



WORSHIP SERVICES

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

"Shabbat Across America" at our "First-Friday" *erev Shabbat* Service with birthday and anniversary blessings and the voices of our Adult Choir (see page 10)

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

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

Grade 5 students will participate in the *erev Shabbat* Service in addition to our Student Choir

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

Kol Ami adults celebrate their *Bnai Mitzvah* (see page 10)

(FRIDAY, March 15)

There will not be a service this evening due to our Nursery School's Annual Dinner and Silent Auction

SATURDAY, March 16

10:00 a.m. - *Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue

4:00 p.m. - Family *Havdalah* Service (see page 11)

FRIDAY, March 22

8:00 p.m. - We welcome Deputy Consul General of Israel Elad Strohmayer: "An Israeli, a diplomat, and a gay guy meet in Angola"—this is the unique way that Mr. Strohmayer introduces himself, and he invites you to meet him this evening!

7:00 p.m. - Wine-and-Cheese Social

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JOIN US AS WE WELCOME...

DEPUTY CONSUL GENERAL OF ISRAEL, MR. ELAD STROHMAYER ON FRIDAY, MARCH 22, AT 8:00 P.M.



Mr. Elad Strohmayer became Deputy Consul General to the Consulate General of Israel in Philadelphia in August 2012. The Consulate General of Israel in Philadelphia serves the Mid-Atlantic Region, which includes: Pennsylvania, Delaware, Southern New Jersey, Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky.

In 2006, Deputy Consul General Strohmayer graduated from Hebrew University of Jerusalem with a degree in Political Science and International Relations. He is currently completing his Master's degree in International

Relations. During his studies at Hebrew University, he participated in an International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) program regarding International Humanitarian Law (IHL) in Israel. Subsequently, he represented Israel and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in an International IHL Competition in Switzerland organized by the ICRC.

Mr. Strohmayer brings to his tour experience as both a diplomat and a Jewish community professional. He joined the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Diplomatic Training Program in February 2010. Upon completing the diplomatic training, he assumed his first post as the Deputy Chief of Mission in the Embassy of Israel in Luanda, Angola, from November 2010 through July 2012.

His academic credits include teaching assistantships at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Interdisciplinary Center in Hertzeliya.

Mr. Strohmayer is a native of Bat-Yam, Israel, a suburb of Tel Aviv. He is fluent in Hebrew and English with a working knowledge of Portuguese and French. ■

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Congregation Kol Ami's Second *Seder* will be held on Tuesday, March 26, at 6:00 p.m. The reservation/order form can be found on page 13. ■

WORSHIP SERVICES

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SATURDAY, March 23, 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue

TUESDAY, March 26, 6:00 p.m.
Join us at our Second *Seder* to celebrate the freedom narrative of Passover

FRIDAY, March 29, 7:30 p.m.
erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, March 30, 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue

MONDAY, April 1, 10:00 a.m.
Passover *Yizkor* Service in loving memory of those who died since the past *Yom Kippur* ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

March 2 - Ki Tissa
Exodus 30:11-34:35, Ezekiel 36:16-38

March 9 - Vayakhel-Pekudei
Exodus 35:1-40:38, Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

March 16 - Vayikra
Leviticus 1:1-5:26, Isaiah 43:21-44:23

March 23 - Tzav
Leviticus 6:1-8:36, Malachi 3:4-24

Marcy 30 - Chol Moed Pesach
Exodus 33:12-34:26, Ezekiel 37:1-14 ■

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences in loving memory of:

Shifra Davidoff
aunt of Joel (Rachel) Fishbein

Joanne Gordon
wife of Arthur Gordon

Irwin Hersh
brother of Bernard (Edis) Hall

Martin Leiner
uncle of Mindy (Paul) Levy

Meir Makaros
uncle of Orly (Gabriel) Maravankin

May their memories forever be blessings among our People. ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I have seen the Jewish future and it is bright.

A few weeks ago, my wife and I attended the wedding of Rebecca Karp and Matt Barr. In important ways, this particular exchange of vows was similar to many weddings, i.e., a beautiful, accomplished young couple surrounded by loving friends and family. This occasion was exactly that and yet much more.

Matt and Rebecca's wedding ceremony and celebration were a mix of *Halacha* (Jewish Law), American diversity, *Yiddishkeit* and Hip Hop. Traditional Judaism was incorporated into the afternoon, beginning with the *Kabbalat Panim* (separate prenuptial receptions) and *Tisch* (the groom's reception, including singing and *Torah* discussion). The limits of tradition were also soon apparent. Women joined in the boisterous response to Matt's *Dvar*, including the singing of R&B classics.

The ceremony and party continued this high-energy contemporary Jewish/American celebration. At its core, Judaism was a constant. I lost my breath as Rebecca circled Matt, who was handsomely dressed in a *Kittel* (the traditional long white robe). The couple, however, did take great license to massage, stretch, and engage the tradition to imprint their own expression of our faith.

The dance floor followed the theme. We kicked it off in circles with *Simcha* dancing which led to Hip Hop. I was reminded again that this was not my grandmother's wedding when Matt rapped the song he wrote for this beautiful bride, "Hey, Miss Kosher." (Speaking of which, Rebecca recently shared with me that she was so happy that many of her less religiously observant friends found the kosher cuisine so delicious.)

This couple is not by any definition "typical." Rebecca is the East Coast Regional Director of Moishe House, an organization that provides meaningful pluralistic Jewish experiences for young adults. Matt is the founder and Executive Director of Bible Raps, which engages Hebrew School classes using Hip Hop to enliven the core Jewish texts. Only Jews who seriously engage their religion could have created such a meaningful Jewish ceremony and celebration—and only Jews educated in the Tradition could have made such thoughtful departures from it.

Like most couples, Rebecca and Matt spent countless hours making wedding-day plans. However, as Rebecca explained to me, their discussions centered particularly on how to infuse the experience with Jewish tradition while making it inviting to their diverse group of guests. Mission accomplished. They are wise beyond their years. Rebecca and Matt appreciate that their marriage will be about something bigger than simply the lives of two people. They recognize that Judaism offers meaningful rituals and transcendent values that set their course for a rich and meaningful life.

On a micro level, this young couple's wedding is a useful metaphor for the macro challenge facing America's Jewish future. Matt and Rebecca devoted themselves to making their wedding day joyous, spiritual, inclusive, and Jewishly meaningful. Will American Jewry plan our future with such commitment and intentionality?

I hope so. If we do, our future will be happy, meaningful, and fun.

David Hyman
215-496-7224, President@KolAmiElkinsPark.org ■

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

In 2008, the new prayer book of the Reform Movement—*Mishkan T'filah* (“Dwelling Place of Prayer”)—arrived, replacing “Gates of Prayer,” which was published in 1975. The *siddur* is gender neutral, contains transliterated Hebrew, provides contemporary readings on facing pages across from Hebrew text and its translation, and has rabbinic and modern commentary that offer insights into words that one reads or chants. It arrived as a welcome change from language that was often archaic and uninspiring.



Now another change beckons, and I believe that it too will be for the better. Our High Holy Day prayer book—or *machzor*—has been part of the Reform Movement since 1978. It is the well-worn “Gates of Repentance” that we have used since the inception of our congregation in 1994 and is well known to many of us from years prior. The Cen-

tral Conference of American Rabbis plans to release the new *machzor* for the 2015 High Holy Days and is now ‘field testing’ worship services with pilot congregations that have expressed an interest in studying the text and possibly taking the service for a ‘test drive’ during the forthcoming 2013 High Holy Days. We are one of 250 congregations that have expressed an eagerness to explore ‘early drafts.’

In some ways, our process will be quite similar to how we prepared to introduce *Mishkan T'filah* in 2008. We spent the summer months incorporating some of its final edit pages into our ‘services on the meadow’ and that gave us the opportunity to determine if we wanted to rotate “Gates of Prayer” out and *Mishkan T'filah* in. On September 13, 2008, just two weeks before the High Holy Days, Leah Cohen became our first *Bat/Bar Mitzvah* celebrant to use *Mishkan*, just a week after we formally welcomed it as our *Shabbat* prayer book of choice.

As the High Holy Days prepare to arrive this year—yes, much earlier than I can ever recall (on Wednesday evening, September 4 to be precise, and you would have to go back to 1997 to beat that date by just three days)—we will embark on a leisurely study-dialogue using a draft copy of the *Selichot* and *Kol Nidrei* services.

Over the next few months, I invite you to join me as we explore these services on the following Sundays:

- **MARCH 10, 10:00-11:00 a.m. – The *Selichot* service**
 - This is a major departure from its predecessor, but in what ways?
 - A Woman’s Meditation is part of the service.
 - “If I could see God’s face within my heart...” suggests places where The Holy One is found.
 - In a contemporary English rendition of the *Avinu Malkeinu*, the question “What is Jewish existence?” receives a response from Abraham Joshua Heschel, and “What is holiness?” is defined by the prophet Isaiah.
- **MARCH 17, noon-1:00 p.m. – Preparing for *Kol Nidrei***
 - There is an incredibly evocative reading if one chooses to light a memorial candle (*ner n’shamah*) at home or as a congregation gathered together on *Kol Nidrei*.
 - ‘The Fast We Have Chosen’ (“make me attentive to repentance and forgiveness, to the potential of my soul, and to the holy purpose of life”) and ‘Opening the Ark, Opening Ourselves’ (“the freedom to begin a new year without fear of failure, to aspire to be God’s image in the world”) lead us to the words of the *Kol Nidrei*.
- **APRIL 28, noon-1:00 p.m. – How contemporary words expand upon ancient texts**

A contemporary offering in the words of Wallace Stegner to the prayer *V’haya im shamoa* is breathtaking (“We need wilderness preserved because it was the challenge against which our character as a people was formed”) as are Jacqueline Kudler’s words that are a companion piece to the *MiChamocho* (“Revelation begins in attention: someone, rising from a last long embrace, gazed into the rapt face of the beloved and saw that it was good”) and to the traditional translation of *Shalom Rav* we are gifted with words inspired by a prayer of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov.
- **MAY 5 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. – Paths toward wholeness: repair (*tikun*), repentance (*teshuvah*), redemption (*g’ulah*)**
 - ‘A Prayer for Repair of the Tablets’ (“mend the cracks within me...forgive the shards I left scattered on my path”).
 - To the traditional words and melody of the *Ahl Chet* are appended contemporary reflections (“For abuse of power in board rooms, court rooms and classrooms”).

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“MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: STRIVE FOR 225”

At our *erev Shabbat* service on November 2, we officially commenced a new program called “Membership Drive: Strive for 225.” The program gives each congregant the opportunity to present guest memberships to unaffiliated individuals and families who might be interested in our intimate and dynamic community. Guest members are invited to participate in Congregation Kol Ami services and events now through June 2013. If you have a neighbor, co-worker, friend, or family member who might like to get a “taste” of Kol Ami, please contact Elaine Stevens at execdir@kolamielkinspark.org or 215-635-3110. For every guest member you suggest, you’ll get a chance to win an iPad.

Three congregants spoke that evening about their love for Congregation Kol Ami. This month, we are pleased to share excerpts of Betsy McKinstry’s speech.

FROM BETSY MCKINSTRY

“I have been a member of Kol Ami for about six years. I am a member, but I am not Jewish. My husband is Jewish, my daughter is Jewish, but I am not.

“And yet, I am very comfortable here. I feel like a full member of this congregation’s community. I drove my daughter to religious school and hung out in the hall at pick-up time for the years leading to her *Bat Mitzvah* (which I planned); I regularly attend the Interfaith Relationship Dialogue group (which I love!); I was involved in writing and planning the *Purim Spiel* for a few years

a while back (and I enjoyed that, too); and I sing in the choir (which I love as well.)

“Although I’m sure this level of involvement is part of why I feel so comfortable here, I am equally sure that it would also be fine if I didn’t want to be this involved. What I mean is that I think this place is so accepting and warm and welcoming that I have felt free to involve myself in all the things that interested me. Of course, each member decides to what extent they will be involved, but here—not being Jewish has never been a barrier.

“Over the course of these past several years, I’ve learned a lot about Judaism, its rich culture, rituals, music and traditions, and for that I thank you all. If you are here this evening because you are part of an interfaith family and are considering joining Kol Ami, I think you will find the same warm, welcoming home that I have.”

We encourage you to “gift” guest memberships to friends, family members, coworkers, and neighbors. It entitles them to free membership at Congregation Kol Ami now through June 2013, including the opportunity to attend *Shabbat* and High Holy Day services and celebrations, speakers, interfaith relationship dialogue gatherings, social events such as the golf outing, and more—with the sole exception of religious school.

WELCOME OUR GUEST MEMBERS

John and Becca Kohn

David Kurland and Chaya Herzberg ■

THE JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE PURIM PARTY ON FEBRUARY 24!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Kol Ami would like to offer a warm “*bienvenido*” to new members **Daniel Varon** and **Ivonne Mosquera**, whose long journey from their roots in South America led them to settle in Philadelphia, and then (since June 2012) in Elkins Park. They just joined Kol Ami in October 2012, citing the warm and friendly environment, adding that

“Rabbi Elliot Holin is very attentive and sweet.”

Originally, Daniel trained as a psychologist in Uruguay, but he also studied archaeology and anthropology and, therefore, traveled to more than 120 countries, looking for world heritage sites. His wife, Ivonne, is an architect who did her studies in Colombia and who now works for Energy Coordinating Agency (ECA), a green-jobs training center. Today, Daniel is the owner of a bar in Philadelphia, and one could imagine that Daniel’s employees benefit from his knowledge of psychology as they interact with their patrons.

Daniel and Ivonne have been married for nine years and their “little one” is their 6 year-old cocka-poo dog named Muñeca. As one might imagine, Daniel loves to travel, and he continues his active interest in archaeology, anthropology, and the arts. Ivonne shares her husband’s love for the arts, including French cinema and music.

We are very pleased to have Daniel and Ivonne join *nuestra familia*. Welcome to Kol Ami! ■

MAZAL TOV

We congratulate the following members:

- **Michael and Meryl Broadbent** on their birth of their son, Ezra Nathaniel, on January 24. He is joined by his big sister, Charlotte, and brother, Noah.
- **Howard and Judy Miller** on the announcement of the birth of their grandson, Wesley Charles Miller, son of Mark and Susan Miller, born on February 1.
- **Marshall and Ilene Schafer** on the birth of their nephew, Lucas Seth, born on February 2 to Emily and David Davis.
- **Jonathan and Fran Stember** on the announcement of the engagement of their daughter, Joy, to Tom Connolly. Joy is also a member of our congregation! ■

FROM THE RABBI (continued from page 3)

Join me at the synagogue on any one or more of the dates noted previously so that together we might become better acquainted with the evolving text of the *Selichot-Kol Nidrei* services information. Each “dialogue day” stands on its own, each unit a separate invitation to engage, so feel free to choose the ones that are of interest to you!

Based on our collective responses to the draft text, we will determine whether we will introduce it as a temporarily bound copy at our own *Selichot* and *Kol Nidrei* services this year. We will continue to use the *Yom Kippur* day services as we have in the past, at least until 2015 when the next edition of the Reform Movement’s *machzor* will be available.

As a “pilot congregation” in this endeavor, should we decide to welcome the draft of the *Selichot-Kol Nidrei* service to our High Holy Day worship this September, we will share our members’ responses to the services with the editors of the prayer book as it enters its final draft stages. Kol Ami—the voice of our synagogue—will be heard in this important endeavor.

I invite you to take the first steps with me during our “Sunday dialogues” about sacred text.

Shalom u’vrachah, Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Marshall Schafer, 215-663-0228, and Bart Weiner, 215-233-4712

Religious School Committee

Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Sherry Cohen, 215-885-2436, and Barb Fink, 215-886-2297

Religious School PTO

Sunday, March 10, at 10:00 a.m.

Co-chairs: Kenny Moss, 215-27-5335, and Heather Pelletier, 215-885-3216

Spiritual Growth Group

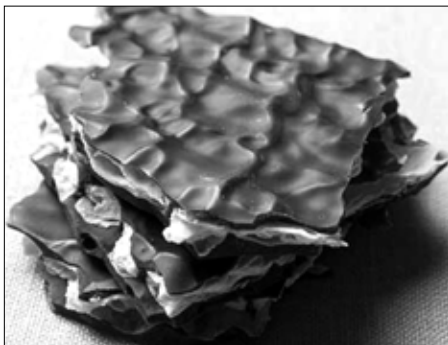
Monday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m.

Co-chairs: Natalie Dyen, 215-657-4124, and Janet Falon, 215-635-1698 ■

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP (GR 4 & 5) BEACH PARTY

Sunday, March 10, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Shake off those winter blues with a taste of summer as we enjoy some summery treats, play games like Musical Beach Blankets and make some beachy crafts! Watch for a flyer coming home from religious school. ■



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 March 6 and will be delivered in time for your Passover celebration.

Hard-copy order forms can be picked up in the Religious School Office or the Executive Office.

Questions regarding the candy sale can be directed to Kenny Moss (215-277-5335) or Heather Pelletier (215-855-3216), co-chairs of the Religious School PTO. ■

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

February was a fantastic month for Kol Ami's religious school. Our students are now fully immersed in our new Hebrew Institute program, where they focus on modern Hebrew vocabulary and prayer-reading fluency. It's great to see and hear our kids using their newly learned words, forming sentences, and taking pride in their ability to read Hebrew with ever-increasing poise and confidence.

Informal Jewish experiences also play a key role in developing our young people's Jewish identity. Our trip to see the Trenton Titans game at the beginning of February was a real treat, and our school-wide ski trip to Blue Mountain was one for the ages. We hope both of these events become a tradition for Kol Ami students for years to come.

Entering the third trimester of our school year, our seventh grade students have begun to attend our stellar Confirmation Academy program on Wednesday evenings, and we hope to see them continue their studies through the 10th grade and become proud confirmands. With great teachers like Nathan Weiner and Ami Monson, who lead creative and exciting elective courses, our students' satisfaction with Confirmation Academy is high. Who knows? Perhaps some of our Confirmation graduates will continue onto the I.M. Wise Program for 11th and 12th graders, where they can earn teacher's certification from Gratz College.

Of course, the month would not be complete without a fun-filled experiential program. The month concluded with our spectacular Color War program, Queen Esther's Royal Banquet, in which students participated in *Purim* games and a costume competition. Our three color-war teams—Orange, Lime, and Purple—are all now in a close race for the prize at the end of the year. We are looking forward to a fantastic third trimester and many more exciting programs and educational experiences in the weeks and months to come. ■

CONGREGATION KOL AMI JEWISH SUMMER CAMP AND YOUTH-IN-ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIPS



If your son or daughter plans to attend a Jewish summer camp in 2013, our congregation is pleased to award needs-based scholarships through the Youth Fund. Scholarship amounts are based on available funds and the number of requests received.

If your child plans to participate in a trip to Israel through a peer-led organization, we

are pleased to offer incentive scholarships depending on the length of the trip. The Discover Israel Fund exists through the generosity of Stewart and Sally Eisenberg.

Application forms are available by contacting our executive director, Elaine Stevens, at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org. ■



WE'RE HELPING TO SPREAD THE WORD ...

Here's a message from our friends at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, the Neubauer Family Foundation, and the Foundation for Jewish Camp:

Celebrate the rowdiest and most action-packed day of the Jewish year by giving your kids a place where they can really go wild—Jewish overnight camp!

Wait—your child has never been to Jewish camp? Great! You may be eligible for \$1,000 grant!

At Jewish camp, kids can scream their heads off on the climbing wall (no mention of Haman needed), dance around the campfire, and sing as loudly as they want. But the fun doesn't end there! They'll also take home a sense of confidence, independence, and a ton of new skills and interests.

Camps are already filling up, so visit www.OneHappyCamper.org to apply for your grant today.

P.S. Does your child have a friend who would also love camp? They might get \$1,000 too! Learn all about it at www.OneHappyCamper.org. ■

COZY CORNER GUEST READER VISITS NURSERY SCHOOL

The Kol Ami preschoolers listened to some books read by Ellen Asam, a Kol Ami board member.



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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. ■

Continuing Jewish Education

Defiance: The Jewish Partisans and Resistance in the Holocaust

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

March 7, 14 & 21 (3 sessions remaining)

Instructor: David Monblatt



During World War II, there were approximately 25,000 Jews throughout Europe and Russia who escaped the clutches of the Nazis and their collaborators and formed or joined armed resistance groups. Sacrificing all, these brave men and women have come to be known as The Jewish Partisans, and their accomplish-

ments contributed to the ultimate defeat of Nazi Germany. This course will examine the heroic efforts of the Partisans, as well as explore the numerous ways in which the Jewish people resisted annihilation, including: saving lives, documenting atrocities, and spiritual resistance.

Please respond to the synagogue office (215-635-3110) by Monday, March 4.

Hayyim Nahman Bialik (1873-1934) – Israel's National Poet



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

March 6, 13, 20 & 27
(4 Sessions)

Instructor: Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

Bialik 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. He 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, seeds of the Holocaust that would engulf Europe in less than 30 years.

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, as in his work "Take Me under Your Wing."

Please RSVP to the synagogue officer (215-635-3110) by Monday, March 4.

Boker Tov Torah: Agnon and Other Storytellers



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

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

Instructor: Professor
Howard I. Bogot, Rabbi

Stories provide us with staged landscapes for living our lives. Jewish stories reflect the same literary motifs as found in any culture. Every day, we Jews journey on the ark with Noah, cross the Reed Sea with Moses, embarrass the idolaters with Elijah, ride inside the whale with Jonah, and applaud Mordechai as he is led by Haman through the streets of Shushan.

At this seminar, we will read, hear, and discuss the stories that define Jewishness. We might even write some stories for each other.

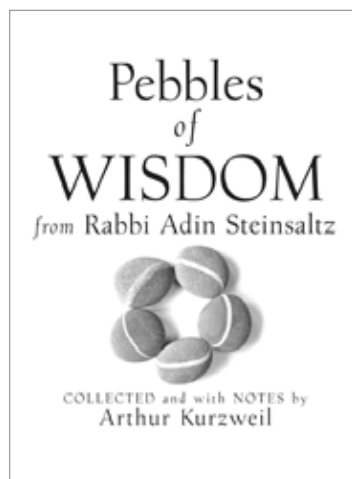
Please RSVP to the synagogue office (215-635-3110) by Thursday, March 28.

The Wisdom of "Pebbles of Wisdom" by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz

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

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

Instructor: Rabbi Elliot J. Holin



Born in Jerusalem in 1937, Steinsaltz studied mathematics, physics, and chemistry at Hebrew University in addition to rabbinic studies. An Orthodox rabbi, renowned as a teacher, philosopher, and spiritual guide, he has devoted his life to making the *Talmud* accessible to all Jews. This book is a collection of his "pebbles of wisdom" from more than

30 years of his lectures and writings about life, awareness, and faith.

We will read and discuss selected "pebbles" such as this: "As more and more people who tried it found out, you don't get a gateway to Heaven. You get, at most, a gateway into another chamber within yourself" and this: "When we pray, saying, 'Give us a portion in your *Torah*,' it is to let us have the merit and the good fortune to grasp our own private portion of the *Torah*."

How might his insights open up the possibility for greater awareness and wholeness in our lives and a greater appreciation of what Jewish teachings offer?

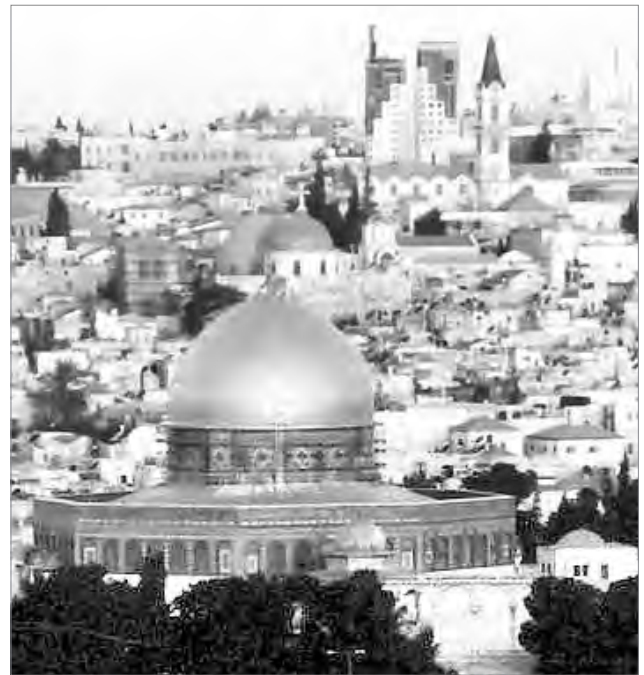
Please RSVP to the synagogue office (215-635-3110) by Thursday, March 28.

Registration Instructions

To register for a workshop, contact Elaine Stevens at execdir@kolamielkinspark.org by the deadline shown.

Non-member course fees for classes taught by Rabbi Bogot are \$50 per course. Members are free.

Course fees can be applied to membership for the current year or forthcoming year. ■



Kol Ami Trips to Israel with Rabbi Holin in 2014: "Let Israel Capture Your Heart!"

If you are interested in joining Rabbi Holin on a 10-day Family Trip to Israel—children must be at least 8 years old—please let him know if one or more of the following times of year are of interest to you:

- Spring Break
- Summer
- Winter Break

If you are interested in traveling with Rabbi Holin on an innovative and exciting Adult Trip to Israel for first-time and return travelers, please let him know if one or more of the following times of year are of interest to you:

- April or May
- Summer
- October
- December

This is a preliminary planning stage to determine interest and desire to experience Israel for yourself, your family and friends, and for us to create lasting memories of time there together!

Please call our Rabbi at 215-635-4132 to learn more! ■

Kol Ami Events

"SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA" - March 1

Dinner at 6:45 p.m., *erev Shabbat* service at 7:30 p.m.
Congregation Kol Ami joins in the national celebration!
Give your friends a taste of Kol Ami!



"*Shabbat Across America*" is a nationally acclaimed program that gives people a positive and joyful *Shabbat* experience. Synagogue members throughout the country are encouraged to invite their unaffiliated friends to a *Shabbat* dinner at their congregation to celebrate the defining moment of the Jewish week together.

The National Jewish Outreach Program will publicize this evening throughout America.

Your guests will be "our guests" at the catered dinner, and they will be given Rebecca Schwartz's CD, "*Shir Shabbat*" ("Song of *Shabbat*," which also features the voices of our Adult and Student Choirs).

Dinner prices are: \$16 per adult and \$10 per child under the age of 8.

"FIRST-FRIDAY" EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for March Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
Friday, March 1, 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 March *simchas* under a *tallit* in front of the ark. Watch for

your invitation for this special *Shabbat simcha*.

Rabbi Holin will continue to send personal letters to everyone celebrating a significant birthday or anniversary ending with 0 or 5 (for example, 40, 45). If you have a special 0 or 5 birthday or anniversary, you will be invited to participate in any Friday service in "your" month by blessing the candles or *challah*, or reciting the *Kiddush*, or at any Saturday service that month by carrying or blessing the *Torah*.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT: COME ONE, COME ALL!

Saturday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m.

Bring the whole family out for a fun night at the synagogue. There will be kid-friendly prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and of course, great pizza and refreshments. For more information, call Ellen Kovnat at 215-866-8713.

COOK FOR A FRIEND

Sunday, March 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Come join us in the Kol Ami kitchen as we cook meals for homebound seniors in Philadelphia. We will make about 50 meals, which will be packaged and frozen to be picked up later and delivered. This supports the "Cook for a Friend" program of

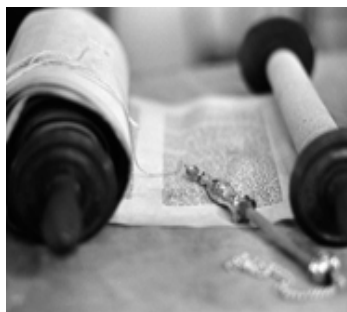
the Klein JCC. Adults and kids over the age of 10 are welcome.

Please RSVP to Ronit Sugar, Social Action Committee chair, at 215-208-7027 or ronitsugar@gmail.com.

BNAI MITZVAH SERVICE OF OUR ADULT MEMBERS

Saturday, March 9, at 10:00 a.m.

In October 2011, nine of our members began a two-year journey of advanced Jewish study with Rabbi Holin and Rosalind Holtzman, and today we rejoice with them in the celebration of their *Bnai Mitzvah*!



This morning, **Julie Cohen, Janet Goleman Felgoise, Victor Friesen, Linda S. George, Phyllis Harrison, Ilene Schafer,**

Kara L. Schmidt, and Elaine L. Stevens will lead us in worship, and as they read and chant from the *Torah*, joined in celebration by **Janine Elizabeth Pratt**.



"WHAT'S IN A NAME? 150 YEARS OF MAGIC AND MIGRATION"

Sunday, March 10, at 11:00 a.m.

presented by Ben Adams

How could it be that my family history begins in a Polish prison and ends on the shores of the South Pacific, via the royal courts of Europe?

How could a name go from Boscowarschawski to Adams, and include three generations of magicians and a Lord, a Lady, and a Baron?

All Jewish family tales are complex, but you may find this one particularly intriguing. Skeletons in the closet and mesmeric experiments—all will be revealed! To spice things up, I'll bring some props from the original Wizard himself, dating back to the mid 1800s. Join us for this interesting and informative discussion.

LOCA JOINS HIWAY THEATRE FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

March 11 at 7:00 p.m.

**immediately following the month's film screening
Hiway Theatre, 212 Old York Road, Jenkinton, PA**

The LOCAs have been invited to join the Hiway Theatre Film Discussion Group, which is held on the second Monday of each month.

Discussions are led by Adrienne Redd, experienced film discussion leader, lecturer, and professor. The discussions are open to the public and free with paid admission. There is no charge to attend the discussion only. If you are a movie lover, you're going to love participating in these lively discussions.

Please contact Natalie Dyen (nat.dyen@verizon.net, 215-657-4124) if you'd like to attend this discussion group. If enough people are interested, we could plan to meet beforehand for dinner.

FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT

Rabbi Holin's **Nothing But Nets** fast this month—which supports URJ's project to purchase, distribute, and educate about the proper use of insecticide-treated family bed nets to prevent the spread of malaria in Africa—will be on **Thursday, March 14, and Friday, April 12.**

His **Phast for Philadelphia**—which is on behalf of unemployed workers in Philadelphia who are struggling to make ends meet by helping them pay their mortgages, address health care needs, and pay electric bills—will be on **Wednesday, March 27, and Thursday, April 25.**

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:

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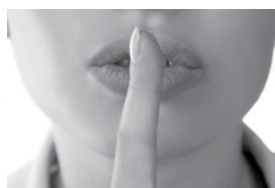
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NURSERY SCHOOL ANNUAL EREV SHABBAT DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Friday, March 15, 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. Raffle-tickets prizes include tickets to a Phillies game, the Philadelphia Orchestra, or the Pennsylvania Ballet, one night's stay at Chestnut Hill Hotel, gift certificates to local businesses, and much more. Please contact Sheri Cutler at 215-635-4180 to purchase raffle tickets.

FAMILY HAVDALAH SERVICE

Saturday, March 16, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

What a wonderful time for all of us to be together as children, youth, and adults gather to rejoice in the celebration of *Havdalah* over braided candle, spices, and wine.

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.	Mingle and sample "finger food"
4:45 - 5:15 p.m.	Sing-along
5:15 - 5:30 p.m.	<i>Havdalah</i> service

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Help Local Jewish Families This Passover Social Action Committee Passover Food Drive

Please purchase any or all of these Passover items for donation to the *Mitzvah* Food Project Pantries for *Pesach* and bring to the Kol Ami office by **Wednesday, March 20.**

ALL FOOD MUST BE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER

Matzo
Matzo Meal
Gefilte Fish
Horseradish
Matzo Ball soup or mix



Macaroons, Passover
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Tuesday, May 7, 2013
7:00-8:30 p.m.

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PLEASE JOIN US AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

KOL AMI SECOND SEDER

Tuesday, March 26, 2013
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 18, 2013**
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
(eve) or e-mail at bfink3@gmail.com.



PLEASE RETURN THIS HALF OF THE FORM

I/we will attend the Kol Ami Second Seder on
Tuesday, March 26, 2013.

Name of reservation:

E-mail address:

Phone #:

Member prices:

Number of adults age 13+	@ \$36.00	= \$
Number of children age 6-12	@ \$15.00	= \$
Number of children age 5 and below	@ \$5.00	= \$
Number of vegetarian meals	@ \$36.00	= \$

Non-Member prices:

Number of adults age 13+	@ \$40.00	= \$
Number of children age 6-12	@ \$20.00	= \$
Number of children age 5 and below	@ \$5.00	= \$
Number of vegetarian meals	@ \$40.00	= \$

TOTAL # PEOPLE

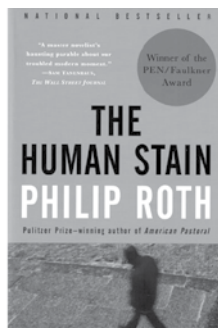
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MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY: I would like to help defray the Congregation's subsidy of
the cost of this Seder meal by making a contribution of \$_____ to Elijah's Plate.

If possible, please seat me with:

CONTEMPORARY JEWISH WRITERS GROUP BOOK REVIEW WITH LOU BARRETT

"The Human Stain" by Philip Roth
Sunday, March 17, at 11:00 a.m.



It is 1998, the year in which a New England town is caught in frenzy. An aging college professor, Coleman Silk, is asked to retire when his colleagues decide that he is a racist. The charge is not true, but the real truth about Silk allows Philip Roth to create a tale significant in its timeliness, its issues, its comedy, and its ironies.

Coleman Silk has a secret, one which has been kept for 50 years from his wife, his children, his colleagues, and his friends, including the writer Nathan Zuckerman, who is Roth's own doppelgänger. It is Zuckerman who stumbles upon Silk's secret and sets out to reconstruct the unknown biography of this eminent, upright man, honored as an educator for nearly all his life. He tries to understand how

Coleman Silk's life and career came unraveled. Zuckerman and Roth's readers will discover how Silk's astonishing private history is, in the words of "The Wall Street Journal," 'magnificently' interwoven with 'the larger public history of modern America.'

THE HEART OF KOL AMI: CARING CONGREGANTS Wednesday, April 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Be a sweetheart all year long! Join our Caring Congregants Committee. Members cook for needy congregants, run errands, and provide companionship. We hope you can join us at our next meeting; pizza and sweets provided. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Caring Congregant Committee Co-chairs Elaine Gershen-son at gershlaw@comcast.net or 215-887-3944 and Linda George at lindageorge@gmail.com or 215-782-1413.

LOCAS ON THE MOVE

Ladies of a Certain Age: Would you like to participate in a walking group? This might be a weekly or monthly event that takes place on the same day and time each week, or the days/times might vary to accommodate different people's
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YEDIDAY KOL AMI - "PHILLIES GAME" EVENT

Monday, June 17, at the Citizens Bank Ball Park



Yediday Kol Ami ("Friends of Kol Ami") members will have the opportunity for a special treat. Philadelphia Phillies General Manager Ruben Amaro, Jr., will meet with us before the Phillies game against the Miami Marlins that evening. After the baseball chat, we

will enjoy a beautiful summer evening at the Park, watching the home team beat up on the Fish. *Yediday* members, please hold the date. Details will be forthcoming.

This event is one of a series of special offerings for *Yediday* Kol Ami members. Please consider joining us. Your generosity will greatly benefit the Synagogue, and you will have the chance to join in the fun. For more information, please contact Elaine Stevens at execdir@kolamielkinspark.org or

215-635-3110. We greatly appreciate the support of the following members of *Yediday* Kol Ami:

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Elaine Stevens
Bart Weiner and Nadine Liez-Weiner ■

KOL AMI'S ARTIST OF THE MONTH

SUSAN C. MACDONALD



Susan grew up in Philadelphia and now lives in the suburbs. She went to Tyler School of Fine Arts. As an undergraduate, she was a printmaker and then later began to paint. She received her BS, BFA, and a Master's equivalency in Art Education.

For 32 years, Susan taught Art in the Philadelphia Public School District. She retired 12 years ago and for the last several years has been doing mixed media/found

objects assemblages. They are a culmination of everything in her life. Each one tells a story...or you can find your own. Susan's works will be on display in the Kol Ami Gallery from **February 20 through April 1**.

The 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 Susan'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. ■



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Showtime: 7:30PM // www.kingcorn.net

Follow two best friends, Ian Chesney and Curt Ellis, as they plant, grow, and harvest their own acre of America's subsidized crop: corn. With the help of friendly neighbors, genetically-modified seeds, and powerful herbicides, the duo successfully grow their corn. To their dismay, tracking it into America's food system begins to uncover how we eat the corn and how others farm it.



INGREDIENTS - Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Showtime: 7:30PM // www.ingredientsfilm.com

American food is in a state of crisis, but a movement to put good food back onto the table is emerging. What began 30 years ago with chefs demanding better flavor, has inspired consumers to seek relationships with nearby farmers. Narrated by Bebe Neuwirth, this feature-length documentary takes us across the United States in a journey that reveals the people who are trying to bring good food back to our tables.

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Casino Night 2013

Casino Night 2013 was a major success in terms of crowd and participation! We once again benefited from good weather (thanks Hurricane Schwartz) and enjoyed a large group of attendees. Over the course of the evening, guests played, visited with friends, enjoyed incredible food, and many left with one of the wonderful auction items or raffled gift baskets.

We would like to thank all the sponsors, businesses, and individuals who donated services or goods, our contributors, and all who purchased tickets. This major outpouring of support makes these type of events successful. And remember, the proceeds from Casino Night go to programming at our wonderful synagogue!

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HELD ON JANUARY 26 AT KOL AMI

The Community *Tu B'shevat Seder*



The *Tu B'Shevat Seder*, on the 15th of *Shevat*—the New Year of the Trees in ancient Jewish tradition—comes at the time when trees are beginning their spring awakening in *Eretz Yisrael*. In our community tradition, going back six years since the founding of the Elkins Park Hazon CSA at Kol Ami, *Tu B'Shevat* has become a time for us to celebrate our connections to each other, to the seasons, to the land, to our farmers, and the source of our food.

This year, more than 60 people attended the *seder*. Before we shared a meal, we went through a modern version of the *Tu B'Shevat Seder* that has four sections in which we tasted symbolic fruits and nuts and drank four cups of wine!

The *Hagaddah* created by Hazon helped us think about our responsibility to the natural world on four levels: place, community, the world as a whole, and spirituality. Each of us was asked to reflect on these relationships and to make a commitment about how we want to be in the world for the next year.

Here are some of the resolutions shared: Eat less; waste less food; be conscious of my meat choices; compost; truly recycle; ride my bike to school at least once a week; ride my bike to work; have more meals with family and friends; make *Shabbat* dinner at least twice month; abstain from using technology on one *Shabbat* per quarter; meditate more; do yoga; sing a song every day; take a moment every day to stop, see, and experience the world as it is before me.

The evening featured lively conversation, joyful and spirited singing, and a memorable meal. "It was such an uplifting and inspiring evening," commented one participant, "... a real sense of community." "Delicious and delightful," said another.

Go to our CSA website, elkinsparkhazoncsa.com, for information on how to register for shares in the upcoming 2013 spring/summer season.

TU BISHVAT MENU 2013

Winter Harvest Soup (*adapted from the restaurant Pumpkin*)

Vegetable Barley Soup

Challah Rolls

Wheat Berries & Faro with Winter Greens and Pomegranate Molasses
(*adapted from: Jerusalem, A Cookbook*)

Baby Greens with Dates and Almonds (*from Jerusalem, A Cookbook*)

Toasted Quinoa Saute with Lemony Cabbage and Dill
(*from Martha Stewart, Living Magazine, February 2013*)

A variety of bars and cookies and sweet breads from our gracious friends

Sliced Persimmons

Chocolate bark (*adapted from The Book of New Israeli Food*)

Coffee, Tea, water, wine, grape juice ■



SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE

JEWISH RELIEF AGENCY

Come out and help sort, pack, and deliver food to needy families on Sunday, March 17 and April 14, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Jewish Relief Agency Food Distribution Center

The Jewish Relief Agency is a dynamic, volunteer-driven organization whose goal is to help Jews in need. Since its founding in 2000, JRA has been bringing together individuals of all means, ages, and backgrounds each month in a spirit of community and *tikun olam*. 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 throughout the year at their warehouse in Northeast Philadelphia. Volunteers work together to package kosher, non-perishable food in boxes. After packing, volunteers

load their cars and deliver the food packages to each of the recipient families according to pre-determined delivery routes, complete with driving directions and maps. Most delivery routes take between 30 to 60 minutes to complete.

If you're interested, directions to the JRA Distribution Center can be found at <http://www.jewishrelief.org/directions.asp>. See you there! ■

HUNGER 101

Thursday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. at Beth Shalom Synagogue

This educational program will be presented by the Coalition Against Hunger. All members of all of the synagogues of the Kehillah of Old York Road are invited to this informative program on the basic issues of food insecurity. After the program, we will discuss advocacy and how we can affect policy on the issue of hunger. We will also choose an issue that we can all work on. More information to follow! ■



THE "HATMAN" ENTERTAINED THE GUESTS, STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS AT RUBY'S KIDS BIRTHDAY PARTY ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 20.

KOL AMI MARCH 2013 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 BAKE SALE Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:00 a.m. - Grade 4 to Abramson Center 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Social Action Committee "Cook for a Friend" 11:00 a.m.	4 Nursery School Yoga 9:30 a.m.	5 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m.	6 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Holin 10:00 p.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	7 Nursery School Walnut Street Theatre 10:00 a.m. Continuing Adult Jewish Education with David Monblatt 7:30 p.m.	1 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. "Shabbat Across America" & "First-Friday" erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - Dinner	2 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Family Bingo Night 5:30 p.m.
10 Trope Class - 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Religious School PTO Meeting - 10:00 a.m. Selichot Dialogue with Rabbi Holin - 10:00 a.m. Member-to-Member Conversation 11:00 a.m. JYG Beach Party 1:00 p.m.	11 Nursery School Music 9:30 a.m.	12 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m. Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	13 Nursery School Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Holin 10:00 p.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	14 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with David Monblatt 7:30 p.m.	15 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. Nursery School Dinner and Silent Auction 6:45 p.m.	16 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Family Havdalah Service 4:00 p.m.
9 Bnai Mitzvah Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.	8 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Grade 5 and Student Choir Participation	8 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Grade 5 and Student Choir Participation	8 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Grade 5 and Student Choir Participation	8 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Grade 5 and Student Choir Participation	8 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Grade 5 and Student Choir Participation	9 Bnai Mitzvah Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.

KOL AMI MARCH 2013 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:00 a.m. - Grades 2-3 Family Education Program 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Contemporary Book Club with Lou Barrett 11:00 a.m. Kol Midrei Dialogue with Rabbi Holin 12:00 p.m.	18 Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff 7:00 p.m.	19 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m.	20 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Holin 10:00 p.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	21 Nursery School Nature Jack 10:00 a.m. Continuing Adult Jewish Education with David Monblatt 7:30 p.m.	22 Nursery School Passover Seder 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service with guest, Deputy Consul General of Israel Elad Strohmayer 8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - Wine-and-Cheese Social	23 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
24 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Spring Break	25 NO NURSERY SCHOOL Spring Break	26 NO NURSERY SCHOOL Spring Break Congregation Second Seder 6:00 p.m.	27 NO NURSERY SCHOOL Spring Break Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Holin 10:00 p.m. NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Spring Break	28 NO NURSERY SCHOOL Spring Break	29 NO NURSERY SCHOOL Spring Break erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	30 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
31 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Spring Break						

Kol Ami Contributions

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

Below is a list of the available Kol Ami funds:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ONEG SHABBAT FUND

In Honor of:

***Bnai Mitzvah* of our sons,
Finlay and Stirling**

Jeffrey Buchanan and Linda Jacobs

93rd birthday of Bernard Hall

Bernard and Edis Hall

Our special wedding anniversary

Paul and Mindy Levy

Special birthday of Cary Mazer

Cary Mazer and Janet Falon

SYNAGOGUE FUND

In Memory of:

Abraham Halprin

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Mildred Horowitz

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David Baker and Irene Levy Baker



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TO:



SERVING REFORM CONGREGATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA

Fighting the Forces of Fat and Fatigue!



at Congregation Kol Ami
Thursday, March 7, at 10:00 a.m.

**PERFORMED BY THE WALNUT STREET
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“You are what you eat”... or so the saying goes. If it’s true, are we slowly turning into sedentary lumps of malnourished, inactive, out-of-shape protoplasm? What are we to do? Who will save the world from an increasingly tubby tomorrow? Call Nick Nutrition and his dog Fiber! By day, an average boy and his dog, but, after school, they become an intrepid pair of superheroes dedicated to improving the minds and bodies of their fair city. Each day offers choices and poses challenges. This new play offers a fun and entertaining introduction to good eating habits and the importance of daily activity, while providing students with a head start to a healthy future. With Nick’s courage and Fiber’s intelligence, students are empowered to take control of their health!

For grades K–6