



WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, May 5

6:00 p.m. - "Fun-for-Kids" *erev Shabbat* Service appropriate for all ages! It's a happy half hour with lots of music, our Student Choir, and Grades K-1 participation

7:30 p.m. - "First-Friday" *erev Shabbat* Service with birthday and anniversary blessings under the *tallit*

SATURDAY, May 6, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, May 12, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service with book reviewer extraordinaire Beverly Rosen to speak about An Island Called Home: Returning to Jewish Cuba by Ruth Behar, with photos by Humberto Mayol (see page 9)

SATURDAY, May 13, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, May 19, at 8:00 p.m.

"Honoring-Our-Volunteers"
erev Shabbat Service preceded by a wine-and-cheese social at 7:00 p.m. (see page 9)

SATURDAY, May 20, at 10:00 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Anna Goldstone: the service will be in our chapel (see page 7)

FRIDAY, May 26, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, May 27, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue; Carol Nemeroff will give the *dvar Torah*

TUESDAY, May 30, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shavuot Service (see page 9)

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CONGREGATION KOL AMI IS LAUNCHING A SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE!



Kol Ami is partnering with *Hazon* to receive the *Hazon* Seal of Sustainability, which certifies that a Jewish organization has committed to meet a set of criteria marking it as a good-world citizen with regard to its food and environmental practices, treatment of animals, and impact on climate change.

We are proud of our Congregation's long-term commitment to sustainability; our participation in this initiative signifies that, along with two dozen other Jewish organizations, we are emerging as a national leader in the realm of Jewish sustainability.

Over the next seven months, we will promote sustainability efforts, starting with auditing our food and energy impact and then launching three related projects. Watch upcoming bulletins and the weekly ListServ for information about those projects and how you can get involved. To be part of this effort, contact Mark Kaplan at 215-906-6200 or csakolami@gmail.com.

We kicked off this exciting initiative at our *Shabbat* service on Saturday, April 22, at 10:00 a.m., the 47th anniversary of Earth Day. If you joined us, you learned more about Kol Ami's commitment to sustainability and being part of an international movement supporting environmental protection.

For more information about the seal, visit www.hazon.org/seal. ■

CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING AND COMMITTEES EXPO

Sunday, May 7, at 10:00 a.m.

Coffee and bagels will be served prior to the meeting.

WEDNESDAY, May 31, at 10:00 a.m.
Shavuot-Yizkor Service (see page 11)

FRIDAY, June 2

6:00 p.m. - "Fun-for-Kids" *erev Shabbat* Service appropriate for all ages! It's a happy half hour with lots of music.

7:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service with Talia August, who will talk about what inspired her to choose "American Sign Language in the Synagogue: Expanding Our Community" as her 10th-Grade Independent Study project in our Confirmation Academy. She will also sign one or two prayers during the service. In addition, we will celebrate our "First-Friday" birthday and anniversary blessings under the *tallit*.

SATURDAY, June 3, at 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, June 9, at 7:30 p.m.
erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, June 10, at 10:00 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Farren Levitt
(see page 7)

FRIDAY, June 16, at 7:30 p.m.
erev Shabbat Service with Abe Moss, who will talk about what inspired him to choose "Judaism and the Judiciary" as his 10th-Grade Independent Study project in our Confirmation Academy and in particular about the life and work of Justice Louis Brandeis and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg

SATURDAY, June 17, at 10:00 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Katie Lundeen
(see page 8)

FRIDAY, June 23 & June 30
erev Shabbat Services
on the Meadow

5:45 p.m. - Bring your own dinner and blankets or comfortable soccer-style (foldable) chairs

6:30 p.m. - Brief worship service beneath the trees and evening sky (chairs are provided for the service) ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Sustainability is defined as meeting the needs of the present by creating and maintaining systems that assure we can exist in productive harmony to support present and future generations. Kol Ami has a tremendous lineup of Spring into Summer activities, intertwining opportunities to learn, to enjoy social connections and strengthen our finances, and to build upon our current community and assure its strength and growth into the future.

SUNDAY, MAY 7, FROM 10:00 TO 11:50 A.M. - MEMBERS ANNUAL MEETING:

This meeting is your opportunity to join the healthy exchange of information, feedback, and ideas to keep us strong. At 10:00 a.m., the committee co-chairs will host an Activities Expo, welcoming you with enthusiasm (and coffee and bagels). During the formal meeting, we will review this year's highlights and the first phase of *Gesher l'Ahted*, Bridge to the Future.

The official business at the meeting includes:

- A review, discussion, and vote on the 2017-18 budget
- Introduction and vote on the new Board of Trustees members as well as the Executive Officers for 2017-2018

TUESDAY, MAY 9 - THE 2017 SPRING-SUMMER CSA SEASON BEGINS: The CSA operates from May through October and is comprised of members from the local community. Since launching in 2007, we gather each week to share recipes and catch up with friends and neighbors as we pick up fresh, locally grown, organic vegetables, fruit, eggs, cheese, and herbal medicines. **Last call for registration!**

HAZON SEAL OF SUSTAINABILITY: Kol Ami is taking the next step in our long-term commitment to sustainability, partnering with *Hazon* to receive the *Hazon* Seal of Sustainability. We'll take steps to meet a set of criteria, marking us as a good-world citizen with regard to food and environmental practices, treatment of animals, and impact on climate change. This Seal provides a roadmap to advance sustainability-related education, action, and advocacy in our Jewish community. Our participation in this initiative signifies that, along with two dozen other Jewish organizations, we are emerging as a national leader in the realm of Jewish sustainability. The process begins by auditing our food and energy impact and then launching three related projects that promote sustainability. To be part of this effort, contact Mark Kaplan at 215-906-6200.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3: CAMP KOOL AMI: A late afternoon and early evening to enjoy activities on the meadow and engage in meaningful conversations. Highlights include campfire stories by Neal Beatus, following potluck dinner and s'mores. We'll conclude this special *Shabbat* with a lovely and relevant *Hardalah*.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6: A RARE EVENING: Our second-annual evening at Cairnwood that strengthens our financial position. This is our major FUN(d)-raiser and critical to our viability. It is a wonderful event with delicious food and chocolates, wine tasting, games, music, and silent and live auctions. If

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

The Righteous in Our Midst, Then and Now

Arriving at their seats at our Congregation's Second *Seder* on April 11, people found literature about The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, and on each seat at every table was a different one-page bio of a non-Jewish rescuer during the Holocaust who sheltered, saved, or tried to save our people from death. These aged rescuers ("the Righteous") live in 20 countries, most of them in Eastern Europe, and they find it increasingly difficult to have enough food or afford the medicine they need. The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous provides funds every month to help them survive.

During the *Seder*, I said that people who are victims of violence – gun violence, domestic violence, bullying, racism, homophobia, sexism and anti-Semitism – always ask "Why did this happen?" and "Who stands with us?" We asked those questions over the weekend of February 25-26, when we learned that more than 100 headstones were desecrated at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Philadelphia.

On March 9, synagogues in our area received the following letter:

To our Jewish brothers and sisters in the Abington area and throughout the United States, we are writing to you to express our condemnation of the recent acts of intolerance and violence toward the Jewish community, both in Philadelphia and the nation. Like you, we were appalled at the desecration of sacred space at the Mount Carmel Cemetery on February 26th. We stand with you in denouncing these horrible acts and demanding justice for those involved.

As people of the book and children of faith, we recognize our common roots through our forefather Abraham. An act of violence toward the Jewish community is indeed an act of violence on all who call on the name of the Lord. An act of hatred or terror aimed at the Jewish community is an affront to all of us who seek the peace and equality God desires for God's children.

We commit ourselves to being your allies, and to being a strong and public voice that will neither acquiesce nor accept any act of hatred perpetrated against our brothers and sisters in faith. May the God of peace guard and guide you and our community in the coming days.

Shalom,

The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton, Pastor
The Rev. Ashley B. Rossi, Pastor
Carmel Presbyterian Church
100 Edge Hill Road
Glenside, Pennsylvania

I immediately wrote a letter of gratitude to Pastors Thornton and Rossi and invited them to join us at our Congregation's Second *Seder*. Pastor Rossi was able to do so, and I asked her in advance if she would say a few words about personal experiences or theological narratives that inspire her to perform good deeds, and this is what she said:

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TORAH & HAFTARAH

May 6 - *Acharei Mote-Kedoshim*
Leviticus 16:1-20:27
Amos 9:7-15

May 13 - *Emor*
Leviticus 21:1-24:23
Ezekiel 44:15-31

May 20 - *Behar-Bechukotai*
Leviticus 25:1-27:34
Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

May 27 - *BehMidbar*
Numbers 1:1-4:20
Hosea 2:1-22

June 3 - *Naso*
Numbers 4:21-7:8999
Judges 13:2-25

June 10 - *Beh'haalotecha*
Numbers 8:1-12:16
Zechariah 2:14-4:7

June 17 - *Sheblach*
Numbers 13:1-15:41
Joshua 2:1-24

June 24 - *Korach*
Numbers 16:1-18:32
Isaiah 66:12-24 ■

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving memory:

Lila Bierhoff
mother of Mark (Amy) Bierhoff
grandmother of Jennifer and Sydney

Rachel Louise Latterman
aunt of Shelley (David) Chamberlain

Selma Medvin
grandmother of Brett (Aimee) Kraemer
great-grandmother of Alexandra and Aria

Petronella Pace
mother of Vince (Jane)
grandmother of Greg, Sarah and Julia

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



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Interfaith Relationship Dialogue

Tuesday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m.

at the home of Joel Edelstein and Betsy McKinstry

Chairs: Joel Edelstein and Betsy McKinstry, 215-782-1704

Membership Committee

Wednesday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Chair: Robin Warsaw, 215-635-5839

Programming Committee

Thursday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Chair: Shelley Chamberlain, 215-635-1738

Religious School Committee

Monday, May 1 & June 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Chairs: Lisa Ney and Benny Shoham, 215-886-2029

Shomrei Adamah

(Environmental Stewardship)

Monday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Chair: Mark Kaplan, 215-635-2920
at home of Mark and Karin Kaplan

Social Action Committee

Monday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Chairs: Jody Long, 215-65-4751, and Rocky Weinstock, 215-782-3848

Spiritual Growth Group

Monday, May 22 & June 19 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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“Thank you so much to Rabbi Holin and to the entire congregation of Kol Ami for the invitation to be part of your *Seder* service this evening. This is my first *Seder*, and I am so honored and excited to represent Carmel Presbyterian Church and to be present for this celebration of freedom.

The idea to send a letter of encouragement to synagogues and Jewish community centers came to me on the morning of February 27th. I had signed up to be part of an interfaith initiative taking place at my seminary, Lutheran Theological, in Mount Airy. The title of the event was “Coming Together: Supporting, Organizing, and Pastoring to Our Members and One Another in This New Political Environment.” The day featured brilliant speakers from Jewish, Christian, and Islamic faith traditions. I had signed up thinking I could use some new Jewish and Muslim friends, and don’t we all need some support in this political atmosphere?

Little did the event planners know how timely this gathering would be. That Sunday morning, hundreds of graves would be vandalized at the Mt. Carmel Jewish Cemetery, sacred space being desecrated in an act of hatred and violence. It was clear how deeply impactful this violation was to the Jewish community, as we sat at tables mixed with rabbis, imams, and Christian leaders of all stripes.

An hour or two into the conference, one of my new rabbi friends received a phone call that his children’s school in Wynnewood had received a bomb threat. Had I been the one to receive such a phone call, I probably would have been on the floor, panicked, heartsick. What struck me was the relative ease with which he received this information. This man took the call and then calmly relayed the information to our table. This signaled to me that this was not his first experience with a death threat to his child – that acts of hatred and intolerance are simply a matter of course for his and their existence.

One of the theological giants of my denomination, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was a German Lutheran pastor during World War II. He was martyred at the Flossenbürg Concentration Camp on April 9, 1945, days before the Allies liberated it, for a failed plot on Hitler’s life. One of his admonitions to all people of faith was this: that “we are not to simply bandage the wounds of victims beneath the wheels of injustice; we are to drive a spoke into the wheel itself.”

I think in years past, I might have seen the news about the desecration of a Jewish cemetery and been saddened by it. I think I might have said a silent prayer or offered a word of support on Facebook. But these are different times. My good intentions, your silent prayer, our quiet support of one another, is no longer enough. In the current sociopolitical climate we find ourselves, it is more important than ever that people of faith reach out to each other across the aisle. We must support one another’s freedom to worship, we must honor each other’s faiths, we must loudly proclaim: “the God in me, sees the God in you.” Because one day it is the Perelman Jewish Day School; another day it is the Quebec Islamic Cultural Center; and this Sunday, Palm Sunday, it was St. George’s and St. Mark’s Coptic Churches in Egypt.

And so tonight, as we honor the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, and as we celebrate the freedom that God’s chosen people achieved several thousand years ago, I promise you that I will continue to be a voice for you and for every other child of God whose freedoms are threatened. We need each

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other, all of us, to be God's light and peace in the world. I thank you for the honor of being here, and my prayer is that this is but the beginning of our work together to share God's love and peace in a world thirsting for justice. May it be so."

I am reaching out to Pastor Rossi and Pastor Thornton, and, by the time you read these words, it is my fervent hope that we will have met and talked about how our congregations might connect. In the meantime, consider sending a check to the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (305 Seventh Avenue, Room 1900, New York, NY 10001-6096) or to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, where one check will be written in the amount of all checks and forwarded to the JFR.

Who stands with the rescuers? We do. Who stands with us? More people than we might imagine, including Pastor Thornton and Pastor Rossi, to whom we are immensely grateful.

Shalom u'vrachab

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

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you were present last year, you know what a delightful evening this is. If you missed last year, plan to be with us this year, and bring your friends. As you read the Bulletin, take note of our many upcoming events; each is special and planned with you in mind. We are a Congregation that, together, enjoys doing God's work in a vibrant and energized way, enjoying the unbreakable bonds we create and the blessings we are to each other.

This is YOUR Congregation, so mark your calendar now and join us! Enrich us with your presence!

Shelley Chamberlain, 215-635-1738
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YEDIDAY KOL AMI 2017

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

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send articles by the fifth of the previous month (e.g., by May 5 for the July/August issue) to **Janet Falon** at jfaloon@english.upenn.edu. Articles may be edited as needed. ■



Adult Learning Opportunities

Study at the Shul

RSVP to Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 unless otherwise noted. There is a \$50 fee for non-members to attend any of these courses.

Spirituality or Reverence: Kedushah Perspectives

Thursdays; May 4, 11, 18 & 25
from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Rabbi Howard Bogot



Spirituality, initially understood in the Book of Proverbs as moral conduct, transformed into the Mussar Movement in which the individual Jew strives to release the light of *Kedushah* that lives within the soul as infused, divine spirit.

Reverence is the humbling, respectful recognition of those key ingredients of Judaism that are lived as peak experiences that make life as a Jew worthy and fully human. Whereas awe may be interpreted as overwhelming sensitivity, reverence is a subjective response.

RSVP by May 1.

American Jewish Women and Political Activism

Mondays; June 5, 12, 19 & 26
from 10:30 a.m. to Noon

Instructor: Dr. Reena Sigman Friedman

The course will focus on various American Jewish women who have made important contributions to both American life and the American Jewish community in the area of political activism. We will study selections from the writings of these important personalities.

RSVP by May 30. ■

KOL AMI MEMBERS EXPLORE HOW TO "LIVE LIKE A HERO"



What does the word "freedom" mean to you? Is there such a thing as too much freedom? What makes a hero? These are just a few of the questions contemplated and discussed during the Kol Ami congregation's visit to the National Liberties Museum last month. On Sunday, March 19, over 30 members met in Old City Philadelphia and participated in a docent-led tour of the museum's "interactive exhibits, contemporary works of art, and stories of heroes from all walks of life." Most of the eight galleries featured glass art, symbolic of the fragility of freedom, and photographs of well- and lesser-known individuals who have resisted oppression and sacrificed for the freedom of others. One area had a wall of police and firefighters who perished in 9-11. Another had a display made of jellybeans in front of a wall of butterflies with flapping wings. With each of these, the guide would stop to encourage reflection, interpretation, and rich conversation.

Following the tour, the group met in a room and broke into mixed-generation groups to share their impressions of the tour and perspectives on liberty, the teaching of individual rights in schools, and individual experiences traveling the world. All of these (and more) are captured in the posters created by participants now showcased on the bulletin board located next to the Kol Ami chapel. Please stop by and take a look. ■



Bat Mitzvahs This Month & Next

BAT MITZVAH OF ANNA GOLDSTONE

SATURDAY, MAY 20, AT 10:00 A.M.
IN THE CHAPEL



Anna is in the seventh grade at Abington Junior High School. Her favorite subjects are math and social studies. She likes math because there are many ways to solve problems, and in social studies, she enjoys learning about history and people who came before us.

Her extracurricular activities include tennis, yoga, cooking, baking, crafts, and fashion. Her volunteer activities include time at ShareFood, the Jewish Relief Agency, and our synagogue's Stop Hunger program. Her *Mitzvah* Project was working with the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) to collect sheets and quilts for refugees.

"A particularly enjoyable Jewish experience for me is having *Shabbat* dinner with my family," Anna says. "It's a nice tradition to sit down together. I like cooking with my family and being around them. After dinner, we love to play board games."

"A personally insightful experience has been going to programs sponsored by the Jewish Relief Agency. I package and deliver food to people who are not as fortunate as me. They were so happy to receive it because they did not have enough money to buy food and were worried when they would have their next meal. I realize how fortunate I am to be in a safe place, and have food and my health."

"I chose to read from Leviticus, chapter 25, verses 35 through 46 from my *Torah* Portion. They are meaningful to me because my great-grandparents came to America as immigrants and had to rely on others for food and housing. The verses talk about how Jewish people must give *tzedakah* and that we should not take anything for granted. My great-grandparents, after being cared for, took care of cousins and helped them start their lives in this country and in Canada."

We congratulate Anna's parents, Richard and Jill, and her brother, Benny, who celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* at Kol Ami on October 11, 2014, and is a student in our Confirmation Academy.

BAT MITZVAH OF FARREN LEVITT

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, AT 10:00 A.M.



Her favorite subjects are English and science. She has a passion for writing and keeps multiple diaries/journals. Science is also a favorite because there is always more to learn. Her extracurricular activities include softball and spending time with friends. Her volunteer time is spent packaging food for people in need and making centerpieces for the Empty Bowl Fund.

"I love being Jewish," she says. "Everyone knows about the Christian holy days, such as Christmas and Easter, but not everyone knows about our holy days like *Yom Kippur* or *Sukkot*, and I think that more people should know about them and our traditions. I also love the diversity. We have posters in our Religious School hallway of people of different races, and they are all Jewish."

"One of the most powerful Jewish experiences that I have had was when I was in Hebrew school and the whole congregation stood up, turned to the flag, and sang *Hatikva*. It was a nice feeling to have when family and friends come together and celebrate being Jewish."

"Whenever I go to services or whenever I am in Hebrew School, I feel a deep connection to G-d, and it has been most evident this past year with all of my Hebrew studies that led to my *Bat Mitzvah*. Before this, my relationship with G-d was minimal, but now I feel closer than ever."

"Two of my favorite prayers are the *Yotzer* and the *V'ahavtah*. I like the *Yotzer* because it is the theme of creation, and we wouldn't be here if not for creation. I like the *V'ahavtah* because it's about the importance of passing down our teachings and values. The actual words are: 'You shall teach them to your children.' When I have children, I want to pass down the teachings so that they can pass it on too."

"I chose to chant from the Book of Numbers, chapter 9:18-23 and chapter 10:1-6 of my *Torah* Portion because they are about the Tabernacle (also called the Tent of Meeting) and the cloud that guided them. I heard about the Tabernacle before, and I thought that it would be fun to address it."

"When the Israelites were headed to the Promised Land, G-d's presence appeared in the shape of a cloud that

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hovered over the Tabernacle. When the cloud moved, they would follow it until they had to rest.”

We congratulate Farren’s parents, Adam and Lori, and her brother, Joshua.

BAT MITZVAH OF KATIE LUNDEEN

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, AT 10:00 A.M.



Katie is in the seventh grade at Upper Moreland Middle School. Her favorite subjects are social studies, literacy, and technotics. In social studies, she has been learning about the Renaissance and the art that was created at that time, while literacy and technotics allows for independent study.

She volunteers through Builders Club at her school and *mitzvah* activities at our Synagogue. For her *Mitzvah* Project, Katie held a clothing drive to benefit homeless people through Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission. She has personally given scarves and gloves to homeless people in Philadelphia

“I enjoy being Jewish because you feel that you are bigger than yourself. It is meaningful to have a powerful belief that upholds you, and Judaism stands for everything I believe in. Equality for all is a big belief of mine, as it should be for everyone. It is also very empowering to be part of a congregation and belong to something bigger than yourself: being Jewish means that you are part of a community, and Congregation Kol Ami is all about community. I am proud to be Jewish because it is much more than just reading another language; it is also our commitment to *tikun olam*, making the world a better place. There are a lot of problems that can be solved if everyone pitches in. Judaism promotes that.

“My favorite holy day is *Rosh Hashanah*, not because of the apples and honey, but knowing that the Jewish religion has survived another year: surviving anti-Semitism and the hatred waged against Jews around the world. Apples and honey are really good, but surviving and sticking together are even better.

“I chose to chant from chapter 15 of the Book of Numbers, verses 30 through 41, because they really stood out for me as I read them. Two of the verses say that if someone, a citizen or stranger, defies the word of G-d, he or she shall be cut off from the people. Maybe we don’t completely cut someone off if they defy rules, but we do need a period of time before trust can be restored.”

We congratulate Katie’s parents, Cindy and Christopher. ■

NEW MEMBERS: THE GOLDSTEINS



Kol Ami is pleased to say *shalom* to new members Rachel and Scott Goldstein and their young daughters, Zoe and Tessa.

Rachel, the daughter of members Bob and Susan Seltzer, is originally from Bucks County; and Scott is from Long Island. They previously lived in Hershey, PA, and have lived nearby in Rydal for the past five years.

The Goldsteins joined Kol Ami last month, noting that they were looking for a synagogue with a close-knit feel and that would provide opportunities for social action and community service. This makes perfect sense, given that Rachel and Scott are trained healthcare professionals dedicated to helping others.

Scott is an Emergency Medicine physician and the Director of the EMS division at Albert Einstein Medical Center. Rachel is a stay-at-home mom, a former Registered Nurse, currently pursuing her Master’s degree to be a Nurse Practitioner in Women’s Health. Rachel and Scott first met while they were doing their training at Temple University Hospital.

Their older daughter, Zoe, is four years old, and in the fall, she will be starting Hebrew school at Kol Ami as well as kindergarten at McKinley Elementary School. Zoe is a sweet, shy but funny girl who likes making her little sister Tessa laugh. Zoe also likes crafts, reading, and gymnastics. Younger daughter, Tessa, is one year old, feisty and snuggly, and likes doing anything her big sister is doing.

Rachel is an avid participant in yoga and Pilates, enjoys reading, and is interested in ceramics. Scott is passionate about painting, and his specialty is landscapes. We are so happy to welcome the Goldstein family to our Kol Ami community. ■

Kol Ami Events

MAY AND JUNE BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

erev Shabbat, Friday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat, Friday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m.



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

MEET CONGRESSMAN BRENDAN BOYLE, REPRESENTATIVE (D) 13TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

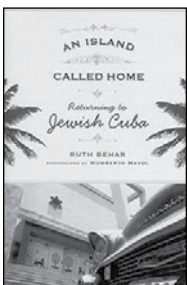
FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Monday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Synagogue
A 45-minute dialogue on “A View from the Hill”

Dialogue topics include: The United States-Israel relationship (is anything settled?); the healthcare crisis and concerns, and budget slashing and its implications.

BOOK REVIEWER EXTRAORDINAIRE BEVERLY ROSEN TO SPEAK AT KOL AMI

Friday, May 12, at our 7:30 p.m. *erev Shabbat* Service



Beverly Rosen will speak about An Island Called Home: Returning to Jewish Cuba by Ruth Behar, with photos by Humberto Mayol. Ruth Behar left Cuba as a child when Castro came to power. She has returned many times to the island, curious about the Jews who stayed behind. Who were they? Why had they stayed? What was life like for them in the 1920s, 30s, 40s, and today?

Behar answers these questions in her enlightening work, part memoir, part interviews, part history, as she tries to find answers to her questions. The photos of noted photographer Humberto Mayol, who accompanied her on her journey, bring life in Cuba alive.

This evening is sure to be extremely entertaining!

“HONORING-OUR-VOLUNTEERS” EREV SHABBAT

Friday, May 19, at 8:00 p.m.;

preceded by a wine-and-cheese social at 7:00 p.m.

“The Eternal One spoke to Moses saying, “Tell the people to bring Me gifts. You shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart is so moved” (Exodus 25:1-2).



We thank all of you who devote time to our Congregation and we invite you to collectively bless the *Shabbat* candles and lead us in the *Kiddush*.

You “gift” our Synagogue with your time, talent, and largesse. Your hearts are moved to do whatever you can to support and nurture our Congregation, and on this evening, we want to

acknowledge all of you who will allow us to honor you at this special service as our way of thanking you for the gift that you are to all of us.

EREV SHAVUOT SERVICE

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

Commemorating the gift of the Covenant at Sinai

The 1999 Statement of Principles of the Reform Movement reads: “We affirm that *Torah* is the foundation of Jewish life. We affirm the importance of studying Hebrew, the language of *Torah* and Jewish liturgy, so that we may draw closer to our people’s sacred texts. We are called by *Torah* to lifelong study in the home, in the synagogue, and in every place where Jews gather to learn and teach.”

What does it mean to be “chosen” and how do the words of the *Torah* provide us with insights and inspiration?

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Saturday, June 3, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on the Meadow

RAIN OR SHINE



Sing-along with Lia Hyman
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Arts and Crafts for All Ages
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Scavenger Hunt
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Camp Fire Stories with our own Neal Beatus
Havdalah Service



RSVP by May 22 to Elaine Stevens at
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SHAVUOT-YIZKOR SERVICE

Wednesday, May 31, 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* (Passover), 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.

FASTS IN MAY AND JUNE



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.

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.

Fast days to benefit **NATAL** will be on the first Wednesday of the month: **May 3** and **June 7**.

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.

Phast for Philadelphia fast days will be on the fourth Thursday of the month: **May 25** and **June 22**.

American Friends of NATAL

1120 Avenue of the Americas, Fourth Floor
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FUTURE EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES

JULY: Friday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m.
erev Shabbat Service honoring our High School Graduates

AUGUST: Friday, August 11, at 6:30 p.m.
erev Shabbat Service honoring our returning College Students ■

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- 2 quarter page ads in our newsletter
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- One quarter page ad in our newsletter
- 2 thank you posts on Facebook

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Social Action Opportunities

HIGH SCHOOL PARK WORKDAYS

Kol Ami, in partnership with the Friends of High School Park (FHSP), has committed to 20 volunteer hours that we need to complete by the end of 2017. Feel free to just show up or look for an e-mail from Elaine to sign up via SignUpGenius. All ages welcome.

Upcoming dates - Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to Noon: 5/7, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18, 7/2, 7/16, 7/30, 8/13, 8/27, 9/10, 9/24, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12

Long sleeves, pants, and boots are recommended. Gloves and tools are provided, or bring your own. Meet at the shed in the meadow area, at Montgomery Avenue and High School Road in Elkins Park. Be sure to tell Kevin that you are from Kol Ami.



FHSP is a non-profit, volunteer organization whose mission is to create, manage, and preserve a viable 11+ acre native ecosystem in High School Park for the enjoyment of the community, in cooperation with Cheltenham Township. We are dedicated to inspiring the community to connect with others and the natural environment through service and learning connected with the park.

FHSP has transformed this once-neglected site of the former high school into an award-winning place of natural beauty. Since 1995, we have dug in hundreds of native plants and ensured their survival by digging out invasive weeds.

A 10-Year Ecological Management Plan has been created to guide the organization as it continues to enhance this green space. Knowledgeable staff and volunteers of all ages are preserving it for the future.



VOLUNTEERS NEED FOR JUNE 18-22

For the past two years, the Social Action Committee has been partnering with the Inter-Faith Housing Alliance as a Buddy congregation to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Maple Glen. Inter-Faith Housing Alliance is a non-profit organization that has been providing housing and supportive services for homeless families in Montgomery County since 1982. St. Matthew's hosts up to three homeless families for one month, and we, as a Buddy congregation, donate our time and resources to provide transportation, dinner, and overnight volunteers for one week. Providing and sharing dinner with the families is a wonderful and meaningful family friendly *mitzvah*!

"The families at the shelter are part of our own community here in Montgomery County that, for whatever reason, have found themselves in the position of needing help with food and shelter. I believe the couple of hours it takes to help out makes an impact on their lives. It's not just providing a meal or a ride. I feel it's about providing support and acceptance for these families from within our own community. Since you spend a couple of hours with the families, it is a more personal experience than many other volunteer opportunities." —Ellen

"My kids and I didn't quite know what to expect when we volunteered to spend an evening with a group of families from the Interfaith Housing Alliance. The struggles of the families and the personal rewards we felt surpassed our expectations. My kids and I exchanged hugs and talked about how lucky we were to have roofs over our heads but that's somewhat cliché. One family in particular was so helpful and grateful that we came, not only with food, but with games and books for the families. When we heard they had found a home of their own, we were so happy to help give them items we could do without. None of us will forget our evening and feel like we did a little to make their lives better. It was a worthwhile experience and will stay with us for a very long time." —Gary

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"This rewarding experience is such an essential one for supporting homeless families in transition to self-sufficiency. Transporting families from Hope Gardens to St. Matthew's allowed for conversations with the families. Dinnertime was the setting for more engagement, playing games with the children, hearing stories on past family dinners when life was easier, and just being there as a friendly face with concern and compassion. What a humbling experience. I highly recommend getting involved." —*Shelley*

One of our most memorable residents has got to be Althea. This remarkable and indefatigable lady went through our program about seven years ago, and none of us has been the same since.

Althea and her teenaged son were living in a dangerous, drug-infested area where she worked a few part-time jobs, trying to keep a roof above their heads. She says it felt like a war zone; her son was often too afraid to go outside, but it was what they could afford. Unfortunately, when she lost her job, even that became impossible. Once she was accepted to Inter-Faith Housing Alliance, she put her bible and her son in the car and left everything else behind. She'll never forget that drive to Ambler. Her son nervously asked her if this journey was the right thing. Althea responded:

"This is not a journey—it's an adventure. A journey seems long and cold and hard, but an adventure feels like the yellow brick road." And now, she says, he still looks at life as an adventure—a fortitude that serves him well as a scholarship student at a great college.

And Althea? Well, she's still adventuring, these days with a powerful sidekick. "I always wanted to get closer to God," she said, "and living in eight of His houses really made me closer to Him...I had an awakening that you are never alone. There are always people ready to help. There is a God who watches over us, and whether you are Catholic or Jewish or Baptist, we are all really the same." Amen, Althea. Amen.

To learn more, Rocky Weinstock will be available Sunday morning, May 7, to address your questions, concerns, and to sign you up. Feel free to reach out to one of us to learn more. Contact Jody Long at jodyl321@comcast.net or Laurie Jubelirer Langman at laurierobin@verizon.net. Keep your eyes out for an upcoming e-mail from Elaine with the SignUpGenius to volunteer. There will be a meeting at the Synagogue on Thursday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. to go over all volunteer procedures. ■

EARLY LEARNING CENTER'S SEDER

Rabbi Holin joined the children on Friday, April 7, to celebrate Passover.



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KOL AMI **MAY 2017** AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	2 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Interfaith Relationship Dialogue 7:30 p.m. Home of Joel Edelstein and Betsy McKinstry	3 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	4 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m. "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m. Programming Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	5 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rabbi Holin 11:00 a.m. "Fun-for-Kids" <i>erev</i> <i>Shabbat Service</i> with Student Choir and Grades K-1 participation 6:00 p.m. "First-Friday" <i>erev</i> <i>Shabbat Service</i> 7:30 p.m.	6 <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah Dialogue</i> 10:00 a.m.
7 Congregation Annual Meeting and Committees Expo 10:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.	8 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. Congressman Brendan Boyle 7:00 p.m.	9 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. <i>B'Nai Mitzvah Class</i> 7:00 p.m.	10 Religious School PTO Cosi Dine-Around 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	11 "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m.	12 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with guest speaker Beverly Rosen 7:30 p.m.	13 <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah Dialogue</i> 10:00 a.m.
14 Religious School CLOSED	15	16 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	17 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. <i>Shomrei Adamah</i> (Environmental Stewardship) Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. at home of Mark and Karin Kaplan	18 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m. "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m.	19 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rabbi Holin 11:00 a.m. "Honoring-Our- Volunteers" <i>erev</i> <i>Shabbat Service</i> 8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. -- Wine-and- Cheese Social	20 <i>Bat Mitzvah</i> of Anna Goldstone 10:00 a.m. (Chapel)
21 Last Day of Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.	22 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. Spiritual Growth Group Meeting 7:00 p.m. LAMED Graduation 7:15 p.m.	23 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. <i>B'Nai Mitzvah Class</i> 7:00 p.m.	24	25 "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Rabbi Bogot 7:30 p.m.	26 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> 7:30 p.m.	27 <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah Dialogue</i> 10:00 a.m. Carol Nemeroff will give the <i>dvar Torah</i>
28	29 Early Learning Center CLOSED	30 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. <i>erev Shavuot Service</i> 7:30 p.m.	31 Early Learning Center CLOSED <i>Shavuot-Yizkor Service</i> 10:00 a.m.			

KOL AMI JUNE 2017 AT A GLANCE

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				1 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.	2 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rabbi Holin 11:00 a.m. "Fun-for-Kids" erev Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m. "First-Friday" erev Shabbat Service with Confirmand Talia August 7:30 p.m.	3 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Camp Kool Ami 4:00 p.m.
4 Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.	5 "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Reena Friedman 10:30 a.m. Social Action Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	6 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. "A Rare Evening" at Cairnwood 7:00 p.m.	7	8 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.	9 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	10 Bat Mitzvah of Farren Levitt 10:00 a.m.
11	12 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Reena Friedman 10:30 a.m. Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	13 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. FELS/Early Learning Center Program 5:30 p.m. B'Nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 p.m.	14	15	16 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with David Monblatt 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service with Confirmand Abe Moss 7:30 p.m.	17 Bat Mitzvah of Katie Lundeen 10:00 a.m.
18	19 "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Reena Friedman 10:30 a.m. Spiritual Growth Group Meeting 7:00 p.m.	20 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	21 Membership Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	22 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Center Graduation and Picnic 4:00 p.m.	23 erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	24
Social Action Committee Inter-faith Housing Alliance - June 18 through 22						
25	26 Early Learning Center First Day of Camp 8:00 a.m. Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Reena Friedman 10:30 a.m.	27 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	28	29 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.	30 erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	

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