



WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, May 3, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service to commence Congregation Kol Ami's 18th *Chai* Year Commemorative Weekend on this "First-Friday" of birthday and anniversary blessings and the voices of our Adult Choir

SATURDAY, May 4, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue, service followed by a potluck lunch

FRIDAY, May 10

7:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service with Grade 4 student participation and the voices of our Student Choir

6:45 p.m. - BYOD

SATURDAY, May 11, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

TUESDAY, May 14, 7:00 p.m.

erev Shavuot-Confirmation Service

WEDNESDAY, May 15, 10:00 a.m.

Shavuot-Yizkor Service in memory of those who died since the past *Yom Kippur*

FRIDAY, May 17, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, May 18, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue; Bill Shapiro will chant from the *Torah* and Jeff Cohen will give the *dvar Torah*, service followed by a potluck lunch

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REJOICE WITH OUR 10TH-GRADE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT OUR 16TH CONFIRMATION CLASS SERVICE

EREV SHAVUOT, TUESDAY, MAY 14, 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:

Rachel Baker David Baker and Irene Levy Baker

Erica Lee Fleck Paul and Amy Fleck

Zoe Long Ben and Jody Long

Jennifer Bari Sklar Steven and Barbara Sklar ■

CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, AT 7:00 P.M. - ONEG TO FOLLOW

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FRIDAY, May 24

6:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service
on the Meadow

5:45 p.m. - BYOD on BYO blankets or
soccer-style chairs

FRIDAY, May 31

6:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service
on the Meadow

5:45 p.m. - BYOD on BYO blankets or
soccer-style chairs ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

May 4 - *Behar-Bechukotai*

Leviticus 25:1-27:34

Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

May 11 - *Bemidbar*

Numbers 1:1-4:20, Hosea 2:1-22

May 18 - *Naso*

Numbers 4:21-7:89, Judges 13:2-25

May 25 - *B'haalotecha*

Numbers 8:1-12:16

Zechariah 2:14-4:7 ■

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences in
loving memory of:

Arthur Bluethenthal

father of Ruth Bluethenthal-Appel
grandfather of Ben, Jessie, and Sarah

Eleanor Garin

Gail Garin (Mary LaRue)

Janet Levy

mother of Paul (Mindy) Levy
grandmother of Stephanie

Mark Poppel

father of Stuart (Deborah) Poppel
grandfather of Melanie

Gloria Schilder

mother of Russell (Jodi) Schilder
grandmother of Alex and Kara

May their memories forever be bless-
ings among our People. ■

CELEBRATE KOL AMI'S CHAI (18TH) ANNIVERSARY!



Our wonderful congregation is having a birthday!

For 18 years we have prayed together, partied together, and supported each other through the good times and the bad. Now it's time for a celebration. Come join your fellow congregants and friends during the weekend of Friday, May 3, through Sunday, May 5.

On **Friday night, May 3**, join us in worship for a special *erev Shabbat* service at 7:30 p.m. The superb commemorative wall hanging you have all been helping to create will be presented that evening. On **Saturday night, May 4**, at 7:00 p.m., the entertainment talents of some of our delightful members will be displayed cabaret style with an adult evening of food and drink for only \$36/person. You can send your checks now to Elaine Stevens, executive director, at 8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027. Don't miss out on the fun!

Of course, we would never leave our wonderful children out of such an exciting weekend, so on **Sunday morning, May 5**, at 11:30 a.m., our children will have a sing-a-long and pizza gathering until 12:15 p.m.

In Judaism, "18" or "*Chai*" is considered to be good luck and literally translates as "life," so come be a part of the life of Congregation Kol Ami as we celebrate our good luck at reaching such a milestone year with our strong committed membership. ■



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

The recent national AIPAC Policy Conference in March was particularly enlightening because of presentations by scientists who shared new discoveries with the potential for healing so remarkable that it boggles the mind. Truly one of the benefits of peace will be the blessings that Israel will bestow upon her neighbors.

In the meantime, she copes with the reality of living with the tension of not knowing what the next day or week will bring, and so a presentation by Ms. Chen Abrahams of Kibbutz Kfar Aza and Col. (Res.) Orly Gal, executive director of NATAL (*nah'tah*), at a seminar titled "Under Fire: How Israelis Cope," was incredibly moving.

Ms. Abrahams works with children, youth, and adults in Sderot, so close to Gaza that people have a maximum of 15 seconds from the time that warning sirens sound to seek underground shelter before rockets fired from Gaza land on homes, schools, and playgrounds. Fifteen seconds. The rockets do not achieve enough height to be tracked by Iron Dome, and so people have precious little time to seek safety.

Families in Sderot, and anywhere in Israel within range of rockets, deal 24/7 with the reality of constant threats from the sky. They must always be aware of their proximity to bomb shelters, and the psychic price they pay for this can be very heavy. We heard about a 4-year-old in Sderot, who on a quiet day, was looking at a snail under a magnifying glass, and asked, "Mr. Snail, are you fortified?" Four years old, and the snail's shell reminded him of a bomb shelter.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) affects many Israelis: 10% suffer the symptoms of PTSD, and among adults in Sderot, the number climbs to 31%. Among children in Sderot, 71% suffer PTSD.

In 1998, NATAL—the Israel Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War—was established. It addresses PTSD of combat veterans and former prisoners of war, as well as those who have lost loved ones in battle or suicide bombings, and anyone who suffers the sustained emotional and mental pressure of dealing with fear and uncertainty that war and the threat of war bring. NATAL reaches out to families and relatives of victims and bereaved families. It has a national hotline and mobile units for instant access throughout the country. NATAL provides free or subsidized anonymous psychological assistance and treatment by highly trained professionals. It has a Testimonial Center that offers victims of trauma a therapeutic platform for documenting their experiences. NATAL changes lives for the better.

For several years, I have gone on a two-day-a-month water fast. I have donated funds for meals that I would have eaten to the Philadelphia Unemployment Office to help people who are out of work, and to the URJ's 'Nothing But Nets' program to provide insecticide-treated family bed nets to prevent the spread of malaria in Africa. When the High Holy Days arrive in September, I will add NATAL to the list: every month, throughout the year, as long as NATAL exists.

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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. ■

FROM THE RABBI

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If you would like information about NATAL, I urge you to contact Ms. Maya Tadmor-Anderman at American Friends of NATAL at maya@afnatal.org, and you can also find out more about this impressive, healing organization located in Tel Aviv at www.natal.org.il

Please consider teaming up with me wherever you are on water-fast days, or on a virtual-water-fast those days, and donate what you would spend on food to help heal hearts and minds.

Shalom u'vrachab,

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations Committee

Thursday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Guy Appel, 215-938-9330, and Jeff Cohen, 215-635-3232

Religious School Committee

Tuesday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Religious School PTO Committee

Sunday, May 5, at 10:00 a.m.

Co-chairs: Kenny Moss, 215-277-5335, and Heather Pelletier, 215-885-3216 ■

THANK YOU, ROBIN!

The Religious School PTO would like to thank Robin Warsaw for arranging and carrying out the successful "Dine-Around" to Luigi's Pizzarama II. Luigi's generously donated \$100 back to Congregation Kol Ami. Robin, thank you very much for your volunteer effort. We appreciate all that you do! ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As the end of my term as Kol Ami President nears, I am in a reflective mood. I think about what has caused me sleepless nights and what has brought me pure joy. I think about our many accomplishments as well as goals yet to be achieved.

I am happy to report that today our Synagogue is physically and fiscally healthier than we have ever been. With a new roof and HVAC system, our home stands strong. At our **Annual Meeting on May 29**, you will hear unprecedented good financial news about Kol Ami. I also believe that our Religious School has reached a new level of excellence.

The future of Kol Ami appears bright. As I walk among our young students on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, I always think about the larger future. Ultimately, I will measure our success by the choices of the children we are teaching. I am motivated to do everything we can to increase the likelihood that this future generation will embrace a serious Jewish identity. I'm happy if they choose Moishe House, BBYO, Hillel, or Camp Harlam. It's all good. Whether they live in Elkins Park as Kol Ami members or in Tulsa as involved members of a Conservative Synagogue is not of concern to me. I am painfully aware that we have limited ability to shape these decisions.

Nonetheless, my focus reflects my sense of our small, but crucial role, in Jewish history. We are more than a 21st Century Club of Jews in Elkins Park. We join Congregations throughout time and throughout the world as generational links in an ancient religious community that has transformed the world for the better. We have a responsibility to the Jews who came thousands of years before us from far-off lands and to Elkins Park Jews who won't be born for centuries.

So I conclude with where I started. I believe we are playing our small role in Jewish history and a large role in the lives of our members by securing our home, maintaining our financial health, and providing a quality Jewish education

David Hyman

215-496-7224

President@KolAmiElkinsPark.org ■



“MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: STRIVE FOR 225”

We are pleased to announce that 30 individuals/families have accepted our congregants' invitation to become a guest member of Congregation Kol Ami from January through June 2013. Our guest members have participated in a wide range of Kol Ami activities, including attending *Shabbat* services, singing in the Adult Choir, participating in Interfaith Relationship Dialogue, having fun at Casino Night, playing on the Softball team, and the list goes on and on.

On Wednesday, May 29, at our Annual Meeting, each congregant who referred a guest member will have the opportunity to be the lucky winner of an iPad. We also want to hear your feedback about *Strive for 225*, so please look for “The Pulse” survey in your e-mail the day after the Annual Meeting.

We'd like to extend another warm welcome to the following guest members:

GUEST MEMBERS

Carol Baron
Robert and Arden Bell
Lee and Jerry Berkowitz
Sheila Berland
Glenn and Jill Bronson
Stanley and Julia Cheiken
Elaine Cohen
Maurice Feldman and Marlene Kessler
Bennett and Sylvia Fishbein
Tim and Jennifer Giordano
Lonnie Golden
Kelly Green
Marla Greenberg and Linda Murphy
Joel and Bonnie Jaffe
John Kiser and Shara Alpern
John and Becca Kohn
Betsy Kramer
Mary LaRue and Gail Garin
David Kurland and Chaya Herzberg
Paul and Sara Lazrow
Lorraine Linder

GUEST MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

Gene and Fran Miglio
Marcia Moore
Jose and Rachel Nieves
Sandra Orr
Jeremy and Catherine Rothman
Len and Ina Schmidt
Fred Siegfried and Pearl Frank
David and Laura Stone

A very special thank you to the following congregants who referred one of more guest members to Kol Ami:

REFERRERS

Ben Adam and Gail Korostoff
Andrew August and Barbara Fink
Irene Levy Baker
Rebecca Condict
Natalie Dyen
Joel Fishbein and Rachel Ezekiel-Fishbein
Paul and Amy Fleck
Irwin and Joan Greenberg
David Hyman
William Hyman
Mark Kaplan
Laurie Langman
Karen Lindenbaum
Judy Miller
Allan Perry
Deborah Poppel
Sara Reiter
Les and Amy Sabulsky
Ilene Schafer
Rebecca Schwartz
William Shapiro
Fran Surkin
Robin Warsaw
Laura Wintroub
Marcia Wolpert ■

YEDIDAY

We greatly appreciate the support of the following members of *Yediday* Kol Ami:

Bruce and Ellen Asam
David Baker and Irene Levy Baker
Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen
Barry and Allison Boise
Michael and Sara Chernoff
Jeffrey Cohen and Ellen Friedman
Stewart and Sally Eisenberg
Arthur Gordon
Ray and Sis Grenald
David Hyman
William Hyman and Janine Pratt
Andrew and Shari Johnson
Eric and Adena Johnston
David and Patricia Long
The Poppel Family
Robert Schiowitz and Ronit Sugar
The Sender Family
Michael Silverman and Robin Rifkin
Erik and Jennifer Streitwieser
Elaine Stevens
Bart Weiner and Nadine Liez-Weiner

FACILITY ACCESS

There are many entrances to our building. For security reasons and the safety of our children, family, and guests, a facility access policy was created in years past and distributed to our members. Please adhere to the following entrance and exit plans for our building:

For Sunday (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) and Wednesday (4:00 to 8:00 p.m.), all access to the building is through the religious school entrance only. The lobby and executive office doors are not open during those hours. This includes members who are attending meetings.

At all other times, access to the building is through the main lobby doors.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elaine Stevens. ■

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: THE KRIKS

Kol Ami offers a warm welcome to new associate members Julia and Justin Krik, and their young daughters, Sophia and Rebecca. Sophia began attending our nursery school in Fall of 2011, and after attending several school-related events as well as our 2012 High Holy Days children services, the Kriks decided to join our congregation.



They explain that Kol Ami offers a very friendly and open environment for their interfaith family, and that Sophia enjoys the nursery school. In early February, Rebecca also began attending the nursery school. She never used to want to leave when dropping Sophia off, so it's a good sign she will enjoy the school as well.

Julia and Justin both were born and raised in the Philadelphia area and have lived in Fox Chase for the past 10 years. Professionally, Julia is a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) with the Perkiomen Valley School District. She has taught both elementary and middle school for several years and also has worked as an administrator as Special Education Supervisor. She has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education and a Master's degree in Elementary Education and Educational Specialist in Educational Administration.

Justin is an attorney, practicing in Center City with the law firm of Lipsky & Brandt. He specializes in real-estate matters and small business/investor transactions and litigation. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology before going on for his Juris Doctor.

Julia and Justin devote a great deal of time to their daughters. Sophia is just turning 3 years old, and Rebecca is about 18 months old. All of them often can be found on the floor playing together, having tea parties, or doing art projects. They also have a 7-year-old dog, named Midnight, who the girls love to play with in the yard.

The family is eagerly waiting for warmer weather so they can get outside at the local playgrounds. Julia and Justin love to go camping, and they are looking forward to taking Sophia and Rebecca on their first camping trip this summer. The Kriks also enjoy going to Phillies games and spending time during the summer at the Jersey shore.

We are very happy to welcome the Krik family into the fold! ■

Kol Ami Events

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

SINAI: MEANING, METAPHOR, AND MIDRASH

Instructor: Prof. Howard I. Bogot, Rabbi

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

May 2, 9, 16 & 23

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

To register for this workshop, contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org by May 1. Members are free.; non-member course fees for classes taught by Rabbi Bogot are \$50 per course. Course fees can be applied to membership for the current year or forthcoming year.

“FIRST-FRIDAY” EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for May Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
Friday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m.



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

CONTINUING OUR DIALOGUE WITH RABBI HOLIN ABOUT THE DRAFT COPY OF A NEW KOL NIDREI SERVICE

Sunday, May 5, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

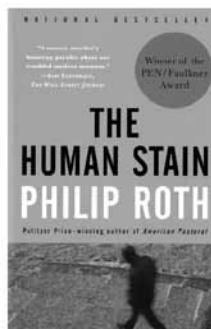
“Drop in” as we explore paths toward wholeness: repair (*tikun*), repentance (*teshuvah*), redemption (*g’ulah*).

‘A Prayer for Repair of the Tablets’ (“mend the cracks within me...forgive the shards I left scattered on my path”) leads us to the traditional words and melody of the *Ahl Chet* to which are appended contemporary reflections (“For abuse of power in board rooms, court rooms, and classrooms”).

CONTEMPORARY JEWISH WRITERS GROUP BOOK REVIEW WITH LOU BARRETT

“The Human Stain” by Philip Roth

Sunday, May 5, 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.’

MAY 6TH GOLF & TENNIS OUTING

by Jeff Cohen & Eric Pelletier, Committee Co-chairs

Monday, May 6, is a big day for our Congregation. The Golf & Tennis Outing is our primary fund-raiser, and for the second year in a row, we are taking the approach of honoring an esteemed member of the community. This year’s honoree is Jonathan H. Spergel, Esq., partner in Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP. As a result, we will have many participants from the Philadelphia legal and business community joining us on the course, courts, and over drinks and fine food. This is a great networking opportunity.

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Sprinkles

*908 Township Line Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027
(215) 887-1233*

**Friends & Families of Congregation Kol Ami
Come into Sprinkles Ice Cream Parlor between
Noon – 10:00 p.m.
Monday, May 6, 2013**

Sprinkles Ice Cream has generously agreed to donate a portion of their revenue to Kol Ami. Bring a copy of this flyer to Sprinkles and 15% of your order total goes back to Kol Ami. Please come out and support a local business that has been a part of our community for years.



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Thanks to useful feedback from our members, we have switched the venue back to a favorite location: The Philmont Country Club in nearby Huntingdon Valley. As before, the day begins with registration at 10:00 a.m. and lunch for golfers at 11:00 a.m. with a tee-off at 12:30 p.m. Tennis begins at 2:30 p.m., followed by a wonderful evening

of cocktails and dinner beginning at 5:15 p.m., highlighted by another exciting auction. To get an idea of what is in the auction, to see all the great sponsors already lined up, and to place a bid if you can't be with us, please check out the auction website at www.kolamigolfouting.org.

As always, the Rabbi does his best to put in that special request for great weather. As anyone who has attended past events knows, the day features terrific companionship from the Kol Ami community, with the opportunity to meet new people from Jonathan's world of environmental law.

Elaine Stevens is on point to hear from you. There is still plenty of time to be a sponsor, come play tennis or golf, put a twosome or foursome together, eat, drink and bid with us, and even buy or sell raffle tickets to a rich 50/50. See page 10 and page 11 for the registration form and sponsorships levels.

LOCAS TO GO BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE PHILADELPHIA ART MUSEUM

Wednesday, May 8, at 4:00 p.m.

Join the LOCAs (Ladies of a Certain Age) for a special behind-the-scenes tour at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

This will be a tour of the Perelman Building of the Museum. Sara Reiter, Textile and Costume Conservator (and LOCA member), will walk the group through the exhibits and then take them behind the scenes to show how textiles are stored, preserved, and displayed.

Please meet at 4:00 p.m. at the Perelman Building (across the street from the main building). After the tour, the group will either go over to the Museum for dinner (Wednesday night is pay-what-you-wish to get into the museum), or we may eat at one of the many neighborhood restaurants.

Please RSVP to Natalie Dyen by e-mail (nat.dyen@verizon.net) or call her at 215-657-4124. Once the LOCAs know who's coming, carpools can be arranged and the dinner

location chosen. If you have any suggestions about restaurants, please contact Natalie.



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 **Tuesday, May 14**, and **Wednesday, June 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, May 22**, and **Tuesday, June 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:

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') ■



CSA CELEBRATING SEVENTH SEASON AT KOL AMI

The Elkins Park Hazon CSA at Congregation Kol Ami is committed to providing shares of fresh organic produce this season from over 75 Lancaster County family farms, in partnership with Lancaster Farm Fresh Organic Farmers Cooperative, for our mutual benefit. For more information, visit our website elkinsparkhazoncsa.com. ■

REGISTRATION

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

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☐ **Golf**

☐ **Tennis**

☐ **Cocktails and Dinner only**

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Please send logo and/or the name as you would like it to appear on all materials to Elaine Stevens: execdir@kolami.info • 215-635-3110

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

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

PLATINUM / \$5,000

Two golf foursomes or
twelve tennis players

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

GOLD / \$2,500

One golf foursome or
six tennis players

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

SILVER / \$1,000

Two golfers or three tennis players

Representation on website
and on event signage



\$1,800 / Cocktail Party Sponsor

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



\$500 / Beverage Station Sponsor

Two cocktail and dinner guests
and sponsor sign



\$500 / Closest to Pin Sponsor

One of only two Hole Sponsor signs



\$500 / Longest Drive Sponsor

One of only two Hole Sponsor signs



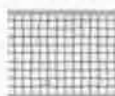
\$500 / Betting Hole Sponsor

One of only two Hole Sponsor signs



\$300 / Golf Hole Sponsor

Signage only at a golf hole



\$300 / Tennis Court Sponsor

Signage only at a tennis court

REGISTRATION LEVELS

Please see other side for
full registration.



\$325 / Individual Golfer

Lunch, golf, cocktails and dinner



\$175 / Individual Tennis Player

Tennis, refreshments, cocktails
and dinner



\$100 / Dinner Guest

Cocktails and dinner

Kol Ami 2013 Revised Softball Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	FIELD
April 15	Monday	Adath Jeshurun	Mondauk #4
April 22	Monday	Beth Ami	Ogontz
May 7	Tuesday	@Temple Sinai Men's Club	Mondauk #5
May 20	Monday	Goldsteins	Mondauk #4
May 22	Wednesday	Melrose Bnai Israel	Mondauk #5
May 30	Thursday	@Beth Sholom Blue	Mondauk #4
June 3	Monday	Beth Tikvah Bnai Jeshurun	Plymouth
June 6	Thursday	@Kol Emet	Mondauk #4
June 13	Thursday	Beth Or Gold	Mondauk #4
June 24	Monday	@Keneseth Israel	Mondauk #4
June 25	Tuesday	Germantown Jewish Center	Mondauk #4
July 1	Monday	@Beth Sholom Men's Club	Ogontz
July 3	Wednesday	Shir Ami	Mondauk #4
July 11	Thursday	@Tifereth Israel	Ridgeway
July 17	Wednesday	@Adath Jeshurun	Mondauk #5

JEVS Career Strategies Presents

How to Conduct an Effective Job Search:

A Special Series for Those Conducting a Job Search or Considering a Job Change

Sessions are **NO COST** and open to **ALL** • Join us for the series – or just one session!

Tuesday, March 19, 2013
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Making Your Strengths Work for You; Setting Realistic Goals

Beth Sholom Congregation
8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA

Tuesday, April 9, 2013
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Creating Resumes and Cover Letters That Work

Congregation Adath Jeshurun
7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA

Tuesday, April 23, 2013
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Strategic Networking

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971 Old York Road, Abington, PA

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JEWISH RELIEF AGENCY

Sunday, May 5, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Come out and help sort, pack, and deliver food to needy families 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! ■



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ARTIST OF THE MONTH

AMY WERGELIS, M.ED.

Her works will be on display in the Kol Ami Lobby until Monday, May 20.

Amy is a local area artist working with oil sticks for painting and papers, paint, and pastels for mixed-media pictures.

She is presently teaching a Painting Studio and Watercolor class for the Cheltenham Adult School and a Drawing class for the Cheltenham Center for the Arts. She has been the Art Specialist for area day cares for the past 10 years and has been involved with mosaics and mural projects at Beth Sholom Congregation, Myers Elementary School, Elkins Park Middle School, and Jenkintown Day Nursery. This will be her fourth solo art show. The mission of her work is to evoke an emotional response from its viewers through the use of color and movement. ■



KOL AMI COMMITTEES & GROUPS

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Promotes educational activities and programs for our congregation and the community, including continuing Jewish education classes with Rabbi Holin, and programs with guest lecturers. Chairs: Michael Chernoff (215-677-8896, mchernoff@verizon.net) and Alan Gershenson (215-887-3994, gershlaw1@comcast.net)

ART AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

Defines the aesthetic goals of the Congregation and presents design options that are consistent with those goals. The committee also monitors "The Gallery at Kol Ami" a six- or eight-week rotation of art by regional artists to grace our lobby walls, and supervises artwork installations, scheduling, and show openings. Chair: Karol Appel (215-938-9330, a1karol@comcast.net)

CARING CONGREGANTS COMMITTEE

Reaches out to members in times of celebration, sympathy, life-cycle events, and transitions (births, birthdays, hospitalizations, death, or extraordinary needs) and develops activities to sustain this important outreach. This program provides a consistent means for members to recognize and respond to one another during important times in each other's lives. Chairs: Linda George (215-782-1413, lindageorge@gmail.com) and Elaine Gershenson (215-887-3994, gershlaw@comcast.net)

CHOIR

Provides music for our services. If you enjoy singing, then our Adult or Student Choirs are for you. The choirs meet every Sunday. Our student choir is for children in grades 2 through 6. Your commitment to our choir benefits our Kol Ami community and choir members have lots of fun. The choir is led by Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz. Contact: Rebecca Schwartz (215-572-6094, rebeccasongs@verizon.net)

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Develops and provides educational, action and advocacy programs on sustainability issues and topics, in liaison with other standing committees and in coalition with the Jewish Climate Change Campaign and other Jewish organizations. It also provides policy recommendations and promotes efficient, economic and sustainable practices to our Board of Trustees. Chair: Mark Kaplan (215-635-2920, sustainability@kolamielkinspark.org)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monitors the financial position of the synagogue. Included in this process is evaluation of financial statements, creation of the annual budget, monitoring performance versus budget, cost control, analysis of dues structure, fund-raising, all insurance matters, maintaining banking relationships and interacting with our banks, analysis of the fund accounts, and the creation of strategic partnerships. Chairs: Marshall Schafer (215-663-0228, mschafer21@comcast.net) and Bart Weiner (215-233-4712, bart.weiner@gmail.com)

INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Evaluates, develops, and recommends to the Board of Trustees policies and procedures concerning the inclusion and participation of all people, regardless of physical, cognitive, emotional, or behavioral ability, in all areas of Congregation Kol Ami religious and communal life. Chairs: Barry Boise (215-635-9042, boiseb@pepperlaw.com) and Joel Fishbein (215-635-3615, jfishbein@lawsgr.com)

INTERFAITH RELATIONSHIP DIALOGUE

Provides an inclusive and open environment in meetings with Rabbi Holin to discuss challenges unique to interfaith relationships, provides programming to educate and address interfaith issues; and welcomes new interfaith couples/families to our congregation. Chairs: Julie Cohen (215-635-4716, julie@juliecohencoaching.com) and Nigel Blower (215-635-4716, nigel.blower@itevcorp.com)

ISH

Provides a fun way for young-ish (young at heart, people with young children, those of us who are fooling ourselves into believing we are still young) congregants to spend time together and create social network with each other. Many synagogue activities revolve around families and their children; this group organizes activities based on collective adult interests and provides opportunities to build relationships. Past events have included ice skating, a poker night, hayride, and a wine tasting. Participants are diverse in life stages and all are interested in building community within our congregation and growing together. Chairs: Sheryl Cohen (215-885-2436, shcohen361@verizon.net) and Heather Pelletier (215-855-3216, hfppt1@gmail.com)

IT/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Advises the congregation on technology issues including: procuring equipment, maintaining our Web site, and establishing and maintaining general technology support. Chairs: Ellen Asam (215-635-5598, basam@comcast.net) and David Chamberlain (215-635-1738, dschamberlain@comcast.net)

LADIES OF A CERTAIN AGE (LOCA)

Provides opportunities for women 50ish and older to spend time together and build relationships. Activities include cultural outings in and around Philadelphia and lots of

opportunities to schmooze at food-centered events. As participants get to know each other better, individuals within the group may discover mutual interests such as opera or ecology, which they can explore together. Chairs: Natalie Dyen (215-657-4124, nat.dyen@verizon.net), Jean Ettinger (215-635-3623, jeanettinger@gmail.com), and Elaine Gershenson (215-887-3994, gershlaw@comcast.net)

LANDSCAPE AND PROPERTY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Provides grounds keeping and manages various beautification projects, including the development of additional property uses, i.e., meditation garden. Chair: Guy Appel (215-938-9330, gappel@interphaseme.com)

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Works with the Operations Committee and others to develop and organize our library for use by adults and children, and to plan for its utilization by members of our congregation. Chairs: Mike Chernoff (215-677-8896, mchernoff@verizon.net) and Lee Laden (215-582-9642, leeladen@comcast.net)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Identifies prospective members and encourages them to join our dynamic and intimate community through maintaining contact, inviting participation, and sharing knowledge of the synagogue. The committee also oversees programs designed to retain members. Chair: Irene Levy Baker (215-782-2253, spotlightpr@comcast.net)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Develops policies and procedures for operating the facility, including, but is not limited to: facility issues, personnel concerns, regulatory and risk management issues. Chairs: Guy Appel (215-938-9330, gappel@interphaseme.com) and Jeff Cohen (215-635-3232, jeffcohen.performanceleaders@verizon.net)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Develops grade-level programs (in consultation with David Monblatt, our Director of Education and Rabbi Holin), holds ongoing dialogues between parents and this committee, supports the Youth Groups, the Family Education programs, and suggests policies for the governance and operation of our school. Chairs: Barbara Fink (215-88-2297, bfink3@gmail.com) and Sheryl Cohen (215-885-2436, shcohen361@verizon.net)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PTO

Supports the school-wide programming within the religious school and runs fund-raising events. This group also provide the help needed for such events as the *Hanukkah* bash, the Passover learning day, and Bingo Night. The group meets once a month during religious school hours. Chairs: Kenny Moss (215-277-5335, kenny.moss2@comcast.net) and Heather Pelletier (215-855-3216, hfppt1@gmail.com)

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Develops programs to address the needs, or alleviate the suffering, of individuals in our local community, the nation, and the world in the spirit of *Tikun Olam*. The committee also strives to develop relationships with local Jewish community organizations and interfaith groups. Chair: Ronit Sugar (215-635-0390, ronitsugar@gmail.com)

SOFTBALL

Offers our members an opportunity to have a fun and competitive summer. Our softball team is a member of the Delaware Valley Synagogue Softball League. The league requires you to be at least 18 years of age. Men and women are encouraged to join. Captain: Eric Pelletier (215-855-3216, esppt1@gmail.com)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP

Provides a welcome, intimate, and unthreatening way to explore God and spirituality. In a dialogue with Rabbi Holin, they study and discuss Jewish liturgy as well as the writings of Jewish philosophers and theologians. They engage in down-to-earth discussions about spirituality in our lives and use a multi-faceted approach to our exploration of faith, including creative writing and listening to music. They have developed creative services for the congregation, and our members have presented *Dvar Torahs* at *Shabbat* services. Chairs: Natalie Dyen (215-657-4124, nat.dyen@verizon.net) and Janet Falon (215-635-1698, jfalton@english.upenn.edu)

WORSHIP ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Monitors the worship needs of all our congregants and develops ideas and recommendations on how best to meet those needs, within the limits of our by-laws and in conjunction with the Rabbi's guidance. In addition, they are accountable for the ongoing development and quality of the worship experience (*Shabbat* and High Holy Days) including music/choirs, use of the Sanctuary and Chapel, integration of our prayer book, *Mishkan T'filah*, dedicated youth services and any other ideas for improving the worship experience and attracting more congregants to worship. Chairs: Mindy Levy (215-885-3672, arbt4words@verizon.net) and William Shapiro (215-517-8666, bpswds@verizon.net) ■

Kol Ami Nursery Kids on Earth Day



ABOVE: Like good stewards, the children create their own miniature earths; BELOW: they also learn the importance of recycling paper, glass, and plastic.



KOL AMI MAY 2013 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:00 a.m. - Gr 6-7 to National Museum of American Jewish History Religious School PTO Meeting - 10:00 a.m. Kol Nidrei Dialogue with Rabbi Holin 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Book Club with Lou Barrett 11:00 a.m.	6 Nursery School Music 9:30 a.m. Congregation Golf & Tennis Outing Philmont Country Club	7 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m.	8 Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. LOCA at the Perelman Building 4:00 p.m.	9 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m.	10 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service with Grade 4 Student and Student Choir participation 7:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - BYOD	11 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
			1 Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	2 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m.	3 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. "First-Friday" erev Shabbat Service celebrating our Congregation's 18th Chai Year 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Participation	4 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Followed by a potluck lunch Kol Ami Chai Celebration 7:00 p.m.

KOL AMI **MAY 2013** AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 No Religious School - Mother's Day	13 Nursery School Music 9:30 a.m.	14 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m. erev Shavuot-Confirmation Service 7:00 p.m.	15 No Nursery School Shavuot-Yizkor Service 10:00 a.m. No Religious School	16 Nursery School Nature Jack 10:00 a.m. Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m. Operations Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	17 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	18 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue Bill Shapiro will chant from the <i>Torah</i> and Jeff Cohen will give the <i>dvar Torah</i> 10:00 a.m. Followed by a potluck lunch
19 Religious School All school attendance at Israel Day Parade and Convention Center.	20	21 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m.	22 Nursery School Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Religious School Last Day 5:30 p.m.	23 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m.	24 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	25 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. "Adult-Only" Martini Havdalah 5:30 p.m.
26	27 Nursery School - Memorial Day	28 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m. Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	29 Congregation Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m.	30	31 erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	

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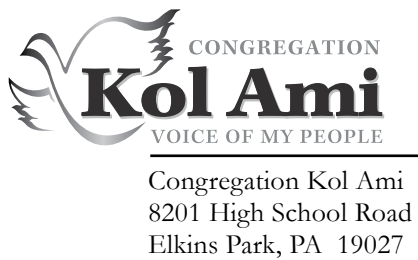
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