like treating people with respect and devotion to *tikun olam*. The *Avote v'Imahote* honors all our ancestors who got us here today. It is important to honor those who came before us and recognize that we are where we are today because of their wisdom, strength, and bravery.

"One of the things I enjoy about being Jewish is religious school. Of course, I like being here with my friends, but I also like what we study. I like that we talk about important issues in the world and how the *Torah* and the lessons of the past can help us make decisions and judgments in the present. I also like that Judaism and our religious school encourage us to question in order to learn.

"My *Torah* portion is not the most exciting of all *Torah* portions. Most of it is just a long list of items used in the building of the Tabernacle. Though some of the items were intriguing, like dolphin skin in the desert, they certainly weren't as interesting as betrayals, sacrifices, and plagues. I chose to chant verses from Exodus, chapters 35 and 36 of *Torah* Portion *Va'yakhel* because they include dialogue between Moses and the Israelites, and in particular the commandment to cease work on *Shabbat*.

I was motivated to study for my *Bar Mitzvah* because I want to be prepared and know what I will be doing during the service. Becoming a *Bar Mitzvah* will be an important day in my life because Judaism teaches that on that day, I will become a responsible adult member of the community. Part of showing my responsibility was making the commitment to prepare and study both at home and with the Rabbi and Rebecca."

We congratulate Jonathan's parents, Jeff and Robin, and his sister, Eliana. ■

PARENTS CIRCLE FAMILIES FORUM

a dialogue to sustain hope for peace in the Middle East

Thursday, March 26, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary

The Parents Circle Families Forum (PCFF) is a joint Israeli-Palestinian organization of more than 600 bereaved families whose common bond is that they have lost a close family member to the conflict. However, instead of choosing revenge, they have chosen a path of reconciliation. Through dialogue, they have brought together tens of thousands of Israelis and Palestinians through their personal journeys of reconciliation. It is often emotional, but out of these interactions, change is possible on personal levels.

Their stories and the credibility of their losses, and the uncommon path they have chosen, have opened minds and hearts. They stir an awareness that transcends history and politics. For many, it is the first time that they have seen “the other side” as human.

PCFF believes that reconciliation between the Israeli and Palestinian people is essential to ensure that peace is sustainable and is eager to share the human side of the conflict with the American public in order to foster the peace and reconciliation process.

Join PCFF’s international spokespeople and bereaved members, Robi Damelin and Bassam Aramin, as they share their stories of loss and their unique choice of reconciliation. Participate in a discussion on the human side of the conflict and why relationship building, mutual understanding of the “other side,” and a reconciliation framework is necessary for any sustainable peace agreement.

ROBI DAMELIN grew up in South Africa and resisted apartheid before moving to Israel and starting a family. Her son, David, a peace activist and a member of the IDF reserves, was killed by a Palestinian sniper. Since then, she has dedicated her life to ending the violence and to creating a collaborative, formal truth-and-reconciliation process that will be ready to roll out when a political peace agreement is reached. She co-leads the PCFF’s Women’s Group. Her efforts have been the subject of several documentaries.

BASSAM ARAMIN was sent to Israeli prison as a 17 year old for his role in the Palestinian resistance. He spent seven years there and eventually started questioning the value of armed resistance. Several years after his release, he co-founded “Combatants for Peace.” He has refused to pick up arms since his release, even when, in 2007, his 10-year-old daughter, Abir, was killed by an Israeli soldier’s rubber bullet on her way home from school. He is also the subject of a documentary film, “Within the Eye of the Storm.” He is just completing his PhD in Holocaust Studies.

KABBALAT SHABBAT - A DIFFERENT TASTE OF SHABBAT

Friday, March 27, a brief service from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.;
followed by pre-ordered dinner and discussion

Kabbalat Shabbat is a phrase that designates the eagerness with which we prepare to “receive the *Shabbat*.” We have a new way here at Kol Ami to do so!

In the past, informal discussions that have commenced at our 6:45 p.m. dinners on *erev Shabbat* have been brought to their conclusions as we gather for our 7:30 p.m. *erev Shabbat* service.

Now, a different format arrives—a brief, half-hour service at 6:30 p.m. followed by a predetermined discussion over dinner. The night extends at leisure!

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

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This is the lesson that Wieseltier shares with us in his book. When the first *Sukkot* arrived following his father’s death, the usher in *shul* said to him: “We would like to give you your father’s honor. I am asked to hold the *Torah* in the middle of the leafy parade. I hold the *Torah* and they march around me. The *Torah* and I, we are surrounded. I hold it, then hug it, then wrap my arms all around it, tighter and tighter and tighter. I sway with it. A few friends ask if I would like to join the procession, and they offer their branches and fruits for me to carry. To their surprise, I decline. I tell them that I am lucky to have the *Torah* in my arms for so long. I lean my head against it. I can hear the parchment crackling beneath its white velvet sheath. All I can think is that I love it. It is the physical embodiment of the sanctity of words. Before I restore the *Torah* to its place in the ark, I kiss it. I am grateful for the time we had together.”³

We are grateful for the time we had with our loved ones, and, if we were fortunate, to have been in their arms for so long. We extol their memories as well as the memories of those we were not privileged to know, who are also part of us.

Five Hebrew words from the Book of Psalms are on our *Yahrzeit* Wall:

ושבתי בבית יהודה לארך ימים

“I shall dwell in the house of the
Lord forever” (Psalm 23:6).

The names of our loved ones, engraved on memorial plaques, dwell in our minds and hearts, and here in our sanctuary, in the *makom*/the place where God is most manifest.

¹ Leon Wieseltier, “*Kaddish*” (Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., New York, 1998) 221.

² Wieseltier, 572.

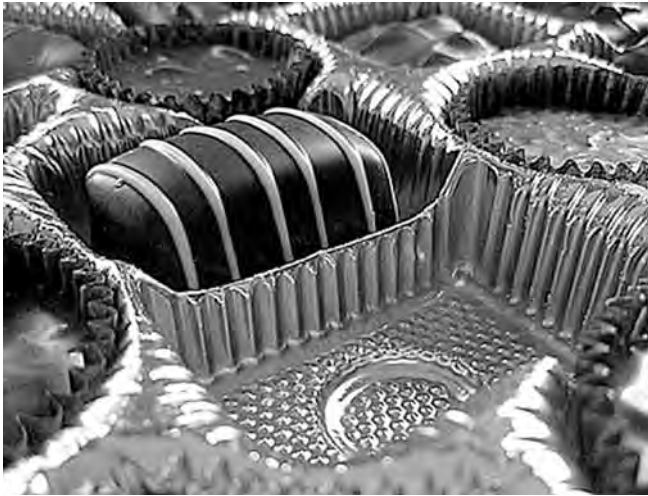
³ Wieseltier, 240.

Shalom u’vrachah,

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

To learn more about purchasing a *yahrzeit* plaque for a beloved, contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110.

PASSOVER CANDY



We are happy to announce a new opportunity for both you and our synagogue to make Passover even sweeter! Congregation Kol Ami Religious School is beginning its annual Passover candy sale. Brochures and order forms will be given to students, and there is also an opportunity to order on line.

Bartons was selected for their wide range of products and their commitment to quality and customer satisfaction. Since the proceeds from this sale benefit all students, we would greatly appreciate 100% cooperation. Kol Ami keeps 40% of the sales price of your order, so you can do something doubly sweet!

Online ordering is available at: <http://www.misschocolate.com/passover.html>

And from their home page, when you click on Brochures, you will see the 'Miss Chocolate: A Passover Tradition' catalog.

Kol Ami's School Code: 710113

Deadline for ordering is March 8 / Candy will be distributed on March 22.

Any questions, e-mail garysender@hotmail.com or call before 9:00 p.m. to 215-661-1980.



Martini Havdalah...and then some! On January 17, we had a wonderful turnout for our Martini *Havdalah* service, led by Rabbi Holin and our cantorial soloist Rebecca Schwartz. We shared "spirits" and conversation, followed by song and prayer. Following the service, a group of 16 congregants attended a prearranged, post-*Havdalah* dinner at Park Plates in Elkins Park. A wonderful time was had by all! We plan to add another Martini *Havdalah* service and dinner in the late spring, and we hope you'll consider joining us then!



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Friends and families of Congregation Kol Ami:
Looking for a delicious lunch and/or dinner dine-around suggestion?

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Stop by between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Bring a copy of this flyer to ROMAN DELIGHT and 10% of
your order total will be generously donated back to Kol Ami.

ROMAN DELIGHT has many wonderful options for everyone.
Sit down and dine or take out your order and bring it back home.

Congregation Kol Ami, 8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027 Phone: 215-635-3110



417 Township Line Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027

Phone: (215) 758-2440

(Between Holme Avenue & Rolling Hill Road)

Friends and families of Kol Ami:
Looking for an easy dinner suggestion?
Stop by between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

Bring a copy of this flyer to LUIGI'S II PIZZARAMA and 20% of your
"regular menu" order total will be donated back to KolAmi.

Stop in for lunch or on your way home from Hebrew school!

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YEDIDAY KOL AMI

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

Ira and Robin Adelman
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For more information about *Yedidday* Kol Ami, please contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org. ■

KOL AMI EVENTS (continued from page 13)

The *Kabbalat Shabbat* discussion topic will be sent via e-mail in advance of March 27 and will also be available that evening. Talking points will be suggested for your round-table discussion over dinner, and then we'll continue post-dinner in the round to share what was of particular interest to all of us.

Daven, discuss, discover...delicious!

AN EVENING WITH ISRAEL TOUR GUIDE KOBI COOPER

"A Tale of Two Cities: Are Tel Aviv and Jerusalem finally coming together?" and "Positive Developments in Israel in the Past Ten Years" Tuesday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m.

at the home of Jeff Cohen and Ellen Friedman in Melrose Park

Kobi Cooper was our guide on our Congregation's adult trip to Israel in October 2014 and received rave reviews from everyone. He is adept at explaining contemporary events in the context of history, religion, and tradition; and he makes every effort to be objective, and equally clear, when speaking from his own perspective and experiences.

Born and raised in Cheltenham, PA, Kobi earned his BA in Middle Eastern and African History Studies from Northwestern University. He studied for a year at Pardes in Jerusalem and was the logistical coordinator for the IDF's Jerusalem Educational Seminars during his military service.

He has guided about 50 Birthright groups, as well as countless synagogue and Jewish day-school, family, and company tours.

Please RSVP to Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 by March 26.

SAVE THE DATE

CELEBRATING A SPECIAL DAY?

Join the growing band of members who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries Kol Ami Style with Rabbi Holin under the *Tallit* for a Special Blessing

Friday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m.; *erev Shabbat* Service to follow at 7:30 p.m.

And now even better... bring your friends, families and loved ones for a special *Shabbat* meal prior to the April service. This special package includes a photo of your assembled group to commemorate the day as well as cake to follow the service. Make it a Kol-Ami-Style Event.

For information, contact Elaine Gershenson at gershlaw@comcast.net or Jill Goldstone at jillgoldstone1@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

MEMBER-TO-MEMBER CONVERSATION,

Sunday, April 12, at 11:00 a.m. with Cheryl Rice Wohlstetter

Join congregant Cheryl Rice Wohlstetter as she shares her story of how she moved from grief to growth after the death of her beloved mother and emerged with a memoir, "Where Have I Been All My Life? A Journey Toward Love and Wholeness." Cheryl will read a bit from her book and share how reading and writing helped her heal, as well as the essential theme of the book—coming home to oneself. ■

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

RENE CRYSTAL: MARCH 3-APRIL 6

There is no doubt that photography is in Rene's DNA. Her father, a news and aerial photographer, handed Rene her first Kodak Brownie camera and said, "Have a go at it, kid."

After being sidetracked on a career for 25 years, Rene returned to have another "go at it," and in a nanosecond, her passion for photography was rekindled.

She often sees beyond what the lens captures. Her hope is that when looking at her photos, you see beyond also and enjoy the infinite beauty this amazingly wonderful world offers us. ■



Kol Ami -Pancake Breakfast

April 12, 2015, from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.
(before religious school)

***Come on out for a hearty breakfast, start the day right, and visit
with friends before religious school. Open to everyone!***

****Pancakes, Coffee, Tea, Fresh Fruit, and Juice***

Individual advance -- \$5

Individual at door -- \$7

Family advance -- \$20

Family at door -- \$25

Please RSVP to Elaine Stevens by Wednesday, April 8, 2015

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Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

of individuals advance: _____ @ \$ 5.00 **Total:** _____

of family advance: _____ @ \$20.00 **Total:** _____

Please make checks payable to: Congregation Kol Ami

LEGACY SOCIETY

Congregation Kol Ami's Legacy Society continues to grow, but we are always looking to add more families.

The Legacy Society asks our members to think about the long-term future of our beloved synagogue. A gift through your estate or life insurance or co-ownership of stock supports our goals of long-term viability and recognizes the importance of the values of Kol Ami. No gift is too small, and everything you do is deeply appreciated.

Anyone who is interested in speaking further about the options can contact Ilene Schafer at 215-663-0228. If you have already remembered Kol Ami in some fashion in your estate planning, please let our executive director, Elaine Stevens, know. We have a very simple form that we ask you to fill out for our records.

We welcome and thank the following members for their commitment to the future of our synagogue.

Michael and Sara Chernoff
Jeffrey Cohen and Ellen Friedman
Elizabeth Kapnek Grenald
Rabbi Elliot and Susan Holin
David Hyman
Lee Laden
Marshall and Ilene Schafer
Gary Sender
Elaine Stevens
Erik and Jennifer Streitwieser
The Wintroub Family ■



WELCOME TO OUR LATEST NEW MEMBER, CAROL NEMEROFF



Kol Ami is very happy to officially welcome Carol Nemeroff as a new member of our Congregation, but she's not new to Kol Ami. For almost three years, Carol has been facilitating our Spiritual Growth Group. Carol explains that she has always valued her connection to Old York Road Temple Beth Am, which she joined when she moved back to Philadelphia in 2011, and where she has periodically led *Torah* study. However,

when Carol received a call from Janet Falon, inviting her to lead a session for the Spiritual Growth Group at Kol Ami, she graciously said yes, and now adds: "I have been meeting with this wonderful group of women (men are welcome!) monthly ever since." Carol attended High Holy Day services at Kol Ami this past fall, and then came to several *Shabbat* morning services as well. That sealed the deal! Carol states: "Rabbi Holin and Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz warm my soul with the genuine *ruach* they bring to worship. I have discerned that Kol Ami is my spiritual home."

Carol has had a very active career and a no-less-active retirement. She was a special education teacher and school principal in diverse locales as Scranton, Pennsylvania; a junior-high assistant principal in Lincoln, Nebraska; a principal of Brandeis Hillel Day School in San Francisco; and an elementary and middle-school principal in Baltimore County. Carol has also done "post-retirement" stints as an Americorps VISTA volunteer, coordinating service and social change at St. Mary's College of Maryland; as a consultant for Washington, DC, schools; and as a graduate of the *Lev Shomea* (listening heart) program in Jewish Spiritual Direction, which resulted in Carol's providing spiritual direction to individuals and groups for the past decade! Also, Carol volunteers on Thursdays at Northeast High School, her alma mater from her days growing up in Northeast Philadelphia. Following high school, Carol graduated from Penn State and Boston University.

Carol has a great sense of adventure, as demonstrated in part by her travels. She has studied in Sweden; taken a train trip to Kansas, Missouri, and Wisconsin; and traveled to Israel, Costa Rica, and Turkey. Also, she visited the Peruvian Amazon (note the accompanying photo of Carol with her trophy piranha.) Yet closer to home, she enjoys meeting old and making new friends in the Philadelphia area, and in those rare moments when she is relaxing in one place, she enjoys reading. An avid gardener, Carol grows, dries, and grinds her own herbs; grows peppers and onions; and says she must have "my yearly fix of fresh sunflowers from the garden."

Carol has two grown children. Her son, Graig, graduated from Morgan State University and is in the health-insurance field. Daughter, Rebekah, graduated from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County and Gratz College, and is a cantorial soloist, Hebrew teacher, and *B'nai Mitzvah* tutor. They live in our area. Rebekah's husband, Jared Jackson, is the founder and executive director of "Jews in All Hues." We are so pleased that Carol, who has already demonstrated her value to us, for quite some time, has now officially become a member of Kol Ami. ■

Social Action

MENTOR PROGRAM

Through the Social Action Committee, Kol Ami members met with college freshman as part of the Philadelphia Education Fund Mentor Program. The students all graduated from Philadelphia city schools and most are the first in their family to attend college. Kol Ami members help the students by offering support as well as advice about roommates, class and major selection, editing papers, and more.



Special thanks go to the Kol Ami members who are mentoring college freshman through Philadelphia Education Fund. This experience is rewarding for mentors and helps students stay in college and get jobs that will often change the direction of their lives, as well as the lives of their families. Mentors include:

Ellen Asam
David Baker and Irene Levy Baker
Shelley Chamberlain
Jeff Cohen
Alan Gershenson
Steve and Debbi Harris
Bill Hyman
Eric and Adena Johnston
Nancy Miller
Merle Salkin
Fran Surkin
Rosann Pfannenstiel

The Philadelphia Education Fund has seen that students with mentors are more likely to stay in college, graduate, and get a professional job that can help pull his/her family out of poverty. One-hundred-fifty mentors are needed in the 2015-2016 school year. Mentors receive training and support. If you'd be interested in learning more about being

a mentor, contact Shelley Chamberlain (215-635-1738 or dschamberlain@comcast.net) or David Baker (215-782-2253 or debaker@comcast.net).

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR

THE CHOICE FOOD PROGRAM

at the Klein Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Sunday, March 8 - Carpool leaves Kol Ami at 1:00 p.m.; our 45-minute tour with Sabina Dopiro, Executive Director, starts at 1:30 p.m.

The Choice Food Program is more than a food pantry. Clients choose foods that will best fit their preferences, nutritional needs, and medical conditions using a computer program with a live inventory of items. With the support of a qualified staff and improved social service assistance, this national model helps clients in making healthy lifestyle choices through nutrition education and connection to critical support. Sign up by March 1 by contacting Ellen Horowitz Matz at 215-635-5426. Space is limited. We will be back in time for the *Tikun Olam* luncheon honoring Steven Scott Bradley at 3:00 p.m.

JEWISH RELIEF AGENCY

Sunday, March 15, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

10980 Dutton Road, Philadelphia (215-281-1101)

Please come out to 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 predetermined delivery routes, complete with driving directions and maps. Most delivery routes take between 30 to 60 minutes to complete.

COOK FOR A FRIEND

Sunday, March 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join us in the Kol Ami kitchen as we cook meals for homebound seniors in Philadelphia. We will prepare and package about 50 meals. Plans also include baking and packaging kosher dairy cookies to be delivered to the Klein JCC! Adults and kids over the age of 10 are welcome as there's much to do! ■

Religious School Activities

AN ENJOYABLE FIELD TRIP TO ABRAMSON CENTER

by David Appleton

Our Kol Ami grade K-2 students, their parents, and the residents at Abramson Center all had a wonderful experience on February 2. The group spent the afternoon speaking with the residents, completing worksheets, and designing picture frames. Terri Goldman saved the day by bringing in photos of many of the students to leave behind in the picture frames they made for the residents. Upon leaving the center at the end of the program my son, Matt, remarked “all of the residents were so friendly to me.” ■



KOL AMI MARCH 2015 AT A GLANCE

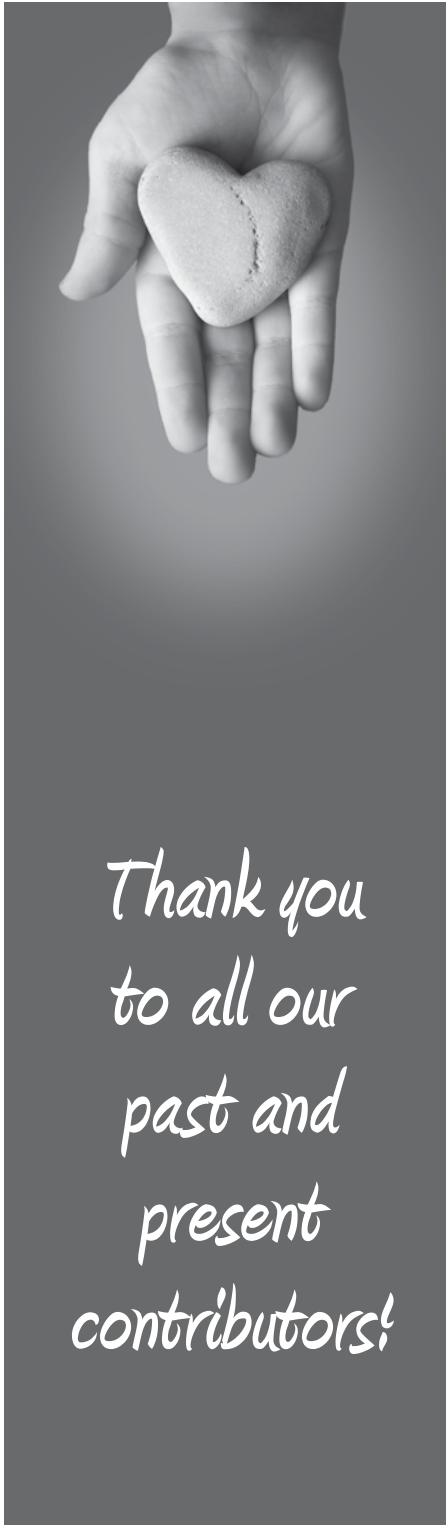
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Trope Class 9:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 10:00 a.m. - <i>Maccabiah</i> - <i>Purim</i> Bowl 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 p.m.	2 Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff 7:00 p.m.	3 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	4 Early Learning Center Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	5 Early Learning Center <i>Purim</i> Carnival 11:00 a.m.	6 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	7 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
8 BAKE SALE Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal "A Taste of Shabbat" with Rabbi Holin 10:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 p.m. Special Congregational Meeting 11:00 a.m. Tikun Olam Lunch honoring Steven Scott Bradley 3:00 p.m.	9 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. Membership Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	10 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	11 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	12	13 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. "Shabbat Across America" plus "Second-Friday" erev Shabbat Service with our Adult Choir 7:30 p.m.	14 Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Warsaw 10:00 a.m.

KOL AMI MARCH 2015 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
15 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 10:00 a.m. - Gr 4-5 to SHARE 10:00 a.m. - Gr 6-7 to Abramson Center 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 p.m. Jewish Contemporary Literature Group with Lucille Barrett 11:00 a.m. Healing Service 1:00 p.m.	16 Social Action Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff 7:00 p.m.	17 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Interfaith Relationship Dialogue 7:30 p.m. Home of Joel Edelstein and Betsy McKinstry	18 Early Learning Center Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	19
22 Trope Class 9:00 a.m. Social Action Committee "Cook for a Friend" 10:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 p.m. TravelOCA 1:00 p.m.	23 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Simcha Raphael 7:30 p.m.	24 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	25 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	26 Parents Circle Families Forum 7:00 p.m.
29 No Religious School Spring Break	30	31 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.		
			20 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. "Fun-for-Kids" erev Shabbat Service with Student Choir 6:00 p.m. erev Shabbat Service with book reviewer Beverly Rosen 7:30 p.m.	21 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. followed by potluck lunch Religious School PTO "Family Bingo Night" 5:30 p.m.
			27 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and discussion	28 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.

Kol Ami Contributions

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**The meaningful erev Shabbat
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MARCH 2015

- **MONDAY, MARCH 2, at 7:00 p.m.**
Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 8 - Bake Sale**
10:00 a.m. - "A Taste of *Shabbat*" with Rabbi Holin
11:00 a.m. - Special Congregation Meeting
3:00 p.m. - *Tikun Olam* lunch honoring Steven Scott Bradley
- **MONDAY, MARCH 9, at 7:30 p.m.**
Membership Committee Meeting
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 13, at 7:30 p.m.**
Shabbat Across America and "Second-Friday"
erev Shabbat Service with Adult Choir
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 14, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Warsaw
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 15**
11:00 a.m. - Jewish Contemporary Literature
Group with Lucille Barrett
1:00 p.m. - Healing Service
- **MONDAY, MARCH 16**
7:00 p.m. - Social Action Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Spiritual Growth Gp. w/Carol Nemeroff
- **TUESDAY, MARCH 17, at 7:30 p.m.**
Interfaith Relationship Dialogue at the home
of Joel Edelstein and Betsy McKinstry
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 20**
6:00 p.m. - "Fun-for-Kids" *erev Shabbat* Service
with Student Choir
7:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service with book reviewer
Beverly Rosen
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 21, at 5:30 p.m.**
Religious School PTO "Family Bingo Night"
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 22**
10:00 a.m. - Social Action "Cook for a Friend"
1:00 p.m. - LOCA Travel Event
- **MONDAY, MARCH 23, at 7:30 p.m.**
Continuing Jewish Education for Adults
with Simcha Raphael
- **THURSDAY, MARCH 26, at 7:00 p.m.**
Parents Circle Families Forum
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 27, at 6:30 p.m.**
Kabbalat Shabbat Service, followed by dinner and
discussion
- **MONDAY, MARCH 31, at 7:30 p.m.**
Israel Tour Guide Kobi Cooper Reunion at home
of Jeff Cohen and Ellen Friedman

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- **FRIDAY, APRIL 3**
First Night of Passover
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 4, at 6:00 p.m.**
Congregational Second *Seder*
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 7, at 7:30 p.m.**
Religious School Committee Meeting
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 10**
10:00 a.m. - Passover *Yizkor* Service
7:30 p.m. - "Second-Friday" *erev Shabbat* Service
with Adult Choir honoring our I.M.Wise graduates
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 11, at 10:00 a.m.**
Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue with Grade 7-8
participation
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 12**
9:30 a.m. - Religious School PTO "Pancake Breakfast"
11:00 a.m. - Member-to-Member Conversation with
Cheryl Rice Wohlstetter
1:00 p.m. - Social Action Committee SHARE Food
Program at SHARE Food
- **MONDAY, APRIL 13, at 7:30 p.m.**
Continuing Jewish Education for Adults
with Simcha Raphael
- **THURSDAYS; APRIL 16, 23 & 30, at 7:30 p.m.**
Continuing Jewish Education for Adults
with Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 17, at 6:00 p.m.**
"Fun-for-Kids" *erev Shabbat* Service on the Meadow
with Student Choir
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 18, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Blower
- **MONDAY, APRIL 20, at 7:00 p.m.**
Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 21, at 7:30 p.m.**
Interfaith Relationship Dialogue (location TBD)
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 25, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Sender
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 26, at 11:00 a.m.**
"A Taste of *Shabbat*" with Rabbi Holin
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 28, at 7:30 p.m.**
Continuing Jewish Education for Adults
with Rabbi Elliot Holin ■