An Intimate And Dynamic Community

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service with Kol Ami member David Long talking about his newest book, "Tales of a Broadway Flack: The Charmed Life of Press Agent Sol Jacobson" (see page 9) plus "First-Friday" May birthday and anniversary blessings in front of the ark and the voices of our Adult Choir

SATURDAY, May 5, 10:00 a.m. *Bat Mitzvah* of Maddie August (see page 4)

SUNDAY, May 6, 1:00 p.m. Healing Service

FRIDAY, May 11, 7:30 p.m. erev Shabbat Service with author Mark Hyman talking about his new book in a roundtable discussion with Rabbi Holin, "The Most Expensive Game in Town: The Rising Cost of Youth Sports and the Toll on Today's Families" (see page 10)

SATURDAY, May 12, 10:00 a.m. *Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue, followed by a BYOL at the Park

FRIDAY, May 18

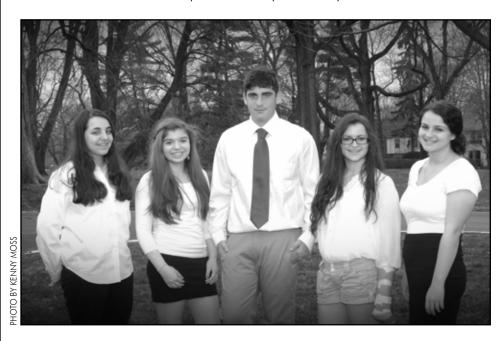
6:00 p.m. - Kids@Kol Ami *erev Shabbat* Service; a special service for children ages 2 to 5 and their families, plus *Chai* Notes with our Student Choir

7:30 p.m. - erev Shabbat Service

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REJOICE WITH OUR 10TH-GRADE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT OUR 15TH CONFIRMATION CLASS SERVICE

EREV SHAVUOT, SATURDAY, MAY 26, AT 7:00 P.M.



We will rejoice with the following students and their families at a creative service that includes the students' thoughtful writings about Jewish identity and how they envision their future. We congratulate:

Ethan Asam Bruce and Ellen Asam

Maya Pratt Hyman William Hyman and Janine Pratt

Leslie Levin. Michael Levin and Marjorie Backup

CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, AT 7:00 P.M. - ONEG TO FOLLOW

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SATURDAY, May 19

10:00 a.m. - *Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue; Sara Chernoff will deliver the *dvar Torah* **5:30 p.m.** - *Bar Mitzvah* of Max Cavallucci (page 5)

FRIDAY, May 25, 7:30 p.m. erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, May 26 10:00 a.m. - *Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue **7:00 p.m.** - *erev Shavuot*/
Confirmation Service

SUNDAY, May 27, 10:00 a.m.

Shavuot-Yizkor Service to commemorate the memory of loved ones who have died since the previous Yom Kippur

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

"First-Friday" *erev Shabbat* blessings for everyone celebrating a June birthday or anniversary; our Adult Choir will add their voices

SATURDAY, June 2, 10:00 a.m. *Bat Mitzvah* of Eleanor Streitwieser

TORAH & HAFTARAH

May 5 - *Acharei Mote-Kedoshim* Leviticus 16:1-20:27, Amos 9:7-15

May 12 - *Emor* Leviticus 21:1-24:23, Ezekiel 44:15-31

May 19 - *Behar-Behukotai* Leviticus 25:1-27:34, Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

May 26 - *Bemidbar* Numbers 1:1-4:20, Hosea 2:1-22 ■

MAZAL TOV

We would like to congratulate:

Scott Kaufman and Amy Rose Schlein Kaufman on the birth of their second daughter, Bree Ariel, on March 29.

Jeremy and Laura Wintroub on the birth of their son, Gabriel Jacob, on March 30.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

DUES, TOTE BAGS, CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, PANCAKES, CRAFT SHOW, FEES, CASINO NIGHT, SCRIP, GOLF OUTING, PROM NIGHT...



From my perspective as Synagogue President, this list includes a broad range of very different aspects of Synagogue life, ranging from a fun evening out with the wife and friends to a serious financial commitment to our beloved Synagogue. However, sometimes I wonder if to some Kol Ami members this feels like a neverending reach into your pocket(book)s.

There's no doubt about it. Operating a Synagogue is a serious undertaking. We believe we do it well, but we have much on our plate, including the challenge of a

large, aging building. We employ incredible and committed talent. We engage many thousands of hours of devoted volunteers' time. We offer opportunities to study, socialize, pray, and serve. We offer a strong Jewish community.

Money matters. In addition to our members' commitment, dedication, and love, we also need your dollars. Kol Ami's leadership has deliberated frequently and seriously about how we approach the complicated subject of finances. There's no perfect system or any magic formula, but we think our track record is strong. We strive to balance Kol Ami's fiscal realities with sensitivity to our members' financial constraints. We don't take your generosity for granted.

In a different time and place, Jews asked no questions and handed over the *shekels* requested by their Synagogue. This was the primary, if not sole, focus of family charitable giving. For better or worse, we live in a very different time and place. Our fund-raising efforts are more nuanced and strategic.

On the practical side, scrip, tote bags, and pancakes are all tangible products that we think you need and can use. We enhance the social aspect of Kol Ami life through Casino Night, the Crafts and Fine Art Show, Prom, and Golf/Tennis Outing. We hope you join us for one or more of these fun experiences that also benefit our Congregation.

So how do you see it from where you stand? Have we effectively communicated our financial needs? What is your reaction to our invitations/solicitations? Most importantly, please offer your suggestions as to how we might improve.

Toda raba (thanks much), Kol Ami.

David Hyman 215-496-7224 president@kolamielkinspark.org

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

n March 9, 2012, an article titled "The Officiant Among Us' appeared in "The New York Times." It commenced with these words: "For generations, getting married meant solemnly standing before an authority figure charged with upholding the rules of civil society or religious traditions. But when Amity Kitchen wed Matthew Saucedo in January, a gregarious family friend, Chris Coughlin, officiated. Mr. Coughlin's credentials for performing the ceremony? He clicked his mouse at a site offering ordination as a Universal Life Church minister, joining the ranks of Web-blessed clergy who are becoming an increasingly popular choice to preside over weddings."

In Ohio, the number of Universal Life Ministers is over 1,600: double the amount that registered in 2007. In New York City, the City Clerk's office processed 1,105 marriage licenses officiated by Universal Life Ministers, more than twice as many as in 2009. In Vermont, almost 14% of couples chose Universal Life Ministers as wedding officiants.

The Universal Life Church sells ordination certificates for \$5 and "ministry packages" include baptism certificates and a parking placard for \$120. In 2007, there were 98,000 Universal Life Church "ordained" officiants and now there are more than 150,000.

Part of what fuels this surge is the desire to have family or friends officiate wedding ceremonies, as well as couples' statements that: "We are not very religious" or "Religious ceremonies are cold" or "Religiously ordained clergy are not responsive to our desire for creativity."

It is distressing to know that many self-identified religious people do not want clergy to stand with them. What does it suggest about the future role of religion in the couples' lives? Is the presence of a Universal Life Church officiant likely to instill anything other than neutrality at best about the faith the absent clergy represents?

The article quotes April Beer, who completed a seven-month course with the Celebrant Foundation and Institute in New Jersey: "Unfortunately, a lot of religious ceremonies are very cold. I turn my weddings into big love-fests." Her comment may be as self-serving as is my contention that almost all rabbis meet with couples on several occasions prior to their wedding to develop a relationship before they gather under the *chuppah*; go over the ceremony so that the couple understands what it means, what their options are, and what they can add to the service through creative or extant writings to make it personally meaningful; and often encourage the participation of loved ones and friends.

Clergy, who after all are faith representatives, are finding diminished roles in couples' lives at the very time that family and friends gather to celebrate the couple's fervent expression of love and faith in their future, absent faith. Can a religiously committed officiant become the "backdoor" through which a couple might eventually affirm the faith that they are unwilling to publicly proclaim through the presence of a clergyperson at the time of their marriage? If he or she advocates on behalf of the faith not represented by officiating clergy, perhaps, but I wonder about accumulated negative feelings that will make it very difficult for

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CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences in loving memory of:

Marion Dyen

mother of Jim (Natalie) Dyen grandmother of Jesse and Jeremy

Florence Lubowitz

aunt of Karol (Guy) Appel

Grayce Lunetzky

mother of Ellen (Bruce) Asam grandmother of Jordan and Ethan

Jacob Samuel

uncle of Orly (Gaby) Maranvankin

Dick Smith

husband of Doranne father of Steve, Margo, and Andy

May their memories forever be a blessings among our People. ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Craft Show Committee

Wednesday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. Co-chairs: Karol Appel, 215-938-9330, and Ellen Horowitz Matz, 215-635-5426

Environmental Stewardship Committee

Sunday, May 6, at 11:00 a.m. Chair: Mark Kaplan, 215-635-2920

Operations Committee

Thursday, May 3, at 8:00 p.m. Co-chairs: Guy Appel, 215-938-9330, and Jeff Cohen, 215-635-3232

Religious School Committee

Thursday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. Chair: Sheryl Cohen 215-885-2436

Social Action Committee

Monday, May 14, at 7:15 p.m. Chair: Ronit Sugar 215-635-0390 ■

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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

BAT MITZVAH OF MADDIE AUGUST

SATURDAY, MAY 5, AT 10:00 A.M.



Maddie is in the seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School. Her favorite subjects are math and science. She was in the school musical "Avenue Q" and is in both the school choir and the advanced choir, WildClefs. She also plays on the lacrosse team.

For her *Mitzvah* Project, Maddie tutored a kindergarten student and helped her improve her reading skills. They played games, read books, and wrote stories together.

Says Maddie: "One of my most memorable Jewish experiences was my trip to Israel in 2009. I enjoyed visiting with relatives who we do not get to see very often.

"We travelled all over Israel. I floated in the Dead Sea, hiked up Masada at sunrise—unfortunately it was a rare cloudy day—and prayed at the Western Wall. We also took a tour into the tunnels that run beneath the Western Wall. Before the trip, I had only seen it in pictures, but going below ground, I had a new sense of how magnificent the Temple must have been. There were many people praying, and we wrote our own prayers on tiny pieces of paper, and stuck them in the cracks between the stones.

"I met many people on our trip, including some very religious Orthodox Jews and their children who live on the West Bank. Though our lives and the ways we practice Judaism are very different, I had fun with the children, and I became pen pals with one of the girls who is my age.

"I realized how similar Israelis are to Americans. My sister and I were at a party, and almost no one spoke English. The people at the party were very orthodox, and they live in a settlement on the West Bank. However, we were still able to play games with the other children. When we arrived, they were playing a game and gestured for us to join them. Soon enough, we realized that they were playing a version of "Red Light, Green Light." We caught on what certain words meant, and we played with them. This was the first of many games that we played, most of which are games we also know. Even though we live in separate places, dress differently, and speak a different language, we still have many things in common.

"I chose to chant my particular verses from my *Torah* Portion (Leviticus 19: 1-5, 10-18, 32-37) because a lot of it is about how we are supposed to treat other people, and doing so is an important part of one's character. My *Torah* Portion speaks about family, neighbors, and strangers. The message is to treat others as you wish to be treated. The better you treat other people, the better they will treat you. In this *Torah* Portion, God says that you should treat strangers as yourself.

"Being and acting holy are not the same things. You can 'be' holy by saying blessings or celebrating *Shabbat*. When you 'are' holy, you are always holy, inside your mind and physically with actions. When you act holy, you are doing something that is holy. Whenever you do something good for someone else, you are acting holy, but perhaps you are not always holy. You are doing a holy deed, but continued next page

that doesn't make you holy. I think that to 'be' holy, you must always do holy actions and always be aware of other opportunities to do so.

"To some people, holiness is how you present yourself in the presence of God, or in the synagogue. To others, it is how you act. To me, holiness begins with how you feel on the inside, how you feel when you are close to things that are special to you. My *Torah* Portion is sometimes referred to as the Holiness Code because God is telling Moses to tell the people how they can be holy."

We congratulate Maddie's parents, Andy and Barbara, and her sister, Talia.

BAR MITZVAH OF MAX CAVALLUCCI

SATURDAY, MAY 19, AT 5:30 P.M.



Max is in the seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School. His favorite subjects are math and science. His extracurricular activities include playing the saxophone and being part of the National Junior Honors Society. His main interest outside of school is playing soccer. He plays goalkeeper for the Ukrainian National Gunners travel soccer club and also plays on his school's tennis team.

His *Mitzvah* Project was to help disabled children play sports in the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer and Basketball Association. He learned what it is like for them to engage in sports, and he enjoyed the experiences with them.

Reports Max: "A powerful Jewish experience for me has been going to Hebrew School. I had a choice five years ago to go to Hebrew School, and it's been memorable because I can see how far I have come from when I started. Being in religious school has changed my life every Sunday and Wednesday.

"While studying for my *Bar Mitzvah*, I realized that as a result of my Jewish education, I am able to achieve more than I was previously able to do. It made me realize how fortunate I am to have a *Bar Mitzvah*. My *Torah* Portion informed me more about the tremendous history in Israel and surrounding countries than I realized was there.

"I chose to chant my particular verses from the *Torah* (Leviticus 25:18-24 and 27:14-18) because I thought they are interesting, even though most *Torah* Portions are powerful to think about. At first, the verses I chose confused me, and I wanted to learn more about them. The verses talk about how God will hold you responsible for your transgressions.

"One of my goals in life is to always be a nice person. I have always reached that goal, and I hope to keep it up. I also want to become a professional goalkeeper, and if that doesn't work out, I want to become a lawyer."

We congratulate Max's parents, Lori and Chris, and his brother, Justin.

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the couple to see the doorway of a house of worship as anything other than a negative remembrance of things past rather than an invitation to future possibilities.

Caring clergy are eager to keep the door to dialogue and religious discovery open prior to the wedding and after it, but it feels like a loss when we are not invited to be part of it. To the degree that April Beer speaks for her colleagues by proclaiming, "A lot of religious ceremonies are very cold," it is little wonder that couples are deterred from a religious and spiritual experience that clergy celebrate in the fullest sense of the word in the name of love and, yes, faith.

Shalom u'vrachah, Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■



JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 4 & 5)

Fabulous Family Shabbat Dinner!

As the school year winds down, let's get together to welcome *Shabbat* with candles, *challah*, and grape juice and share a tasty *Shabbat* dinner. Families are welcome! Please bring a favorite board or card game to play and enjoy together.

Date: Friday, May 4, 2012

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Place: At the home of Aaron Blower in Elkins Park

Watch for flyers in your e-mail and school bags! ■

Continuing Adult Jewish Education

Jewish Ethics for Everyday Life

A text-based class exploring ethical and legal dilemmas from a Talmudic perspective

Instructor: Rabbi Alexander Coleman

Date: Wednesday, May 2, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Topic: "Survivor - Who Gets to Live?": Choosing one life over another in medical treatment



Rabbi Alexander Coleman, a native of Liverpool, England, received his education from *yeshivas* in Jerusalem and New York.

For the past 15 years, he has dedicated himself to Jewish education and spiritual counseling in the

Philadelphia area, offering classes and one-on-one mentorship on Jewish philosophy, spirituality, law, and ethics as well as text-based classes on *Chumash*, *Talmud*, and other classic works.

This class is accredited by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board. CLE confirmation forms will be provided at the class, and all CLE processing will be handled by the presenter and entails a separate fee.

To register for these classes, contact Elaine Stevens at execdir@kolamielkinspark.org by April 30. ■

LOOK FOR MORE ADULT CLASSES

We were thrilled to be able to bring you the insightful and enlightening adult education classes the past few months. We're now organizing and compiling ideas for future classes. If you have a topic of interest or know of an instructor with relevant courses, please let us know so that we can consider it for upcoming offerings. Contact Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH



CHRISTY BOTTIE KITAGAWA, Philadelphia painter, was highly influenced by the art and culture that surrounded her growing up in the city. Having the Parkway as her backyard, she was exposed to the arts regularly, allowing her to discover her passion at an early age.

She chose to explore painting further by continuing her education at The High School for the Creative and Performing Arts, where she a gained a solid foundation in all aspects of the visual arts. After graduating, she continued to study on her own with a focus in Surrealism. She developed a highly detailed illustrative style of painting, using an intense prismatic palette.

After 15 years of studying on her own, she felt the need for more structure, and continued her education at The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. The education she received from Academy strongly influenced her work, leaving her with a new perspective and understanding of painting. Her brushstrokes became broad and loose, and she lay them down in a more painterly fashion. She uses her newfound love for earth palettes to create urban-influenced landscapes, architecture as well as interior compositions.

Currently, Christy works with a wide variety of subject matter, developing the tools she's acquired to form her individual style. With every new painting, Christy's work evolves, exploring color, texture, and new compositions.

Please join us for Christy's open house on Sunday, May 6, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in our lobby.

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.

Social Action

MEANINGFUL MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY

The Klein JCC is asking for our help in finding drivers to deliver meals to homebound seniors in northeast Philadelphia. They need people who have the ability to spend no more than two hours per week, every other week, or even monthly. They need drivers who will deliver meals, which have been made by the "Cook for a Friend" volunteers, and the friendly visit that a driver provides is often the only interaction these people get all day.

Anyone interested, please contact Sue Aistrop, Hunger Relief Volunteer Manager at Klein JCC, 10100 Jamison Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19116; e-mail saistrop@kleinjcc. org; phone 215-698-7300 ext. 196; fax 267-345-0035; or visit www.rsvphilly.org. Klein JCC United Way Donor #48883

FOOD STAMPED

Monday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Congregation Kol Ami

The Social Action Committees of Congregation Kol Ami and the Kehillah of Old York Road present the film, "Food Stamped," created by Shira and Yoav Potash. The film will be followed by a discussion on the "Food-Stamp Challenge" and collaborative efforts to improve food security.

"Food Stamped," a 62-minute informative and humorous documentary film, follows a couple as they attempt to eat a healthful, well-balanced diet on a food-stamp budget. Through their adventures, they consult with members of the U.S. Congress, food justice organizations, nutrition experts, and people living on food stamps to take a deep

look at America's broken food system. Exploring the question of whether it's possible to eat healthfully on government food stamps, filmmaker Yoav Potash and his nutrition educator wife, Shira, do their best to make healthy choices at the market and stay within a dollar-a-meal budget.

<u>Admission charge</u>: Please bring non-perishable food item or a grocery store gift card.

CRADLES TO CRAYONS DRIVE IN MAY 2012



Hi, my name is Jake Boise, and I am a part the I.M. Wise program here at Kol Ami and part of the Satell Teen Fellowship for Leadership and Social Activism through Gratz

College. Part of this Fellowship is to use our passions to complete a commitment project that betters our community in some way.

I am partnering with Cradles to Crayons, a non-profit organization that collects, sorts, and distributes clothes, toys, shoes, etc., to those who need them in the greater Philadelphia area. I will be holding a drive to collect all of these items at Kol Ami during the month of May. I am really hoping to get all of our Kol Ami community together to raise items or funds for this great organization.

I plan on sending home flyers with the kids at Hebrew school, posting flyers around the synagogue, and possibly sending out a collective e-mail, but if you need any more information about this project, the organization, or the Satell Teen Fellowship, please do not hesitate to contact me at 215-435-5006 or via e-mail at grandslamm97@gmail.com. Thanks and I look forward to see this project develop!



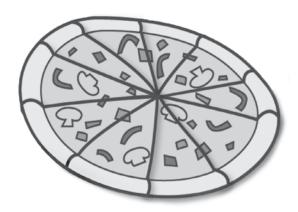
KLEIN JCC's "COOK FOR A FRIEND" PROGRAM: This Kol Ami crew gathered together on Sunday, April 8, to make 50 meals for homebound seniors in the Philadelphia area.



417 Township Line Rd, Elkins Park 19027 (215) 758-2440 (Between Holme Ave & Rolling Hill Rd)

Friends & Families of Kol Ami Looking for an easy dinner suggestion stop by between the hours 11am - 10pm Wednesday, May 02, 2012

Bring a copy of this flyer to the restaurant and 20% of your "regular menu" order total goes back to KolAmi. Luigi's II Pizzarama has generously agreed to donate a portion of their revenue to Kol Ami. Stop in for lunch, or on your way home after Hebrew school



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Kol Ami Events

FIRST-FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for May Birthday and Anniversary Blessings Friday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. at our *erev Shabbat* Service



If you or someone in your family is celebrating a birthday or anniversary in May, please join us at this special *erev Shabbat* service. Rabbi Holin will bless everyone with a May *simcha* under a *tallit* in front of the ark. Watch for your

invitation for this special Shabbat simcha.

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

JOIN US TO HEAR AUTHOR DAVID LONG

(father of our own Ben Long and grandfather of Emma and Zoe) talk about his new book, "Tales of A Broadway Flack: The Charmed Life of Press Agent Sol Jacobson" Friday, May 4, at our 7:30 p.m. erev Shabbat Service



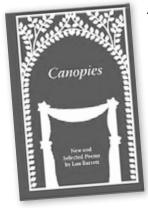
Raised in Mechanicsburg, PA, Sol Jacobson began his career in 1931 at The Hedgerow Theater in Rose Valley, PA, where he started as an actor and quickly became the theater's publicist, a job he quickly realized was more to his suiting. He moved on to the new Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, PA, and then to Broadway, opening his own agency in the mid-1940s with two partners.

During his long career, he worked with such legendary performers as Desi Arnaz, Van Johnson, Ethel Barrymore ("The Corn is Green," 1940), Boris Karloff ("Arsenic and Old Lace," 1941), Tallulah Bankhead ("The Skin

of Our Teeth," 1942); Ray Bolger ("Where's Charley," 1948), Laurence Olivier ("The Entertainer," 1958), Paul Newman ("Sweet Bird of Youth," 1959), Tom Bosley ("Fiorello," 1959), and Zero Mostel ("A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," 1962, and "Fiddler on the Roof," 1964).

David Long and Sol Jacobson lived at Foulkeways in Gwynedd at the same time, and Jacobson told wonderful stories about Broadway and his part as a press agent, known in the trade as a "flack." David suggested that he be allowed to put the stories on paper so that others would have the pleasure of knowing them. David chose to write the book in the first person to capture Sol's voice and style of reclaiming memories.

David's first book, "Take the Measure of the Man," published in 2002, is the story of Dan Aaron, a refugee from the Holocaust and one of the founders of the cable company, Comcast.



"CANOPIES" -NEW AND SELECTED POEMS BY LOU BARRETT

Sunday, May 6, at 11:00 a.m.

In her new collection "Canopies," Lou wonders: "Why substantial love/Can't save/Why time falters and fails." She chronicles the universal desire to find a canopy, a safe haven from changes wrought by time, by war, by the betrayal

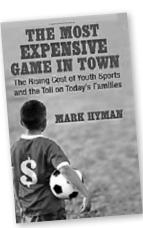
of love that can "lurch a heart." Even as she longs for a seemingly vanished past, she restores it: the joy of being a young girl where the Brooklyn clotheslines "connected our lives"; a kind of canopy a mother provides where one can feel "safe in her song." For Lou, poets become heroes. She salutes the dying poet Cavafy as he calls for a sheet of paper. She rejoices as she recalls a forgotten line from Yeats. From Prophets and Psalmists to William Carlos Williams, great poets inform her work.

Her unique voice allows us to see the world afresh. About the impetus for a poem? "Often a flock of words/pecks at my mind." The clock in an emergency room is "swift as continued page 10

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a vandal." Her sensuous language allows us to savor small pleasures of everyday life. She knows the "hot palm of sun" leaning on bed covers. When she describes a child's "essential stuff" of life, she lifts the quotidian to the sacred. Joe DiMaggio's outfield catch becomes a "ball settling in his leather glove/as if offered to him by gods." She sees the athlete inspired by "the passion to outsoar/time and space."

As Lou approaches her ninth decade, she speaks lines that cut to the bone. For her, the world is a place where "the god of history" can turn "a bad ear/to the percussion/of stone tears," where love can betray. In "Stones Placed Carefully" the poet writes: "Instead of blooms/for the New Year/bring me an armful of poems/and some mother-songs." "Canopies" is not a howl of pain, but a note of redemption.



JOIN US TO HEAR AUTHOR MARK HYMAN

(brother of our own David and Bill Hyman and uncle of Maya and Lia)

talk about his new book,
"The Most Expensive Game
in Town: The Rising Cost of
Youth Sports and the Toll on
Today's Families"
Friday, May 11, at our 7:30 p.m.
erev Shabbat service

Mark Hyman joined us in May 2009 to talk about his book "Until It Hurts," an investigation into the damaging effects of the ultra-competitive culture of youth sports in America. Now he turns his eyes to the business of youth sports, how it has changed, and how it affects young Americans.

Youth sports can be very expensive: equipment, league fees, travel expenses, and perhaps private lessons with a professional coach. With nearly 50 million children playing organized sports each year, it is easy to see the profit motive in this marketplace.

Mark "takes" us to tournaments sponsored by Nike, Gatorade, and other big businesses, and he talks to parents who sacrifice their vacations and savings to have their children participate in these expensive venues for a chance to shine. The steps on ladders that reach the top tier of players who are "noticed and noted" are filled with instructional videos teaching six-month-old babies to kick a ball and professional athletes who will coach an eightyear-old for a hefty fee.

This book about the commercialization of youth sports shows how family life is being distorted and diminished, and it includes examples of individuals and communities who are battling the trend.

Mark's work frequently appears in "The New York Times" and "Sports Illustrated." He is a former writer for "Business Week" and "Sports Business Journal," and in 1998, he assisted Baseball-Hall-of-Fame broadcaster Jon Miller in writing his memoir, "Confessions of a Baseball Purist."

Mark Hyman has appeared on panels and led workshops for the Sports Lawyers Association, the American Press Institute, and the Associated Press Sports Editors. In 2010, he was honored as one of 18 Sports Ethics Fellows by the Institute for International Sport at the University of Rhode Island and the Positive Coaching Alliance at Stanford University. He currently teaches in the sports-management program at George Washington University.

FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT



Rabbi Holin's fast for the URJ's **Nothing But Nets** project—which helps to purchase, distribute, and educate about the proper use of insecticide-treated family bed nets to prevent the spread of malaria in Africa—will be on **Monday**, **May 14**, and **Tuesday**, **June 12**.

His **Phast for Philadelphia**—which benefits 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 **Thursday**, **May 24**, and **Friday**, **June 22**.

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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Kol Ami's Student Choir will Perform, Post-game Fireworks Show & Kids Run the Bases!

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Commission on Social Action

Union for Reform Judaism 633 Third Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10017 (make check payable to the URJ with a memo note "Nothing But Nets")

Unemployment Information Center

112 N. Broad Street, 11th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102 (make check payable to Unemployment Information Center with a memo note "Philadelphia Unemployment Office")

COMMUNITY YOGA WITH AMY QUIGLEY AT KOL AMI, BEGINNING IN MAY!

Wednesdays & Fridays at 9:15 a.m. Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

This all-level, vinyasa-style yoga class will involve a variety of yoga postures and sun/moon salutations. Breath awareness and movement (vinyasa) will allow the student to connect with and deepen his or her own personal practice. These active classes are intended for students who are comfortable with yoga basics; beginners are welcomed and will be offered individual modifications.

Prices: Ten-class card is \$70; five-class card is \$40; dropin rate is \$10/class. For more information, visit www.yogawithamyq.com or e-mail yogawithamyq@gmail.com.

Kol Ami **Babysitting**List Available

Need a babysitter so you can run out to dinner, the movies, or some Kol Ami event? If so, consider using a Kol Ami babysitter, the names and contact information of whom are available on a new list compiled by Janet Falon. The information is accurate as of April and will be

updated in September, when the babysitters start a new grade of school.

Although we assume these babysitters are wonderful, this list is a contact list and is not a formal endorsement.

If you're interested in receiving the list, or adding another name to the list, please e-mail Janet Falon at jfalon@ english.upenn.edu. ■

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT KOL AMI

Thursday, May 17 from 2:00-8:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, contact Sharon Myers at 215-938-7435 or Jean Ettinger at 215-635-3623.

For further information, call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

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KOL AMI MAY 2012 AT A GLANCE

Saturday 5 Bat Mitzvah of Maddie August 10:00 a.m.	Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Followed by BYOL to Park
4 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. Junior Youth Group Family Shabbat Dinner 6:30 p.m. at the home of Aaron Blower "First-Friday" erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Birthday and Anniversary blessings Adult choir participation Guest Speaker David Long	Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker Mark Hyman
Thursday 3 Operations Committee Meeting 8:00 p.m.	Religious School Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Continuing Jewish Adult Education with Rabbi Coleman 7:30 p.m.	Nursery School 9:30 a.m Jewish Programming Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 1 Nursery School 9:30 a.m Fitness Adult Bnai Mitzvah Class - 7:00 p.m. Continuing Jewish Adult Education with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m.	Nursery School 9:30 a.m Fitness
Monday	Nursery School 9:30 a.m Yoga Social Action Committee and Kehillah of Old York Road Movie "Food Stamped" 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 11:40 a.m Gr K-7 Titlah 12:00 p.m Student Choir Rehearsal Religious School PTO Meeting -10:30 a.m. Contemporary Jewish Writers Book Group with Lou Barrett 11:00 a.m. Environmental Stewardship Committee Meeting - 11:00 a.m. Healing Service 1:00 p.m. Artist Open House 1:00-3:00 p.m. Christy Bottlie Kitagawa

	Saturday	61	Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Sara Chernoff will deliver the dvar Torah Bar Mitzvah of Max Cavallucci 5:30 p.m.	26 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. erev Shavuot - Confirmation Service 7:00 p.m.	
NTINUED)	Friday	18	Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. Kids @ Kol Ami erev Shabbat service with Student Choir 6:00 p.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	
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MI MAY 2012 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)	Wednesday	91	Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	23 Nursery School 9:30 a.m Jewish Programming Craft Show Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	30 Congregation Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m.
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KOL AMI	Monday	14	Nursery School 9:30 a.m Yoga Social Action Committee Meeting 7:15 p.m.	2.1 Nursery School 9:30 a.m Yoga	28 No Nursery School
	Sunday	13	No Religious School Mother's Day	Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	27 Shavuot- Yizkor Service 10:00 a.m.

"STOP HUNGER NOW" EVENT AT KOL AMI A SUCCESS!





On April 15, we are very pleased to share that more than 100 Kol Ami Religious School students and their families and friends, as well as members from Teferet Bet Israel in Blue Bell met in our social hall to pack-

age 10,000+ highly nutritious, dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, flavoring and 21 essential vitamins and minerals to be transported to crisis-burdened areas or supplied to school-feeding programs around the world.

There are 925 million people who do not have enough to eat and 400 million of those are starving children. Undernutrition is associated with more than half of all childhood deaths.

With a vision of a world without hunger and a mission to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable and by creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources, STOP HUNGER NOW began its meal-packing program in December 2005. Since then, more than 175,000 volunteers have packaged more than 60 million meals to feed the world's impoverished.

We thank everyone who came out to make this event an amazing success. ■



Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia Mega Mission to Israel Trip: December 19-28

(NOTE: THE ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE; THERE'S LIMITED SPACE WITH ONLY 270 SPOTS.)

Check the JFGP Web site often for updates as the itinerary gets firmed up! Below is just a small taste of some of the touring sights:

Tour of the Jewish Quarter and the City of David and discover the stories, traditions, and legends behind the stones in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City and uncover the layers of Jewish history from the time of the First Temple until the present day. Discover the stories, traditions, and legends behind the stones in the ancient city of Jerusalem, including a walk in the Cardo, the main thoroughfare of Roman Jerusalem and today Jewish Quarter's "shopping center."

The City of David experience begins with a breathtaking observation point overlooking Biblical Jerusalem, which sends visitors 3,800 years back in time to the days of Abraham, when the first foundations of the city were laid. Explore the archaeological excavations and thrilling biblical finds that span thousands of years of history, including both First and Second Temple

Jerusalem. Discover Gihon Spring, the major water source of Jerusalem for over 1,000 years.

The Hurva Synagogue, also known as Hurvat Rabbi Yehudah HaChassid, was the center of the Old Yishuv. It was destroyed by the Jordanian legion shortly before the fall of the Jewish Quarter in 1948. The Hurva Arch, built upon the ruins of the synagogue, became a symbol of the return to the Jewish Quarter.

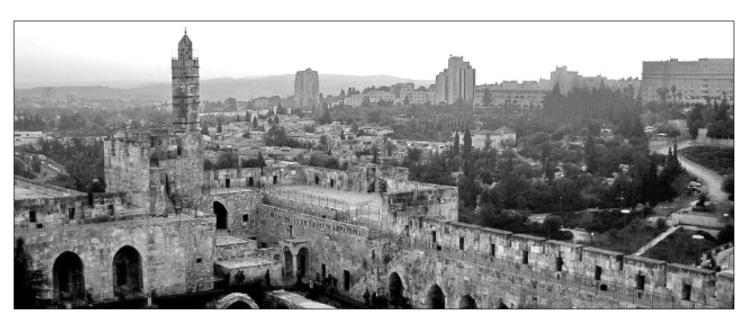
The **Burnt House** was excavated in the Jewish quarter and is believed to be destroyed, set on fire, by the Roman legions in 70 AD. The reconstructed room, an audio-visual presentation, and the displayed findings serve as a time capsule of these tragic events.

SEE 2 TO 3 OF THE FOLLOWING SITES

- City of David with Warren's Shaft tunnel
- City of David and the New Tunnel from the Pools of Shiloah to Davidson
- Davidson Center

- Hurva Synagogue
- The Cardo
- Burnt house and Herodian mansions
- Ramparts walk around the Old City

Yad Va'Shem museum and memorial to the Holocaust is situated atop Har HaZikaron, literally the "Hill of Memory." See the emotional Children's Memorial (Yad LaYeled) with myriad pinpoints of candlelight, each representing the life of a child taken away; the Avenue of the Righteous among the Nations, which commemorates non-Jews who risked their own lives to save the lives of Jews; the Hall of Remembrance containing little but a memorial flame and the name of the Nazi death camps on the floor; and the Valley of the Communities, which records the names of the communities destroyed. The Museum presents the story of the Shoah from a unique Jewish perspective, emphasizing the experiences of the individual victims through original artifacts, survivor testimonies and personal possessions.



Tour the museum with a docent. Repeaters will have an option for a special visit to the Art Museum and Archives accompanied by a docent, while the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* children will meet with Holocaust survivor and guide Eliezer Ayalon to hear his personal story.

Families with Small Children: visit the Herzl museum and/or the Biblical Zoo:

The new Herzl Museum has a mission to bring to life the vision of the man often considered the prophet of the state of Israel. Designed with the younger generation in mind, the museum uses state-of-the-art technology to draw visitors into the exhibit, both teaching them about the past and asking them to relate and compare Herzl's vision to the present. The museum uses filmed video scenes to guide visitors through a play-withina-play story line, progressively introducing them to Herzl and his vision, trying to bring Herzl to life, with all his passions and beliefs, achievements and failures. The Herzl Museum does more than present a static view of history. By planting questions throughout the exhibit, the museum invites visitors to contemplate and discuss the role of Herzl's vision today, to what extent his vision has been realized, and where there is still room for growth.

OR...

The uniqueness of the **Biblical Zoo** lies in its emphasis on animals mentioned in the Hebrew Bible. This zoo is involved in products to save endangered species from around the world (Golden Lion Tamarin, the Macaw and Cockatoo, etc.). Most of the animals in the zoo reside in large enclosures designed to resemble their natural habitats.

Masada & The Dead Sea. Ascend Masada and tour King Herod's



historic hilltop fortress, where a small band of Jewish zealots took refuge after the Roman destruction of the Second Temple in 70 BCE, resisting a prolonged siege by the Roman army. Today, Masada is a source of self-reflection for Israelis and Jews around the world: Is there any price too high for religious freedom? Is martyrdom a Jewish value? Now, over 50 years after the establishment of the State of Israel, what does Masada mean to the Jewish people?

Proceed to various Dead Sea hotels for lunch and swim in the Dead Sea At 1,300 feet below sea level, the Dead Sea is the lowest point on earth. But you can make this visit a high point by venturing into the waters for a "float," swimming suspended by the high concentrations of salts and minerals.

Explore **Caesarea** and see the 2,000-year-old Roman amphitheater, Crusader harbor, and 12th-century ramparts at Caesarea. This ancient city, now archaeological park, located on the Mediterranean Sea was constructed by Herod the Great between 22 and 10 BC and named for Caesar Augustus. Caesarea was one of the most splendid cities in Palestine and was the capital of the province for almost 600 years.

JERUSALEM HOTELS

Dan Panorama, 39 Keren Hayesod St., Jerusalem 94188

One of Jerusalem's favorite hotels, the Dan Panorama Hotel boasts an exceptional location that enables you to explore Jerusalem's multifaceted attractions simply by stepping outside. Across the road, a splendid park greets you. Around the corner is the fabled King David, a destination in itself with magnificent public areas where politicians and headlinemakers mingle. A scenic stroll along historic landmarks takes you down to the endlessly fascinating Old City that invites you to explore a medley of cultures, famous holy sites of the three monotheistic faiths, and the more earthly attractions of vibrant multicolored open markets.

The Dan Panorama Hotel Jerusalem features guest rooms fitted with every thoughtful amenity, a rooftop pool, and elegant public areas.

David Citadel, 7 King David St., Jerusalem 94101

The David Citadel Hotel, with a majestic view of the Old City, is within walking distance from the city center and is situated directly across from Alrov Mamilla Avenue and continued page 18

other major attractions. The hotel boasts 384 impeccably designed suites and guest rooms, fine cuisine, a luxury gym, and a holistic innovative spa, year-round heated pool, and private Executive Lounge.

TEL AVIV HOTELS

Dan Panorama Charles Clore Park, Tel Aviv 68012

The Dan Panorama Hotel offers easy access to everywhere you want to be. Cross the road fronting this Tel Aviv hotel, and you're on the Mediterranean, where great beaches and soft sands greet you. A stroll along the coastal promenade takes you to the flea market and scenic harbor of ancient Jaffa or to the outdoor cafés of Tel Aviv. With a huge pool—the largest of any Tel Aviv hotel-and sundeck, premium leisure-time facilities and dining options, as well as all the dynamic and sophisticated attractions of Tel Aviv on its doorstep, the Dan Panorama Tel Aviv is perfect for your vacation.

David InterContinental Tel Aviv, 12 Kaufman St., Tel Aviv, 61501

The David InterContinental Tel Aviv is a luxury Tel Aviv hotel near the beach with an outdoor pool and a spa and health/fitness center on the site. The hotel is perfectly located in Tel Aviv's trendy, urban Neve Zedek neighborhood with some of the best shopping and restaurants in the city and near the business center of Tel Aviv. The David InterContinental hotel is also close to the Suzanne Dellal Centre, renowned internationally for its dance and theatre offering. Old Jaffa, with its many restaurants, galleries, flea market, and historic sites is also near the David InterContinental hotel. Sleep well in their comfortable spacious rooms and suites, which overlook the sea and city and enjoy the highest kind of national security standards.

QUESTIONS

Contact Pam Pearlmutter at 215-832-0837 or ppearlmutter@jfgp.org if you have **questions about** the December 2012 Mega Mission to Israel Trip.

PRICES AND POLICIES

FIRST TIMERS (LIMIT 70 PEOPLE; INCLUDES

\$1,500 subsidy):

Dan Panorama Hotels:

\$3,000 per adult or child under 18

Single supplement: \$500

David Citadel/David Intercontinental (upgrade):

\$3,500 per adult \$3,500 per child under 18

Room Upgrades (per room/night):

David Citadel:

Deluxe --\$108, Alcove Deluxe -- \$156

David Intercontinental:

Executive -- \$58

Single supplement: \$500

Non-First Timers (INCLUDES A \$500 SUBSIDY):

Dan Panorama Hotels:

Adults -- \$4,000

Children under 18 -- \$3,800

Single supplement: \$500

David Citadel/David Intercontinental (Upgrade)

Adults -- \$4,500

Children under 18 -- \$3,800

Room Upgrades (per room/night):

David Citadel:

Deluxe -- \$108, Alcove Deluxe -- \$156

David Intercontinental:

Executive -- \$58

Single supplement: \$500

For more details on all the above accommodations, visit http://www.jewishphilly.org/page.aspx?id=251472.

Business Class Upgrade

Limited seats available; first come first served -- \$4,500

POLICIES

What Does The Price Include? Almost everything! The price includes:

- Round-trip airfare on El Al (coach class) from Newark to Tel Aviv with transfers to/from Philadelphia
- All 4-/5-star hotel accommodations
- All breakfasts, 5 dinners, 5 lunches
- Deluxe air-conditioned bus and guide
- All program activities and entrance fees
- Youth counselors and children's programming
- Security and more

Subsidy Information:

All first 70 timers receive \$1500; all other participants receive \$500.

Cancellation Policy:

There is a \$500 non-refundable deposit per person due at the time of application.

- The \$500 deposit is non-refundable. If you register on/after September 1, 2012, the full cost of the Mission is due at the time of application.
- If you register on/after December 1, 2012, including no-show, the full cost of the mission is non-refundable.
- Cancellation while in Israel: Participants arriving in Israel will no longer receive a refund for unused mission days should a situation occur where they must return to the United States earlier than planned. We, therefore, urge all participants to purchase travel insurance prior to departure from the United States.

Participation in this Mission requires a minimum commitment (per adult) of \$500 to the 2013 Annual Campaign. Children are exempt from the minimum \$500 Annual Campaign commitment. ■

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OOPS! WE GOOFED!

In reference to our error in printing Michael Chernoff's name under the "In Memory of" listing, Mike responded that the report of his demise is somewhat premature, and he paraphrased Mark Twain: "If I could survive Game 5 of the 2011 NLDS, I could survive anything."

We apologize, Mike, and send our best wishes for continued good health and happiness! ■



Congregation Kol Ami 8201 High School Road Elkins Park, PA 19027

TO:



Kol Ami 2012 Softball Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	FIELD
April 18	Wednesday	Beth or Red	Mondauk 4
April 25	Wednesday	Goldstein's	Mondauk 5
May 1	Tuesday	Ohev Shalom	Ridgeway
May 7	Monday	BTBJ	Plymouth
May 14	Monday	Beth Sholom Men's Club	Ogontz
May 23	Wednesday	MBI	Mondauk
June 5	Tuesday	KI	Mondauk
June 19	Tuesday	Beth Am	Mondauk
June 27	Wednesday	Kol Emet	Mondauk
July 3	Tuesday	Beth or Gold	Mondauk
July 5	Thursday	Beth Sholom Blue	Mondauk
July 9	Monday	Shir Ami	Warwick
July 11	Wednesday	TI	Mondauk
July 17	Tuesday	AJ	Mondauk
July 19	Thursday	GJC	Mondauk