

CONGREGATION
Kol Ami
VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, May 1, at 7:30 p.m.

In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, Merle and Stanton Salkin sponsor "An Evening with **Sababa!**"—an energetic, spirited musical group to add soul to our *erev Shabbat* Service on an evening of "First-Friday" birthday and anniversary blessings and the voices of our Adult Choir (see page 12)

SATURDAY, May 2, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, May 8

6:00 p.m. - "Fun-for-Kids" *erev*

Shabbat "Mother's Day" Service; appropriate for all ages! It's a happy half hour with lots of music and our terrific Student Choir

7:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service

SATURDAY, May 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, May 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service-Dinner-Discussion—*daven*, dine, discuss—it's a brief, half-hour service followed by a bring-your-own meal and topic-driven discussion over dinner, and then the night extends at leisure

SATURDAY, May 16, at 10:00 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Noah Mass
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REJOICE WITH OUR 10TH-GRADE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT OUR 18TH CONFIRMATION CLASS SERVICE
SHAVUOT, SUNDAY, MAY 24, AT 1:00 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, their values, the people who have inspired them, the world around them, and how they envision their future:

Maddie August Andy August and Barbara Fink
Hannah Hausen Michael Hafner and Ruth Hausen
Lia Pratt Hyman William Hyman and Janine Pratt
Jacob Margasak Jeffrey and Robynn Margasak
Ben Moss Kenny Moss and Sandy Glatter
Drew Adam Steinbrecher Barry and Michele Steinbrecher
Eleanor Streitwieser Erik and Jennifer Streitwieser ■

CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m., *Oneg* to follow



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WORSHIP SERVICES

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FRIDAY, May 22, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, May 23, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue

SUNDAY, May 24

10:00 a.m. - *Shavuot Yizkor Service*

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1:00 p.m. - Our 18th Confirmation

Class Service (see page 1)

FRIDAY, May 29, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service with book reviewer extraordinaire Beverly Rosen on this rescheduled evening to talk about "The Un-Americans" by Molly Antopol (see page 14)

SATURDAY, May 30, at 5:30 p.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Dori Spector

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TORAH & HAFTARAH

May 2 - *Acharay Mote-Kedoshim*

Leviticus 16:1-20:27, Amos 9:7-15

May 9 - *Emor*

Leviticus 21:1-24:23, Ezekiel 44:15-31

May 16 - *Behar-Bechuktai*

Leviticus 25:1-27:34

Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

May 23 - *B'Midbar*

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

May 30 - *Naso*

Numbers 4:21-7:89, Judges 13:2-25 ■

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving memory of:

Bernard Hall

husband of Edis Hall

May his memory forever be a blessing in the midst of our People. ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

COME AND PARTICIPATE

On Tuesday May 26th, at 7PM, we will convene for our annual member meeting. This meeting should be quite engaging and I invite you to mark your calendar and plan to be with us. We will be trying something new at this meeting and I need you to be a part of it.

- For this year's meeting, I have asked our committee co-chairs to be ready with a short story about what they've accomplished since last September and what they are planning for the upcoming year.
- During the meeting, rather than hear a series of short presentations from the front of the room, each committee able to be present will have a "station" in the sanctuary. All of us attending will divide up and then circulate, getting time at the stations most interesting to you. At the station, you can hear about accomplishments and plans, and consider how you might get involved or contribute.
- After 30+ minutes, you will have gotten to visit 4 or more stations and as a result, have a deeper understanding of what we have done, what we want to do, and where you can contribute.

The meeting will also feature key updates and Q&A with:

- Lisa Landau, our Treasurer, on our current budget and our planned '15-'16 budget
- Rabbi Holin, on programming and worship
- David Monblatt, on Religious School and Youth Activities

And as required in our by-laws, the meeting will include motions to approve

- The proposed slate of new Board members
- The proposed slate of Officers
- The '15-16 budget

Everyone should receive the pre-reading for this meeting, including the budget and nominating slate, by May 5th. If you missed it, just send Elaine Stevens a note and she will send them along.

Perhaps most importantly, our Annual Meeting is another great time to be together and engage in building the community we want.

CONTINUING TO INTRODUCE OTHERS TO KOL AMI

Also, this month, I'd like to continue what we started with last month's Bulletin. Take a moment and note one or two key events from May's calendar and invite unaffiliated friends or neighbors who might enjoy that event. Invite them to join you and experience what makes Kol Ami so unique. Let Julie Cohen and/or Robin Warsaw, our Membership co-chairs, know who you have invited so a member of the Membership Committee can add a special welcome.

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

I was so moved and inspired by the words of Robi Damelin and Bassam Aramin of The Parents Circle – Families Forum when they addressed our congregation and the larger community in our sanctuary in which almost every seat was filled on Thursday evening, March 26. Robi's son, David, was killed by a Palestinian sniper while serving in the IDF, and Bassam's daughter, 10-year-old Abir, by a rubber bullet fired by a soldier in the IDF.

PCFF is a joint Israeli Palestinian organization of over 600 families, all of whom have lost a close family member through prolonged conflict. Established in 1995 by Yitzchak Frankental and several bereaved Israeli families, speakers from the PCFF travel throughout the world in the name of reconciliation.

While speaking to us, Robi described the crossing point called Qalandiya, and it immediately reminded me of an article that I wrote for our bulletin in September 2010. In the name of reconciliation leading to peace, and shortly after the recent elections in Israel, it seems timely to offer it again:

"Crossing Qalandiya: Exchanges Across the Israeli/Palestinian Divide" is a heartfelt, honest, wrenching and loving yearlong exchange of letters between Daniela Norris in Tel Aviv and Shireen Anabtawi in Ramallah. The letters commenced eight months before the war in Gaza began and continue to August 23, 2009, at the book's conclusion.

The first letter, dated April 18, 2008, was written by Ms. Norris upon her return from Geneva, where she had been working for the *Geneva Times*. She previously worked for the Israeli Foreign Service and later was an adviser to the Permanent Mission of Israel at the UN in Geneva before she decided to devote all of her time to writing. Her correspondent, Ms. Anabtawi, is a former Director of Public Relations at the Palestinian Investment Agency in Ramallah and currently works for the Palestinian Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva.

The women – both married and with young children of similar ages – met in Geneva in March 2008 and returned to their respective homes a month later. In her first letter, Daniela wrote to Shireen that ever since meeting her, she reads and listens to the news differently and wonders what life is like in Ramallah, what she is thinking, and what she thinks about Israelis. She asks: "Do you remember our encounter sympathetically, as I do?" She also recalls Shireen saying that while it was easy for the two of them to talk in Geneva, it would be more difficult once they returned home. The ensuing letters are delicate literary dances in the hope of drawing closer: sharing childhood memories; how they met their husbands; updates about their children; how they balance professional responsibilities and family time; exchanging recipes; writing about Jewish and Muslim holy days; and sharing the rush of emotion that comes with charges and counter-charges that define the Israeli-Palestinian divide. Underlying it all is the quest for understanding.

Daniela acknowledges that since the flurry of suicide bombings, there is not a real will to try to understand the other side. She writes about heightened security at malls and suspicious packages left unattended at bus stops. She wonders how the mothers of suicide bombers can rejoice that their sons did something so horrendous. She asks how Israel is supposed to achieve peace when generations of Palestinian children learn to hate Jews and Israelis. She apologizes at times for being direct and reminds Shireen that it was the Palestinian and Arab countries who did not agree with the UN resolution to create a state for the Jewish people and a state for the Palestinian people. She agrees that Palestinians have to have their own state, but despairs of the leadership of Hamas and the situation in Gaza.

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MAZAL TOV

We congratulate these individuals:

Linda and Dan George on the birth of their granddaughter, Adele Materese George, born on March 23 to Andrew George and Stephanie Materese

Andy Langman on receiving the highest Level-4 boys all-around score and receiving first-place medals in four out of six events for his age at the Pennsylvania State Gymnastics competition in Harrisburg on March 13. ■



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Operations Committee

Tuesday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Guy Appel, 215-938-9330, and Marshall Schafer, 215-6663-0228

Religious School PTO Committee

Sunday, May 3, at 11:00 a.m.

Co-chairs: Heather Pelletier, 215-855-3216, and Deborah Poppel, 215-947-2252

Spiritual Growth Group

Monday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Worship Enhancement Committee

Sunday, May 3, at 9:30 a.m.

Co-chairs: Mindy Levy, 215-885-3672, and William Shapiro, 215-517-8666 ■



**We Are Proud to Announce the Purchase of
Brand New High Holy Day Prayer Books!**
Help Congregation Kol Ami Make
these Upcoming High Holy Days an
Even More Special Spiritual Experience.

The Central Conference of American Rabbis is publishing *Mishkan HaNefesh*, a two-book set, a *Machzor* for the Days of Awe. It is heralded as innovative and inspiring. We used a draft copy this past September and will have the new *Machzor* for every member and High Holy Day guest of Kol Ami this year and into the future. Help Kol Ami reduce the cost of this investment and ensure a meaningful High Holy Day experience for decades to come.

Be one of the 36! We are seeking 36 Kol Ami donors who would give \$360 to offset the cost of the *Machzor* purchase. Special bookplates with your name(s) will be affixed to **ten** book sets. Bookplates will be affixed in each set and held at Kol Ami for general use at every High Holy Day service. In addition, Rabbi Holin will host a special wine and cheese reception for all of you, and he will personally inscribe your own *Machzor* set if you would like.

Purchase Your Own Heirloom Copy! Your *own* 'home' copy of the new *Machzor* will provide you spiritual readings throughout the year. For \$180 per set, Rabbi Holin will personally inscribe your *Machzor* set if you would like.

Pay It Forward by Dedicating Three Sets! With a \$136 contribution you can dedicate two *Machzor* sets, one for you and two for other Kol Ami members or guests. Bookplates with your name(s) will be affixed in all three sets that will be held at Kol Ami for general use at every High Holy Day service.

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And of course, if none of these options are right for you, we will have a *Machzor* for all members and their guests attending High Holy Day services.

For the entire congregation, please watch for "High Holy Days in August and early September" gatherings at Kol Ami, where Rabbi Holin will introduce us all to the new *Machzor*!

For further information about *Mishkan HaNefesh*, please call New *Machzor* Chair Bob Seltzer at 267-722-8651 (h) or 267-939-8320 (c) or Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110.

**To order, tear off, complete and mail the form on the next page to
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The following are sample Book Plate dedications. Each dedication can include up to three lines of text. Include your dedication (s) on a separate piece of paper with this form or in a separate e-mail to Elaine Stevens at execdir@kolami.info.

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Please place your order by June 30, 2015.

LEGACY SOCIETY

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

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

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

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

David Baker and Irene Levy Baker
Michael and Sara Chernoff
Jeffrey Cohen and Ellen Friedman
Elizabeth Kapnek Grenald
Rabbi Elliot and Susan Holin
David Hyman
William Hyman and Janine Pratt
Lee Laden
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Gary Sender
Elaine Stevens
Erik and Jennifer Streitwieser
The Wintroub Family ■



LEGACY SOCIETY

MICHAEL AND SARA CHERNOFF



We actually became members of The Legacy Society 15 years before Kol Ami established The Legacy Society!

In 2000, our accountant emphasized the need for us to do some estate-planning work, since we had no children or other direct heirs, and he wanted us to avoid estate escheat issues. So we soon afterwards met with the estate-planning attorney he had recommended and proceeded to make our wills. At that time, we had been members of Kol Ami since 1997, and even then it was very

clear to us that Kol Ami had become a major part of our lives.

Therefore, we wanted to do what we could to ensure its success and continuity. When we met with the attorney, we made sure that Kol Ami, along with our nieces and nephews, were included in our wills. Just recently, we updated our plans to include some other organizations that are also important to us, but we kept Kol Ami, and our commitment to ensure its continuity, foremost in our plans.

Becoming members of the Legacy Society wasn't difficult and it wasn't complicated, and we invite our fellow congregants to join us in helping our synagogue remain the caring and intimate place it is for many years to come.

And, by the way, we also made plans for Phil, our beloved mini-poodle, who continues to wear his Ryan Howard jersey. ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER (continued from page 4)

CONFIRMATION

I'd be remiss in not inviting all our members to join us for our very special Confirmation service with our graduating 10th graders. This service is unique every year, featuring writings and contributions from these special young adults.

This month's *Sh'lach'chaynee* (send me) request of you is to a) attend and participate in the annual meeting, b) bring at least one non-affiliated family with you to a Kol Ami event -- and in advance, share their contact information with Julie and Robin, and c) join us on May 24th at 1PM for our Confirmation Service.

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

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

WHY I JOINED KOL AMI



Shabbat Shalom, everyone.

My Name is David Appleton
I am one of the newer congregants at Kol Ami.

There were several things my wife, Aimee, and I were looking for when choosing a synagogue. One was that it accepted interfaith families, as we belong in this category. However, this was really last on our list. For me, personally, I felt the congregation size

of the synagogue mattered. I was looking for a close-knit community. Having a personal feeling within the Jewish community was very important to me as it was something that I grew up with in my Reformed Synagogue Temple Hessed in Scranton, PA.

To clarify, “personal” in the sense that everyone knows and interacts with each other. But I think maybe being from a small town with a small Jewish community helped with seeing Kol Ami as something very appealing. Since arriving, both Aimee and I and our two boys, Jacob and Matthew, have felt welcomed and invited.

I really felt a strong connection to Rabbi Holin from first meeting him. He has a very open and inviting manner. Every person I spoke to about joining Kol Ami not only knew Rabbi Holin, but had a personal story to share about how he had affected their lives. Also, I marveled at how effortlessly he interacted with my children as well.

That is the other reason why I wanted to join this place. I wanted my two boys to have the same thing I had when I was a kid. Growing up I had few friends who were Jewish mainly because we lived so far away from Temple. Our synagogue was 35 minutes from our house, but once a week, I would go someplace and have similar experiences with kids my own age who were learning and doing the same things I was. That feeling of acceptance shaped me into the adult I am today.

I look back at the Jewish education I received as a child with great fondness. And when I came to Kol Ami, I could envision my children and my family having that same experience. ■

If you know someone who'd like to join our intimate-and-dynamic community, contact one of Membership co-chairs: Julie Cohen (215-635-4716, Julie@juliecohencoaching.com) or Robin Warsaw (215-635-5839, rkWarsaw@comcast.net).

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

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Shireen does not flinch from the questions and statements. Having just returned from Geneva as well, she writes: “I have a dream, not a very significant one, but a dream nonetheless. I dream of driving in fourth gear.” It is a powerful turn of phrase that addresses the lack of roads in Ramallah comparable to those in Europe and also the checkpoints that slow life down and make it difficult. She acknowledges the horrors of the Holocaust, but asks why those who came from all over the world have more of a right to the land than those born on it. She asks Daniela to try to understand what it means to say that her children are afraid of Israelis because the only Israelis they know are soldiers, and yet she writes: “Before I met you and your family, I always thought of all Israelis as enemies. Now it's different. Now that I see you as simply people, I regard you in a much more humane way.”

The issues are tough, but their hearts are not. Daniela writes: “Maybe one day we'll have played a small part in facilitating the understanding and exchange between our peoples. Or do you think this is only a dream?” She invites Shireen and her family to come to Tel Aviv and celebrate Passover with them, and Shireen responds with delight, reciprocating with the invitation to come with her husband and children to visit her and her family in Ramallah.

The women feel the urge to embrace their relationship that has been strengthened through letters. Shireen writes: “The nearest and most convenient checkpoint to meet would be at Qalandiya, between Jerusalem and Ramallah. If we fail to cross at Qalandiya, at least we'll be able to wave to each other from afar. And the children will be able to see each other from either side.”

To see each other in the fullness of their humanity remained their desire, and this is the message of Parents Circle – Families Forum: to speak the language of reconciliation, to bridge the divide, and to carve paths leading toward peace.

Shalom u'vrachah,
Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

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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. ■

BAR MITZVAH OF NOAH MASS

SATURDAY, MAY 16, AT 10:00 A.M.



Noah is in the seventh grade at Abington Friends School. His favorite subject is math because he likes to be challenged by what he is learning. His extracurricular activities include soccer and baseball, and he also enjoys logic puzzles and magic tricks.

For his *Mitzvah* Project, Noah worked with a Special Olympics basketball team called The Rockets. He ran activities that helped them learn to dribble, pass, and shoot. He enjoyed interacting with them and felt that he really connected with them, learning people are people, even if they have a disability.

"My favorite Jewish holy day is Passover because I get to go to my grandparents' apartment and celebrate the *Seder* with them. My favorite part is trying to find the *afikomen*. It's tricky because my grandfather is very good at hiding it. I like Passover the most because I get to spend time with my family.

"A very significant experience took place when my family and I went to Costa Rica, and I found out that they do not have an army. This was strange to me because it means that they trust so much that no one will attack them and that everyone should be able to live in peace.

"My two favorite prayers are the *V'ahavtah* and the *Avote v'Imahote*. I like the *V'ahavtah* because I used to not know it and I thought I would never be able to do it at my *Bar Mitzvah*, but now I know it and it is really fun. The *V'ahavtah* is about love for G-d and passing down traditions of our faith. I like the *Avote v'Imahote* because it talks about our ancestors. It is really cool because it helps us learn about history, and without ancestors, we wouldn't be here. It reminds me of family.

"I chose to chant from chapter 25, verses 8-19 of the Book of Leviticus in my *Torah* Portion because they talk about the ideas of forgiveness and fairness. The first part of my *Torah* portion is about the Jubilee year. The Jubilee year is a time when you are supposed to return to your families and your homes, and allow your fields to rest and recover. It is also a time when land that was bought and sold is returned to the original owner. This reminds people that people can use the land, but the land belongs to G-d. Today people still think about the Jubilee year as a time to forgive debt and fix inequalities.

"In the year 2000, before I was born, many people got together and tried to get rid of the debt in third-world countries. Right now in the world, 1% of the people own 50% of the wealth. My passage of the *Torah* is one tool that people use to get people to think about if this is how the world should be.

"In the second part of my *Torah* portion, G-d promises people that if they follow His rules and take care of the land, and if they are honest and fair, they will live peacefully and have enough to eat. This reminds me of Costa Rica where they have peace because they are fair, not because they have weapons."

We congratulate Noah's parents, Larry Mass and Christine Hunter, and his brother, Ben, who celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* at Kol Ami on January 7, 2012. ■

BAT MITZVAH OF DORI SPECTOR

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



Dori is in the seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School. Her favorite subject is Social Studies because she really likes her teacher, and it is interesting to learn about the world. Her extracurricular activities are field hockey, lacrosse, and playing the flute, as well as dancing and being with her friends.

For her *Mitzvah* Project, Dori went to the Nicetown-Tioga branch of The Free Library of Philadelphia to read to children and help them with their homework. She learned how fortunate

she is to have received a good education, and it made her proud to realize that young students understood their homework better with her help. She also helped the librarian organize books, CDs, videos, and movies.

"I like being Jewish because I am able to celebrate my *Bat Mitzvah*, and it's nice being able to spend time with my family over the holy days, plus I get to learn a lot of things about my culture here at religious school," Dori says.

"My relationship with God is very special to me because He created me and everyone on this planet. When I was younger, I said the *Sh'ma* with my Mom and Dad every night. This was meaningful because we thanked God for all the blessings in our lives and doing so taught me that there is only one God.

"My favorite Jewish holy day is *Hanukkah* because you can eat chocolate gelt and latkes. It is nice seeing my cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents; and it is also fun to get presents. Also, it was a miracle that my brother got his memory back from his concussion in 2008, on the third night of *Hanukkah*. This will always be a special memory for me.

"A powerful Jewish experience was going to the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. I went to my cousin's *Bat Mitzvah* when I was in second grade, and while I was there, I went to the Anne Frank House with my mom and my uncle Joe. It was so horrible that they had to live and hide in such a small space. It is touching to think that Anne was about my age, could not experience all of the good things in the world, and was eventually killed by the Nazis. The entire story became more real to me because I was standing in the place where they had actually been hiding.

"I chose to chant verses from chapter 4:21-26 and chapter 5:11-16 from the Book of Numbers in my *Torah* Portion because I think it is important to learn about the different ways that relationships are strengthened or weakened."

We congratulate Dori's parents, Rick and Ellen, and her brother, Sam. ■

YEDIDAY KOL AMI

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

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

Kol Ami Events

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE, MAY 1, AT 7:30 P.M. IN HONOR OF THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
MERLE & STANTON SALKIN SPONSOR "AN EVENING WITH SABABA!"



Sababa! ("cool" in Israeli vernacular) is an energetic, spirited musical group comprised of Steve Brodsky, Robbi Sherwin, and Scott Leader from Denver, Austin, and Phoenix, respectively.

Sababa!'s three CDs, *Pray for the Peace* (2008), *It's All Good* (2010), and *Shalosh* (2013) have garnered rave reviews, featuring their signature tight harmonies; stellar production; and catchy, accessible melodies and lyrics. "Love Adonai," based on the *V'abarta* prayer, and "It's All Good," rocking and catchy, both won the finalist prizes in the Shalshet Foundations' Third & Fourth International Festivals of New Jewish Liturgical Music. The URJ Press' *Tot Shabbat Handbook*, and Transcontinental Music's *Shabbat Anthology VI* and their *Ruach* series CDs have also published **Sababa!**'s music, which has been recorded and covered all over the world.

Individually, the members of **Sababa!** have been writing and performing contemporary Jewish music for many years. Leader and Sherwin have performed and recorded both as a duo and as solo artists, and Brodsky is both a well-known solo artist and a founding member of the critically acclaimed Jewish band *Mah Tov*. Sherwin is the cantor and spiritual leader of B'nai Butte Congregation, in Crested Butte, Colorado; and Brodsky and Leader are both experienced, sought-after cantorial soloists. All have been music teachers and song leaders in Jewish schools and camps since their teens and have performed at synagogues, Jewish community centers, schools, festivals, and camps across North America as well as in England and Israel.

"FIRST-FRIDAY" EREV SHABBAT SERVICE
for May Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
Friday, May 1, 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 a May *simcha* under a *tallit*. 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*.

COME CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO WITH "ISH"
Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m.
at the home of Julie Cohen and Nigel Blower



Congregation Kol Ami's "ish" is a purely social gathering of young-ish or not-so-young-ish members. We gather for food, drink, and fun.

BYO Tequila or other beverage, and an appetizer or dessert to share. We will supply the limes and salt.

All are welcome. We hope you can join us. Please RSVP to Julie@JulieCohenCoaching.com if you would like to attend.

FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT

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

CAMP HOMETOWN HEROES. Since September 11, 2001, almost 5,000 children have lost a parent who served in the U.S. Military. Their deaths have been the result of combat, accident, illness, or suicide. Their children have been present during a gun salute and flag presentation by an Honor

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THE HOLOCAUST AWARENESS MUSEUM AND EDUCATION CENTER
PRESENTS

LIDA STEIN AND THE RIGHTEOUS GENTILE

BY LAWRENCE GELLER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015
6:15 PM



FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
AT

CONGREGATION KOL AMI
8201 HIGH SCHOOL ROAD, ELKINS PARK, PA 19027
(215) 635-3110



Holocaust Awareness Museum
and Education Center
"Preserving History to Learn from the Past"





Guard, and many of them face depression, profound grief, isolation, and a sense of helplessness.

Camp Hometown Heroes began in 2013 in partnership with pediatric grief counselors to provide a free, week-long overnight summer camp for children and siblings between the ages of 7 and 17. The children participate in art- and music-therapy groups

and have the opportunity to openly discuss their feelings through shared, common bonds of loss.

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

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

Forthcoming fast days to benefit **Camp Hometown Heroes** will be on **Tuesday, May 5**, and **Tuesday, June 2**.

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

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

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

Forthcoming fast days on behalf of **NATAL** will be on **Wednesday, May 13**, and **Wednesday, June 17**.

PHAST FOR PHILADELPHIA is on behalf of unemployed workers in Philadelphia who are struggling to make ends meet by helping them pay their mortgages, address health-care needs, and pay electric bills.

Forthcoming **Phast for Philadelphia** fast days will be on **Thursday, May 28**, and **Thursday, June 25**.

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

American Friends of NATAL

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

Camp Hometown Heroes

983 Badger Circle
Grafton, WI 53024

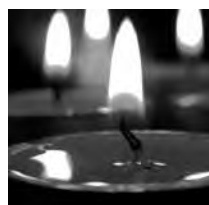
Unemployment Information Center

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

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

SHAVUOT YIZKOR SERVICE

Sunday, May 24, at 10:00 a.m.



The *Yizkor*-Memorial service that immediately comes to mind occurs on *Yom Kippur*, and yet there are three other dates of observance on the Jewish calendar: *Simchat Torah*, *Pesach* (Pass-over) and *Shavuot*.

Yizkor, from the Hebrew verb “to remember,” is observed throughout the first year following the death of a loved one, traditionally a parent, sibling, spouse, or child.

It is believed that *mitzvot* performed by loved ones help the souls of the departed on their way to the *olam ha'ba*, “the world to come.” One *mitzvah* is committing *tzedakah* funds to help people in need, and since the *Torah* reading on the last day of the pilgrimage festivals mentions the importance of doing so, *Yizkor* was added to these holy day services as well.

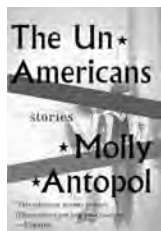
**EREV SHABBAT SERVICE WITH
BOOK REVIEWER BEVERLY ROSEN**

Friday, May 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we review “The Un-Americans,” a short-story collection by Molly Antopol, which takes readers to,

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Europe, Israel, and the United States, exploring such universal themes as assimilation, parents and children's relationships, family secrets, love, and betrayal. The collection, on the 2014 long-list for the National Book Award in Fiction, spotlights the talents of a young Jewish-American writer who is wise beyond her years. Memorable and meaningful, the stories stimulate minds, hearts, and in-depth discussion.

HAZON PHILADELPHIA'S RIDE THE PINES

Sunday, May 31, at the JCC Camps in Medford, NJ



Join the Kol Ami team for Hazon Philadelphia's second annual bike ride, Ride the Pines! We're pedaling together for a healthier planet. Ride the Pines is a fully supported bike ride and community experience for people of all cycling levels and ages, bringing together organizations like ours from across the Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey Jewish communities.

Join friends for routes through pine forests, farmland, and local villages, culminating in a barbecue lunch of kosher, pasture-raised meat from **Grow and Behold**, followed by an interactive marketplace of local, sustainable vendors, swimming and boating, children's programming from **Teva**, and more! Your participation supports Hazon Philadelphia in running innovative Jewish programming on food, health, and sustainability.

Not a cyclist? The Ride wouldn't be possible without our dedicated crew, who support and cheer on riders, help behind the scenes, and then enjoy the lunch and afternoon with their rider friends. Registration sold out last year, so sign up today at www.hazon.org/phillybike.

Mark Kaplan, Ride the Pines Co-chair ■

KOL AMI EARLY LEARNING CENTER SEDER PREPARATIONS



The children from Kol Ami's Early Learning Center prepared for their *seder* on April 3 by making matzo balls (above) and the traditional apple-nut charoset (below). These little chefs were quite successful in creating and then enjoying their seder plate.





TRANSITIONS NO. 7



TRANSITIONS NO. 4



TRANSITIONS NO. 2

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

GILLIAN BEDFORD: MAY 12 THROUGH JUNE 8

As a child and teenager, Bedford shied away from drawing and painting because her mother's ability to render visual images with just a few strokes of pencil or pen was very intimidating, but in painting she found her true home. Bedford loves the feeling of putting paint on canvas and using large amounts of color. She was pulled toward painting suggestions and emotions rather than exacting images, especially after she was left motherless while still a teenager when her mother lost her battle with cancer.

Many of Bedford's paintings contemplate transitions or contrasts. Often using the motif of a window, her paintings reflect on the contrast of "inside" and "outside," perhaps as a metaphor for life as we know it and life beyond our senses, or as life as a single witness contrasted with life in a more universal sense. She is unafraid of painting what is physically impossible—a shadow or ridge on a large leaf moving on and of the leaf as if it were an entity capable of existing apart from the structure that gives it existence, light coming through matter as if the matter were transparent, or yellow wind blowing in and out of a window—all giving a sense of a world in which our feelings become visible.

Bedford paints to explore her inner landscape, often starting a painting with only a few ideas of what she is after and then allowing herself to discover her subject along the way. After her father's unexpected passing, a series of paintings of autumn leaves let her process her loss and her relationship. Bedford is motivated to paint to bring permanence in an impermanent world. When she paints, it gives her connection to her deceased mother, father, and brother.

This show, called Memories, is a continuation of this theme, and each painting carries a different mood. Some are quiet yet colorful, like "Transitions No. 4." Others like "Inspiration" have louder colors. As noted before, "Transitions No. 1" captures the mood of soft, yellow wind blowing in and out of two windows, just as if a person has passed out of this life. The show also consists of bright memories without windows, such as "Memories No. 1" and "Memories No. 2" which are about being outdoors as a child and during the whole feelings in her midlife. "Docile Hills No. 2" captures a very soft and tranquil mood.

Gillian Bedford received a BFA in painting, magna cum laude, from Temple University's Tyler School of Art in 1990. She has shown in many Philadelphia area venues and has won prizes at Cosmopolitan Club among other places. She is represented by Orchard Artworks in Bryn Athyn, PA. More of her work is available on her website, www.gillianbedford.com.

Join us at Gillian's open house on **Sunday, May 17, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** The Kol Ami gallery hours are Wednesday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If the Religious School is closed on those days, the gallery is also closed. All of Gillian's works are for sale, and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the Synagogue. See Elaine Stevens if interested in purchasing a piece. ■

Social Action

MENTOR A COLLEGE STUDENT: CHANGE A LIFE

Thursday, May 21, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
in the Congregation Kol Ami Board Room

“My mentor has helped me along my first year in college by revising an essay, weighing in on my study habits, and most importantly, we’ve had great conversations.”
—Rihua about his mentor, Alan Gershenson

Alan and more than a dozen Kol Ami other members and friends have been mentoring college freshman during the 2014-2015 school year. They’re committed to helping students successfully navigate college so they can go on to successful careers and to become successful citizens of the local community.

Only 60% of Philadelphia public school students graduate from high school. Of those, only 10% go on to college and graduate within six years. But, for those who do complete college, the results are inspiring:

- The average family income of these students is approximately \$19,000/year.
- Five years after graduation, students in this program have average incomes of \$47,000/year.

The mentor program, run through the Philadelphia Education Fund, is literally changing the direction of the lives of these students and their families.



ABOVE: Anabeth Rosado told Kol Ami members about how much her mentor helped her and her two sisters (triplets) while they were attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She offered tips and advice for building relationships with Mentees. One of her sisters, Sarybeth, will attend the meeting at Kol Ami on May 21 to tell her success story to prospective mentors.

How you can help:

Mentors are needed for the 2015-2016 school year. Here’s what it takes:

- Attend a training session, then two group activities with your student, along with other students and mentors
- Periodic one-on-one discussions, check-ins, providing support and advising via phone, e-mail, or text
- Familiarity with topics such as choosing and registering for classes, declaring a major, study tips, purchasing textbooks, etc., and just being a “cheerleader” for your mentee
- Knowledge of how to text (this is the preferred communications vehicle for most students)

Want to learn more?

Attend an information session with Kol Ami’s Social Action Committee and the Philadelphia Education Fund (PEF). PEF representatives will offer insights and answer your questions about what it takes to be a mentor and how you can change the course of a young person’s life. A current student and mentor will talk about their experiences. Joining them will be Kol Ami’s David Baker, who serves on the PEF’s Board of Directors.

RSVP to Elaine Stevens at execdir@kolamielkinspark.org or 215-635-3110. Attending the information session is NOT a commitment to become a mentor. This is open to members, prospective members, and friends of members. For information about PEF, visit <http://philaedfund.org>.

THERE’S NO BUDDY LIKE YOU

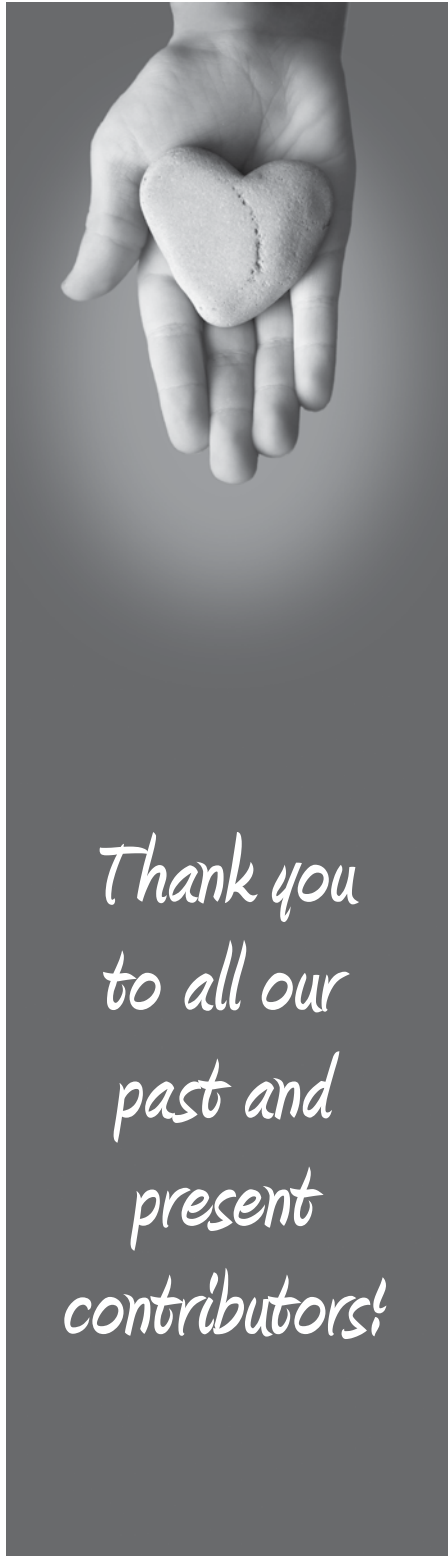
Inter-Faith Housing Alliance is a non-profit organization providing housing and supportive services for families experiencing homelessness in Montgomery County since 1982. Inter-Faith Housing Alliance helps families in crisis to become financially stable and self-sufficient through community food banks and various housing programs. They operate one emergency shelter for stays of up to three months, providing three families at a time with the tools they need to become successfully independent—and thus break the cycle of homelessness.

Our synagogue committed to be a BUDDY congregation beginning the evening of June 18 through the morning of June 26 (excluding *Shabbat* and the weekend). Our Host congregation is St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 919 Tennis Avenue in Maple Glen.

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Kol Ami Contributions

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



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HOLOCAUST EDUCATION FUND

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Carol Wit

ONEG SHABBAT FUND

In Honor of:

Our daughters, Rachel Baker and Zoe Long, graduating from the IMWise Program
David Baker and Irene Levy Baker
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Bar Mitzvah of our son, Aaron Blower
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Special birthday of Stewart Eisenberg
Stewart and Sally Eisenberg

Special birthday of Janet Falon
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My special birthday
Elizabeth Grenald

Special birthday of Robert Schiowitz
Robert Schiowitz and Ronit Sugar

In Memory of:

Gideon Holin
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Evelyn Hyman
Carol Wit

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor of:

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In Memory of:

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Join us on **May 14 at 7:30 p.m.** as the Social Action Committee hosts an informational meeting for those interested in participating in this program. Coordinators from **Inter-Faith Housing Alliance** will lead the orientation and training, answering all questions and concerns about volunteer opportunities.

If you cannot make this training but would like to volunteer in June, please call Laurie Langman (610-608-4293) or Jody Long (215-512-3636).

Overview of June opportunities:

Transport family from Hope Gardens Day Center to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church: One or more families may require transportation, so it's ideal to have a volunteer who is delivering a meal to pick up the family members at the Day Center, 31 S. Spring Garden Street in Ambler at 5:45 p.m. and drive them to the Church, a 10 minutes' drive.

Dinner volunteer: Prepare a dinner meal for ten people and arrive at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church by 5:45 p.m. Volunteers join the family for a 6:15 p.m. meal. The evening responsibility ends when the Overnight Volunteers arrive around 7:30 p.m.

Overnight Volunteer: Arrive at the Church at 7:30 p.m. and be available in case the families need anything. Volunteer(s) sleep at the HOST site in a private room on cots/air mattresses and are responsible to bring their own bedding and an alarm clock. Volunteers lock up and remain at the church until the family departs for the Day Center at approximately 7:00 a.m.

Transport family from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church to Hope Gardens Day Center: One or more families may require transportation, so it's ideal to have a volunteer who has spent the night to support this need if possible. ■



“Beep, Beep!”

The Early Learning Center
is now enrolling for summer
camp and fall sessions.

Limited space is available.

For more information, please contact
Sheri Cutler at scutler@felskids.org or 215-635-4180.

KOL AMI MAY 2015 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. Religious School PTO Committee Meeting 11:00 a.m.	4 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	5 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	6 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. "Lida Stein and the Righteous Gentile" Presentation 6:15 p.m.	7 Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom 7:30 p.m.	8 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. "Fun-for-Kids" erev Shabbat "Mother's Day" Service with our Student Choir 6:00 p.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	9 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
					1 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. An Evening with Sababa! in honor of Merle and Stanton Salkin's 50th wedding anniversary and our "First-Friday" erev Shabbat Service with our Adult Choir 7:30 p.m.	2 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with ISH 7:30 p.m. Home of Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen

KOL AMI MAY 2015 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Mother's Day	11 Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff 7:00 p.m.	12 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	13 Early Learning Center Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	14 Social Action Committee and Inter-faith Housing Alliance Orientation and Training 7:30 p.m.	15 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 p.m. followed by a bring-your- down dinner and discussion	16 Bat Mitzvah of Noah Mass 10:00 a.m.
17 LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 10:00 a.m. - Awards and Barbeque Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 p.m. Artist Open House 2:00 p.m. (Bedford)	18 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	19 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Operations Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	20	21 Social Action Committee Mentorship Program 7:00 p.m.	22 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	23 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
24 Shavuot Yizkor Service 10:00 a.m. Shavuot - Confirmation Service 1:00 p.m.	25 Early Learning Center CLOSED	26 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Congregation Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m.	27 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	28	29 erev Shabbat Service with book reviewer Beverly Rosen 7:30 p.m.	30 Bat Mitzvah of Dori Spector 5:30 p.m.
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How Your Contributions Are Applied

Kol Ami Funds



Below is a list of the available Kol Ami funds:

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

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

ARTS AND CULTURE FUND

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

BAR/BAT MITZVAH AND CONFIRMATION FUND

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

"DISCOVER ISRAEL" FUND

Enables us to provide scholarships to enable children of our members to participate in approved peer-group trips to Israel.

FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND FUND

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



FAMILY EDUCATION FUND

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

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION FUND

Enables us to offer age-appropriate programs to our religious school students. A variety of educational initiatives will be sponsored, including, but not limited, to speaker programs, intolerance awareness, and travel to memorial museums/

sites—all with a focus on its current relevance.

LIBRARY FUND

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

ONEG SHABBAT FUND

Enables us to provide refreshments following *Shabbat* services.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Enables Rabbi Holin to perform *mitzvot* for those in need, in the name of the Congregation.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

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

SYNAGOGUE FUND

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

YOUTH FUND

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



MAY 2015

- **FRIDAY, MAY 1, at 7:30 p.m.**
Sababa! concert in honor of Merle and Stanton Salkin's 50th wedding anniversary plus "First-Friday" *erev Shabbat* Service with Adult Choir
- **SATURDAY, MAY 2, at 7:30 p.m.**
Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with ISH at the home of Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen
- **SUNDAY, MAY 3**
9:30 a.m. - Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting
11:00 a.m. - Religious School PTO Meeting
- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, at 6:15 p.m.**
The Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center presents "Lida Stein and the Righteous Gentile"
- **THURSDAY, MAY 7, at 7:30 p.m.**
Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom
- **FRIDAY, MAY 8, at 6:00 p.m.**
"Fun-for-Kids" *erev Shabbat* "Mother's Day" Service with Student Choir
- **MONDAY, MAY 11, at 7:00 p.m.**
Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff
- **THURSDAY, MAY 14, at 7:30 p.m.**
Social Action Committee and Inter-Faith Housing Alliance Orientation and Training Session
- **FRIDAY, MAY 15, at 6:30 p.m.**
Kabbalat Shabbat Service followed by a bring-your-own dinner and discussion
- **SATURDAY, MAY 16, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bar Mitzvah of Noah Mass
- **SUNDAY, MAY 17**
Last Day of Religious School and
10:00 a.m. - Awards Ceremony and Barbeque
2:00 p.m. - Open House of Artist Gillian Bedford
- **TUESDAY, MAY 19, at 7:30 p.m.**
Operations Committee Meeting
- **THURSDAY, MAY 21, at 7:00 p.m.**
Social Action Committee Mentorship Program

MAY 2015 (CONTINUED)

- **SUNDAY, MAY 24**
10:00 a.m. - *Shavuot Yizkor* Service
1:00 p.m. - *Shavuot* - Confirmation Service
- **TUESDAY, MAY 26, at 7:00 p.m.**
Congregation Annual Meeting
- **FRIDAY, MAY 29, at 7:30 p.m.**
erev Shabbat Services followed by book reviewer Beverly Rosen
- **SATURDAY, MAY 30, at 5:30 p.m.**
Bat Mitzvah of Dori Spector

JUNE 2015

- **TUESDAY, JUNE 2, at 7:30 p.m.**
Religious School Committee Meeting
- **SATURDAY, JUNE 6, at 5:30 p.m.**
Bat Mitzvah of Lily Miles
- **MONDAY, JUNE 8, at 7:00 p.m.**
Social Action Committee Meeting
- **FRIDAY, JUNE 12, at 6:30 p.m.**
"Blessing of our 2015 High School Graduates for Their Future Journeys through Life" *erev Shabbat* Service on the Meadow
- **TUESDAY, JUNE 16, at 6:00 p.m.**
Caring Congregants Committee Meeting
- **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, at 5:30 p.m.**
Kol Ha'Kavode honoring David Hyman and Farah Jimenez at the National Museum of Jewish American History ■