



WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, November 5, 7:30 p.m.

First-Friday *erev Shabbat* Service with Birthday and Anniversary Blessings; our Adult Choir will add their voices and book reviewer Beverly Rosen will speak about author Mitchell James Kaplan's book, "By Fire, By Water" (see page 7)

SATURDAY, November 6

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

SUNDAY, November 7, 1:00 p.m.

Healing Service (see page 7)

FRIDAY, November 12

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

8:00 p.m. Interfaith *erev Shabbat* Service to rejoice in the presence and participation of our interfaith families in synagogue life

SATURDAY, November 13

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

5:30 p.m. - *Bat Mitzvah* of Sarah Boise (see page 11)

FRIDAY, November 19

6:00 p.m. - Kids@Kol Ami *erev Shabbat* Service for children ages 2 to 5 and their families; our Student Choir will add their voices

6:45 p.m. - Dinner

7:30 p.m. - New Member *Shabbat* where we formally welcome our new members and celebrate the *ruach* (spirit, energy) of Kol Ami!

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LIGHTING THE CANDLES AND SAYING THE BLESSINGS OVER THE HANUKKIAH

FIRST NIGHT OF HANUKKAH (WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1)

The *shamash*, or serving candle, is lit first and is used to light the other candles every evening. The *shamash* is noticeable because it is situated higher than, or in front of, the other candles. Each night of *Hanukkah*, the candles are placed in the *hanukkiyah* from right to left (the same way in which Hebrew is read) but are lit from left to right.

ON THE FIRST NIGHT ONLY, the *Sheb'heb'chiyanu* is recited or sung:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha'olam
Sheb'heb'chiyanu v'ki'y'nanu v'hig'yanu
l'az'mahn hazeh*

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
Who has given us life, sustained us, and brought us to this time.

ON EACH NIGHT, the following blessings are recited or sung:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו
להדליק נר של חנוכה

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha'olam
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzi'vanu l'hadlik neur
shel Hanukkah*

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
Who sanctifies us through *mitzvot* and commands us to kindle
the candles of *Hanukkah*.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha'olam
Sheb'asah neisim l'avo'taynu ba'yameem ha'hame
bahz'mahn hazeh*

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
Who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days,
as at this time. ■

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send articles by the 5th of the previous month (e.g., by November 5 for the December issue) to Debra Share, copy editor, at debra_share@merck.com. 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. Check your camera's user guide for instructions on setting image resolution. ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Shalom. For the past 9 to 10 months, the Jewish community of the Old York Road corridor, through their leadership and rabbinate, have been coming together in an effort to revitalize our community. We all know that our area has an incredible richness of Jewish institutions that make for vibrant Jewish life. We believe we need to work together to ensure that younger Jews continue to move to this area and that Jews who currently live here stay here. The seven congregations that make

up our corridor have already accomplished a number of goals we had set for ourselves, including:

- Securing financial contributions from all seven synagogues to invest in a revitalization effort
- Securing matching funds from Federation of Greater Philadelphia
- Crafting a request for proposal (RFP) and submitting it to 11 consulting groups specializing in community development
- Receiving eight proposals, from which we granted three in-person interviews
- Selecting one consulting group (The Avenue Project, with some additional help from Econsult) to work with us in our revitalization efforts

Moving forward, the steering committee is working with our consultants to create a timeline for enacting the following activities over the next six months:

- Engaging in a visioning process to identify goals for our work
- Reaching out to stakeholders, both in the Jewish community and in the community at large, who are invested in our efforts
- Researching and analyzing the our community's strengths and challenges as we seek to grow the Jewish population
- Creating a strategic implementation plan that will provide a blueprint in which our community both establishes priorities and creates structures to achieve our goals

The project is ambitious, the work will be challenging, but the rewards for Congregation Kol Ami, the larger Jewish community in the Old York Road corridor, and the community at large will be immeasurable. I look forward to reporting more information about this initiative as we move forward. In the meantime, I am proud to be a part of the leadership group that has helped our community come together to begin this process.

Ilene Schafer
215-663-0228, president@kolamielkinspark.org ■

FOR ALL KOL AMI MEMBER ADULTS:

Sunday, December 12, at 10:00 a.m.

A Hanukkah Present for Kol Ami & a Great Breakfast for All!

RSVP to kolamifaithinourfuture@gmail.com.

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

A few weeks ago, I read an article in *The New York Times* titled "Images of War, Finally Unpacked." It was so intriguing that I made it a point to visit the International Center of Photography on the Avenue of the Americas in New York City to see "The Mexican Suitcase" exhibition of photos taken during the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939). The photos, taken by Robert Capa, Gerda Taro, and David Seymour, had disappeared for 50 years!

The photographers were in the thick of it all: with soldiers in battle, mothers nursing babies, children playing in streets of rubble, priests saying Mass, and workers in fields. The photos appeared in American and European magazines during the war, depicting Nationalist and Republican leaders and their supporters, soldiers, and spies. The images also show people trapped in a war that altered their lives considerably, or ended them quickly from the sky or slowly on the ground.



CROWD OUTSIDE MORGUE AFTER AIR RAID, VALENCIA - MAY 1937, BY GERDA TARO

As 1939 drew to a close and the second World War was about to begin, Capa packed 3 boxes containing 4,500 negatives on rolled and cut film and gave them to a photographer friend, requesting that he send them to New York, where Capa was heading. Somehow the boxes ended up with the Mexican ambassador to the Vichy government in Paris and made their way to Mexico City with him. There they languished, and, in the meantime, Capa was killed by a land mine in Indochina in 1954, and Seymour by a sniper in Egypt two years later. Taro, the love of Capa's life, was killed in 1937 while filming a battle near Madrid. In 1999, Cornell Capa, Robert's brother and founder of the International Center of Photography, learned that the boxes of film were in Mexico, and they arrived in New York three years ago.

The exhibition is breathtaking. The photos are in black-and-white format, giving them a starkness that color photography often does not provide. Filmstrips of the negatives are arrayed under glass on the exhibit's walls, and selected photos are enlarged and framed with a brief description of the place and time they were taken

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SATURDAY, November 20, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue

FRIDAY, November 26, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service; Tov l'hodote

("Let us give thanks") on

Thanksgiving Weekend

SATURDAY, November 27, 10:00 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Owen Deitcher

(see page 11) ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

November 6 - *Toledote*

Genesis 25:19-28:9, I Samuel 20:18-42

November 13 - *Vayetze*

Genesis 28:10-32:3, Hosea 12:13-14:10

November 20 - *Vayishlach*

Genesis 32:4-36:43, Obadiah 1:1-21

November 27 - *Vayeshev*

Genesis 37:1-40:23, Amos 2:6-3:8 ■

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences in loving memory of:

Phronsie Fleck

mother of Paul (Amy) Fleck

grandmother of Erica and Matthew

George Friedman

uncle of Ellen (Jeff Cohen) Friedman

Miriam Hallpurn

aunt of Vera Frumin

Stuart Hample

brother of Barbara Levy

Hilda Sandler

sister of Albert (Phyllis) Shamberg

Gary Solomon

cousin of Guy (Karol) Appel

Lillian Strikowsky

mother of Meryle (Arthur) Gurmankin

May their memories forever be blessings among our People. ■

BULLETIN'S GOING GREEN

Good news! One of the many benefits of our brand-new Web site is our ability to present our monthly bulletin via a link on the Web site. This will not only save us money and time, but advance our desire to be as "green" as we can.

Starting with the January 2011 issue, we will discontinue the mass mailing of the bulletin and encourage all of our members to read the latest news on their computers. Visit our Web site at www.kolamielkinspark.org and, on the left side of the home page, click on the bulletin icon.

Some hard copies will still be generated for those members who do not avail themselves of the internet and for placement in our lobby and other key locales. If you still wish to receive a hard copy or have any questions, please contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110. ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations Committee

Tuesday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m.
Co-chairs: Guy Appel, 215-938-9330,
or Ben Long, 215-635-4751

Religious School Activities Working Group

Sunday, November 14, at 10:00 a.m.
Co-chairs: Kenny Moss, 215-277-5335,
and Heather Pelletier, 215-855-3216

Social Action Committee

Wednesday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m.
Chair: Ronit Sugar, 215-635-0390

Spiritual Growth Group

Monday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m.
Co-chairs: Natalie Dyen, 215-657-4124, and Janet Falon, 215-635-1698

Sustainability/Green Committee

Wednesday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m.
Chair: Mark Kaplan, 215-635-2920

Worship Enhancement Committee

Sunday, November 21, at 11:00 a.m.
Co-chairs: Jeff Cohen, 215-635-3232,
and David Hyman, 215-236-0872 ■

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



Modim Anachnu lach......we are taught by our tradition to be thankful. We are reminded to focus on and truly feel our appreciation of God so completely that our daily prayer gives us several opportunities to express our thanks. Here at Congregation Kol Ami, our very own Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz, has even composed a song to highlight this. So why do we then need the secular holiday of Thanksgiving to remember to be thankful? Perhaps it is because on a day-to-day basis we can be thankful for whatever is before us at

that moment: our health, our family, the beautiful weather. But maybe it is harder and less common to look back at what we were thankful for yesterday, last week, or last month. Perhaps Thanksgiving is a day to remind us to take time to reflect on all the blessings, the moments, and the gifts that we have been lucky enough to experience over time. This just might, in the long run, make our shorter daily list grow as we begin to see how much we are given.

I am thankful that over the past couple of months, the halls at Kol Ami have been full of joy. I greatly appreciate the extra time and effort that all of you have made to come to events like Color War Family Style and Religious School *Shabbat*. I value the hard work of our volunteers as they have sat, week after week, selling bingo and craft fair tickets, scrip, and baked goods. I love that every Wednesday night the entire Confirmation Academy community, teachers and all, come together to share a meal while reflecting on what's new in their lives and what they have just been learning. And I recognize that each of these moments has come together to help build the community that I love. In short, I am taking this moment to remember all the little and big reasons I have to be thankful that I am a part of the Kol Ami Community.

I wish for you a similar (and much more extensive) list as you reflect on all that you have to be thankful for this Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving,
Rabbi Selilah Kalev ■

CALLING ALL KATY & SENIOR YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS!

by Alison Savett, Youth Group Director

KATY (GRADES 9-12): KATY started off the New Year with a Shul-In at Kol Ami. We stayed overnight at the synagogue, played a midnight game of Capture the Flag, and watched some wonderful movies. We also played a few board games. On **Sunday, November 7**, we will spend the afternoon eating pizza, watching a movie, and picking names for Pollyanna gifts for our December *Hanukkah* party.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 6-8): The Senior Youth Group's first event of the New Year was a big hit. We had a Wii game day at Kol Ami, which included the games of Mario Kart and Wii Sports. The kids really had a blast and were quite happy with their decision to order PrimoHoagies. Everyone enjoyed the event and is looking forward to bowling on **Sunday, November 21, at 12:30 p.m.** This is going to be a great year for the SYG. ■

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY (continued from page 5)

and the context of the moment. Display cases contain telegrams from ambassadors to their representatives on one side of the conflict or the other, as well as telegrams sent from photographers to their editors suggesting what photos they think best to publish, and asking as well for coffee and chocolate. Magazine layouts provide information about how the war was presented to the reading public.

The fact that so many film negatives were seemingly lost to history makes me wonder how we decide what to keep and what to discard. What is legacy, and what is lost? In October 1991, one of my fraternity pledge brothers living in Oakland, California, lost his home to a fire that blazed through his neighborhood. Ken Nitzberg, his wife, and their two daughters survived, but the flames claimed all their photographs of the girls at different stages of their lives and of special family moments. Those pictures are forever lost. Ever since then, I have placed the negatives of our family's special photos in our safe deposit box.

I also asked my parents to tape record their recollections of growing up in Europe, their arrival in America, and how they built new lives for themselves here. I transcribed their words into a volume that is on my bookshelf and in the safe deposit box. Some things are too precious to lose. In addition to occasionally reading their words and being inspired by them, I also listen to the timbre and cadence of their voices on tape and am powerfully moved in the core of my being.

What suitcases are there still to unpack with photos to save, and words written on postcards and letters that tell stories that resonate today from distant places and times? You are their collector, transcriber and voice. You have the power to redeem and reaffirm. In doing so, you carry blessings from yesterday across the threshold of the present, preserving them for the future in the name of family and faith.

Shalom u'vrachab,

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■



SOCIAL ACTION WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Let's get our drive on! Please bring new or clean, gently used coats, jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, and sweaters to the synagogue. We will give them to the homeless who are living on the streets of Philadelphia. If you have any questions, please contact Ronit Sugar at ronitsugar@gmail.com. ■

WE'LL GET YOU THERE!

Is transportation keeping you home-bound? Would you like to attend services, a special event, or a committee meeting at Kol Ami, but don't have a means of getting there?

The Worship Enhancement Committee has developed a system for connecting riders with potential drivers. Just e-mail or call Elaine Stevens at execdir@kolami.info or 215-635-3110 no later than the Thursday before the event you'd like to attend. Provide your name and phone number or e-mail address and the desired event's date and time. She'll send an "in-search-of" e-mail to Kol Ami congregants regarding your need and hopefully a congregant who plans to attend that event will call or e-mail you directly.

We'd love to see you at the wonderful programs our synagogue has to offer and are happy to help you get there! ■

BE PART OF WITH EARTH AND EACH OTHER: A VIRTUAL RALLY FOR A BETTER MIDDLE EAST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 2010
JOIN US WORLDWIDE

JOIN MANDY PATINKIN, PETE SEEGER, IAN ANDERSON OF JETHRO TULL,
TUCK & PATTI, DAN BERN, MOSH BEN-ARI,
AND VIEWERS OF ALL AGES, CULTURES, RACES, RELIGIONS,
AND NATIONALITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
FOR THIS GROUND-BREAKING INTERNET-BASED RALLY
CELEBRATING POSITIVE EFFORTS FOR COOPERATION THE MIDDLE EAST.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010 AT

ADDRESS: Cong. Kol Ami, 8201 High School Rd, Elkins Park, PA

STARTING TIME: Rally broadcast 1 PM, Pre-show Noon

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: (215) 635-3110

**Participation is free but pre-registration is
required by visiting www.withearhandeachother.org.**

"With Earth and Each Other" is a project of Friends of the Arava Institute. www.friendssofarava.org





Family Bingo Night

Come out and join us at Congregation Kol Ami

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010

5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Kid-Friendly Prizes • 50/50 Raffle! • "Themed" Raffle Items

Refreshments Available!

For more information, please call Janine Pratt

Phone: 215-663-5265

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Payment Check # _____ (Payable to Kol Ami)

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**4 pack – 14" cheese
pizza, 4 drinks, 4 cook-
ies, 10 bingo cards
.... \$20.00
(\$24.00 at the door)**

**Single pack – 2 pizza
slices, 1 drink, 1 cookie,
2 bingo cards \$5.00
(\$6.00 at the door)**

For pre-orders, please send form and check ASAP to:

8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027

Open to the community

Kol Ami Events

"WOODY ALLEN TO BEN STILLER: INTERFAITH RELATIONSHIPS PORTRAYED IN FILM"

Free movie night at the Hiway Theatre, Jenkintown
Thursday, November 4, at 7:00 p.m.



This evening will feature a wine-and-cheese reception, followed by a film montage of specially edited clips from dramas and comedies portraying scenes with interfaith couples. Local screenwriter and film professor David J. Greenberg will moderate a panel of local rabbis and interfaith

couples who will discuss their reactions to the film.

The evening is presented under the auspices of Interfaithways: Interfaith Family Support Network under whose umbrella our congregation celebrates our annual Interfaith Family *Shabbat* service. **Your RSVP is needed at www.interfaithways.org.**

If anyone is interested in meeting for dinner in advance of the event, please contact Julie Cohen and Nigel Blower at Julie@JulieCohenCoaching.com.

BY FIRE, BY WATER

a review of Mitchell James Kaplan's debut novel by
book reviewer extraordinaire
Beverly Rosen on
Friday, November 5, at our
erev Shabbat service

This compelling work weaves together historic events impacting 15th-century Spain in general and the Jewish-converso population in particular, including the reign of King Fernando and Queen Ysabel, the New Inquisition, the defeat of Granada, the explorations of Christopher Columbus, and the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492.

Told through the eyes of Luis de Santangel, who was the Chancellor of Aragon and a third-generation converso, the novel explores the timeless themes of identity, assimilation, love, loss, betrayal, exile, redemption, and the search for a better world.



FIRST-FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for November Birthday
& Anniversary Blessings
Friday, November 5
at 7:30 p.m.

If you or someone in your family is celebrating a birthday or anniversary

in November, please join us for a special First-Friday *erev Shabbat* service.

Rabbi Holin will bless everyone with an November *simcha* under a *tallit* in front of the ark. Watch for your invitation for this special *Shabbat simcha*. Rabbi Holin will continue to send personal letters to everyone celebrating a significant birthday or anniversary ending with 0 or 5 (for example, 40, 45).

If you have a special 0 or 5 birthday or anniversary, you will be invited to participate in any Friday service in "your" month by blessing the candles or *challah*, or reciting the *Kiddush*, or at any Saturday service that month by carrying or blessing the *Torah*.

HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, November 7, at 1:00 p.m.

Our tradition offers meaningful and moving prayers for healing. Whenever we gather at a *Shabbat* service, we say the *Mi Shebeirach* ("May The Holy One Who blesses...") for loved ones as we pray for their strength and renewed health. This particularly focused healing service welcomes everyone who wishes to offer prayers for family and friends.

THIRD TUESDAY WITH RABBI HOLIN

November 16 at 8:30 a.m.

at the West Avenue Grille in Jenkintown

Join Rabbi Holin and other members of the congregation at this delightfully informal hour-long breakfast as we chat about current events in the Jewish and secular world, new movies or books, or transitions in our lives. Please call Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182 by November 14 to reserve your seat at the table.

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LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI HOLIN

"Mishnah and More"

Tuesday, November 16, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

BYOL plus 'Jewish Nutrition' at the Synagogue

What wisdom did rabbis in the second century of the Common Era offer about life and afterlife, the search for wisdom, and the sanctity of relationships that might be insightful today? Join Rabbi Holin as we explore selections of *Mishnah – Pirkei Avot* ("Chapters of the Fathers/Ancestors") to discuss what prompted specific writings then, and how they speak to us now. Refreshments will be provided. Call Rabbi Holin (215-635-4182) by November 9 so that he can send you the material that will be discussed in advance of the session.

NEW MEMBER SHABBAT DINNER AND SERVICE

Friday, November 19

Dinner at 6:45 p.m. and Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

All congregants are invited to attend this family-friendly event, especially members who have joined Kol Ami since May 2010. It's a great chance to meet and greet old friends and make some new friends too. The evening will begin with a *Shabbat* dinner. If you can't make it to dinner, you are still warmly invited to attend the service. A dessert *oneg* will follow. For more information, contact Elaine Stevens, 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolami.info, or Laurie Langman, 215-654-9717 or laurierobin@verizon.net.

Those attending dinner, please send a check, payable to "Congregation Kol Ami," to Kol Ami, 8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027. Attach a note listing the names of adults (\$16 each) and children (under 8, \$10 each) who will be attending and specify if you'd like a vegetarian meal. Please RSVP no later than November 15.

KNIT 'N NOSH

Sunday, November 21, at 10:00 a.m.

Knit one, pearl one, anyone? All knitters, please feel free to join us for knitting, munchies (we bring our own), and chatter! If you crochet or do needlepoint, that's great too! Contact Pam Marquette at 215-906-7304 if you have any questions.

FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT

Rabbi Holin's **Fast for Darfur**—which supports rescue efforts in Darfur—and **Nothing But Nets** fast—which supports URJ's project to purchase, distribute, and educate about the proper use of insecticide-treated family bed nets to prevent the spread of malaria in Africa—will be on **Monday, November 8, and Friday, December 3**.

His **Phast for Philadelphia**—which is on behalf of unemployed workers in Philadelphia who are struggling to make ends meet by helping them pay their mortgages,

address health care needs, and pay electric bills—will be on **Wednesday, November 17, and Thursday, December 16**.

Join our rabbi in a fast—or virtual fast—no matter where you are by sending funds that you would have spent on food to help people in need:

Commission on Social Action

Union for Reform Judaism

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

Save Darfur Coalition

3246 Solutions Center, Lockbox #773246
Chicago, IL 60677

Unemployment Information Center

112 N. Broad Street, 11th Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19102

(make check payable to Unemployment Information Center with a memo note 'Philadelphia Unemployment Office') ■

COMMUNITY EVENT

ESTHER TUZMAN MEMORIAL HOLOCAUST TEACH-IN

Presented by Gratz College

Sunday, November 7, at 3:00 p.m.



Professor Nachama Tec, keynote speaker, is the author of "Defiance," which was adapted for the screen as a major motion picture starring Daniel Craig and Liev Schreiber. She has written several other books, including her own wartime memoir, "Dry Tears: The Story of a Lost Child-

hood," and published over 70 scholarly essays. Professor Tec received her PhD from Columbia University, where she served on the faculty. She is currently Professor Emerita of Sociology at the University of Connecticut. Her research and publications have concentrated on the intricate relationships between self-preservation, compassion, altruism, rescue, resistance, cooperation, and gender. She recently spoke on these topics at the 2010 United Nations Holocaust Commemoration.

- 2:30 p.m. Walk-in registration / exhibit tables
- 3:00 p.m. Keynote address
- 4:15 p.m. Six seminars
- 5:30 p.m. Survivor testimonies
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner break
- 7:00 p.m. Film/discussion on "Secret Lives: Hidden Children & Their Rescuers During WWII"

For more information, contact Mindy Blechman at 215-635-7300 x154 or mblechman@gratz.edu. ■

ARTIST OF THE MONTH



MARTA SANCHEZ a Chicana painter born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, is deeply inspired by traditional Mexican folk-art expressions. Marta Sanchez is recognized primarily for her ex-voto /retablos formatted paintings, an offspring of traditional Mexican prayer paintings. These soulful works on metal capture the deepest held wishes and dreams of her subjects, as if the artist were lighting a candle in prayer for her subject. Her works on paper are mostly linocuts and monotypes that also follow the social and cultural traditions of Mexican and Chicano art.

Marta has been working on a series of paintings of the San Antonio train yards near her childhood home. Through these paintings, she explored the role of trains in the Mexican migration through the Southern Pacific. Carpas, which are traveling circus and vaudeville troupes that performed throughout Mexico, are the inspiration for another series that has captivated Marta's creative energies recently. The family connection to this series is Marta's great-grandfather, who was a lion tamer in the golden age of the Carpas and died at a young age from a puncture wound received from a lion.

Her work is in the collections of The Philadelphia Museum of Art; The State Museum of Pennsylvania; The McNay Art Museum in San Antonio, Texas; The Fine Art Museum of St. Petersburg, Florida; and The National Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago. Marta's work is part of actor/director Cheech Marin's extensive private collection of Chicano Art entitled "Chicano Visions: American Painters on the Verge," which traveled throughout the United

States, touring from 2001 to 2006. Marta's public art commissions can be seen in the Philadelphia area at Simons Recreation Center and The Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Marta earned a BFA in painting from the University of Texas at Austin and an MFA in painting from Temple University's Tyler School of Art. She teaches at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Springside School. She is the cofounder for the grassroots organization *Cascarones Por La Vida*, which assists families affected by HIV/AIDS. Marta resides in Philadelphia with her husband, John, and son, Phillip Ignacio.

Marta's art will be on exhibit in the Kol Ami lobby from **November 1 - 29**. All of the artist's works are for sale and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the synagogue. If you are interested in purchasing a piece of art, the price list is available in the Administration Office. The gallery hours are Wednesday, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to Noon. If the religious school is closed on those days, the gallery is closed as well. ■

Congregation Kol Ami Supports



YES WE CAN Help Feed the Hungry

It is as easy as going food shopping. Every time you go to the supermarket, add one can of kosher or vegetarian food to your order. Then, drop it off in the marked canisters at Kol Ami. Fifty-two cans a year can make a difference!

You CAN donate:
Vegetables
Tuna
Soup
Fruit
Pasta
Spaghetti Sauce

Exploring Four Significant Torah Narratives through Midrash and Jewish Mysticism

Instructor: Rabbi Elliot Holin

Thursdays, November 4, 11 & 18
from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

We will discuss the text and context of four significant *Torah* narratives and study interpretations of them through the words of rabbinic commentary, *Midrash*, and mystical writings found in the *Zohar*.

- The binding of Isaac (Genesis 22)
- Jacob's dream of angels ascending and descending on a ladder (Genesis 28)
- Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3)
- "I am the Lord thy God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt" (Exodus 20)

This is a wonderful opportunity to delve into familiar texts in different ways as we peel away layers of literary interpretation and discuss what we find meaningful.

Please RSVP by November 1 to 215-635-3110. Free to members; non-member registration is \$50.

Martin Luther and the Quest for Certainty in an Uncertain World



Friday, December 17, at our *erev Shabbat Service*

Speaker: Dr. Vivian M. Rosenberg

Martin Luther, the father of the Protestant Reformation, was a deeply religious man, a loving father and husband, a leader of his people, and virulently anti-Semitic. This talk will highlight some of the rea-

sons and will explore ways in which Luther's life story might help us understand problems in our own turbulent times.

Dr. Vivian M. Rosenberg majored in Philosophy at Wellesley College and received her MA and PhD in the History of Ideas from Brandeis University. She taught History of Ideas at Drexel University for 35 years and was a recipient of the Lindback Award for Excellence in Teaching.

LOOK FOR MORE CLASSES IN 2011. Details for our 2011 Continuing Jewish Education classes and courses will be listed in a future Bulletin. If you have a topic of interest or know of an instructor with relevant courses, please let us know so that we can consider it for upcoming offerings. Contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org.



Reflections

Sunday, January 30, from 11:00 a.m.-Noon

Instructor: Dr. Herb Barrett

Participants will discuss and explore personal connections to Judaism. In what ways does Jewishness shape our life experiences, family relationships, goals, choices, and beliefs? What is a Jew? Who are we?

Dr. Barrett is a licensed psychologist and certified psychoanalyst. He was the psychologist for Harvard University's Education Development Center and was the educational director of MIT's Bridgeport Project. In Connecticut, he served as school psychologist for Weston Schools and senior psychologist at Hall-Brooke Psychiatric Hospital. He was also the founding education director of Temple Israel Religious School in Westport, Connecticut.

Free to members; non-member registration is \$50. ■

BAT MITZVAH OF SARAH BOISE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, AT 5:30 PM

Sarah is in the seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School and her favorite subject is math. Her *Mitzvah* Project was with Cradles for Crayons, where she sorted through clothes and put together a week's worth of outfits for children by placing them in age- and season-appropriate bags. She has come to realize that not all children enjoy the same blessings that she has.

"There are many things that I enjoy about being Jewish. One of them is getting together as a family during all of the holy days. This is great because it gives me a chance to be with my grandparents, aunt and uncle, and cousins.

One of my most powerful Jewish experiences was leading a *Shabbat* service in fifth grade. It gave me a sense of pride and accomplishment. I had great support from my family because my parents, brother, and grandparents were there.

I don't have a very strong relationship with G-d, but I do believe it is important to thank G-d for so many things that we have in our lives, and Jewish rituals allow me to do this. One ritual that I find especially meaningful is saying prayers before we eat, particularly during the holy days, because it is then in particular that we thank G-d for the many gifts He has given us.

My two favorite prayers are the *V'ahavtah* and the *Avote v'Imahote*. The *V'ahavtah* talks about the importance of passing down Jewish teachings and values so that generations to come can also learn about our religion. The *Avote v'Imahote* reminds us to remember our ancestors and to praise G-d, who created the earth and everything on it.

I chose to chant from Genesis 29:16-28 because it tells us how much Jacob loved Rachel and wanted to marry her. Her father, Laban, told Jacob that he had to work for seven years to do so, but Laban tricked him into marrying Rachel's older sister, Leah, instead. He told Jacob that the firstborn had the right to marry first, and that if Jacob worked seven more years, then he could marry Rachel. So Jacob fulfilled the additional seven years and happily married the woman he wanted.

The verses show how much Jacob loved Rachel and that he would do anything for her. He worked for Laban for 14 years to marry her! He didn't give up when Laban tricked him. He knew that he would do whatever it took to marry her."

We congratulate Sarah's parents, Barry and Allison, and her brother, Jake, who celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* at Kol Ami on June 21, 2008. ■

BAR MITZVAH OF OWEN DEITCHER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, AT 10:00 AM

Owen is in the seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School. His favorite subject is social studies because he loves learning about the world and its cultures. His extra-curricular activities include soccer, skiing, and snowboarding. He is co-captain of the Cheltenham Chargers soccer team and volunteers for the Cheltenham Soccer Intramurals program. He also volunteers time at the annual Arts-in-the-Park communal gathering.

For his *Mitzvah* Project, Owen volunteered at the Cheltenham Sports Festival where he ran the kids' section and organized a group of his friends to help volunteer. He also volunteered time for Soles4Souls by collecting 113 pairs of shoes to give to needy people all over the world.

"I am proud to be Jewish because I learn valuable lessons that help me at school and at home. I also have the opportunity to learn a unique language, songs, and blessings.

My relationship with God makes me follow the rituals of every major holy day, and I am influenced by His kindness to people and animals. On every major holy day, especially on Passover, I feel a connection to God, as if I'm with God's mind and I feel what He is saying.

My favorite prayers are the *Yotzer* and the *V'ahavtah*. The *Yotzer* is the prayer about creation in that every human being is created in God's image, and we should celebrate that gift and treat everyone with respect. The *V'ahavtah* prayer says that we should pass our beliefs, values, and traditions on to our children. I like this prayer because I love traditions in our family, and I also love our Jewish values. While we are different in some ways, there is something to which all of us can relate.

I chose to chant my verses from Genesis 37:5-11 and 19-26 because I found Joseph's dreams to be inspiring. My favorite ones were those of Pharaoh's cupbearer and the chief baker, where Joseph interpreted the cupbearer's dream to mean that he would be restored to his position, while the baker would be put to death. Other verses in my *Torah* portion talk about Joseph's dreams about himself and his family, how he received the coat of many colors from his father, and how his brothers were so jealous that they went almost out of their minds, as happens in my family sometimes. They were so angry at him that they sold him to a passing caravan, but all ended well for Joseph and for them."

We congratulate Owen's parents, Mark and Nancy, and his siblings Nathan—who celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* at Kol Ami on May 3, 2008—and Emmett. ■

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Kol Ami receives between 2 to 15 percent back from each order placed. The scrip program is available to **everyone** in the congregation.

Here's How It Works

- Obtain an order form from the Religious School Office or from Elaine Stevens.
- Select the retailers from whom you wish to order scrip cards.

- Fill out the scrip form and drop it off in the Religious School Office or with Elaine.
- The following week, pick up your scrip card in the Religious School Office or from Elaine.

Using scrip cards is simple, easy, and a great way to help Kol Ami.

Questions can be directed to Elaine Stevens (215-635-3110, execdir@kolamielkinspark.org) or Kenny Moss (215-277-5335, glatter.moss@comcast.net) and Heather Pelletier (215-855-3216, hfppt1@gmail.com), co-chairs of the Religious School Activities Working Group. ■



In good times and bad...

Caring Congregants Committee at Kol Ami

The Caring Congregant Committee reaches out to our members during times of celebration as well as commiseration. They make calls and send letters to members in hospitals. Upon the member's return home, they provide meals and make visits. This is all done in consultation with Rabbi Holin to ensure privacy. The Caring Congregant Committee also sends birthday wishes to our children and *mazal tovs* to members who are celebrating special events.

For more information about this kind-hearted Kol Ami committee, contact Co-chairs Mindy Levy at 215-885-3672 and Debra Share at 215-635-2183. ■

Kol Ami Golf and Tennis Outing a Success

by Eric Pelletier, Silent Auction Organizer Extraordinaire, and co-chairs Jeff Cohen and Ben Long

The rain and wind were no deterrent to the fun and friendship all attendees shared at the Annual Golf and Tennis Outing at the Talamore Country Club on Tuesday, October 5. A total of 29 golfers and 4 tennis players braved the elements to make the event a rousing success. Once dry and in the friendly confines of the cocktail reception, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and awards presentations provided a terrific send-off for all. A huge thank-you goes to all of our generous sponsors and contributors:

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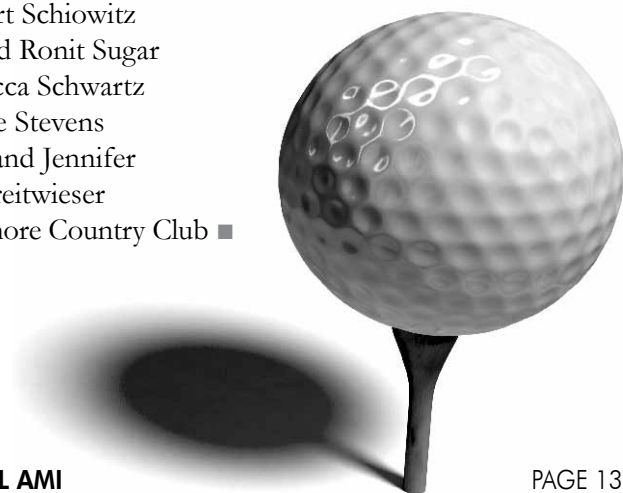
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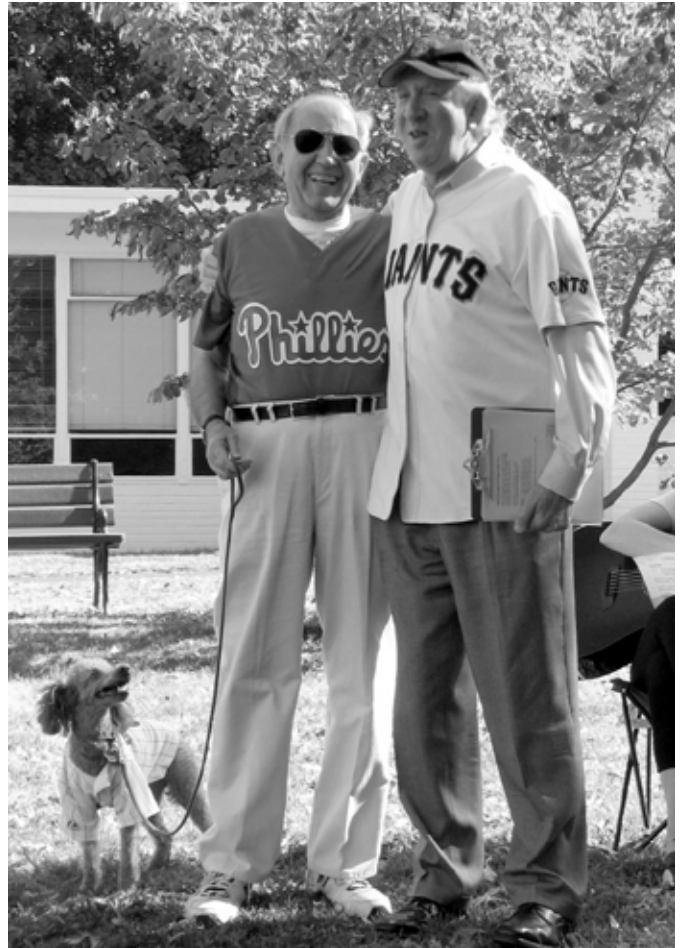
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For our four-legged friends

The Annual Blessing of Pets







Kol Ami College Connections for College Tours

If you are taking your son or daughter on college tours this year, consider connecting with “our kids” at the following campuses during the academic year to get a personal student-to-student perspective about college life, transitions, and challenges:

- AMERICAN UNIVERSITY** ... Marina Gonzalez (junior), Jonathan Holin (junior), Lindsey Newman (freshman)
- BARD COLLEGE** ... Sam Denitz (freshman)
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- TRINITY COLLEGE** ... Nick Auerbach (freshman), Eli Cassel (sophomore)
- TULANE UNIVERSITY** ... Molly Kaplan (junior)
- VERMONT, UNIVERSITY OF** ... Sophie Cassel (senior), Hannah Denitz (senior), Elise Levin (sophomore) ■

KOL AMI NOVEMBER 2010 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga	2 No Nursery School Teacher In-Service Operations Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Programming Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sustainability/Green Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4 CSA Food Distribution 5:00 p.m. Continuing Adult Education w/Rabbi Holin "Exploring Four Significant Torah Narratives through Midrash and Jewish Mysticism" - 7:30 p.m.	5 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. First-Friday erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Participation; Guest Speaker Beverly Rosen to review "By Fire, By Water" by Mitchell James Kaplan	6 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Family Bingo Night 5:30-7:30 p.m.
7 Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. - Gr 3 Family Education Program 11:40 a.m. - Gr. K-7 Tfilah 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Religious School Staff Development 12:30 p.m. Healing Service 1:00 p.m. KATY Movie/Pizza Day 1:00 p.m.	8 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga Spiritual Growth Group 7:30 p.m.	9 Nursery School 9:00 a.m. - Fitness	10 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Programming Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	11 CSA Food Distribution 5:00 p.m. Continuing Adult Education w/Rabbi Holin "Exploring Four Significant Torah Narratives through Midrash and Jewish Mysticism" 7:30 p.m.	12 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. Interfaith erev Shabbat 7:00 p.m. - Wine-and-Cheese Social 8:00 p.m. - Service	13 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Boise 5:30 p.m.

KOL AMI NOVEMBER 2010 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday							Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
14 Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. - Gr 6-7 to the Jewish Relief Agency 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m. - IMWise students with Rabbi Holin Religious School Activities Working Group 10:00 a.m.		15 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga		16 Third Tuesday with Rabbi Holin 8:30 a.m. West Avenue Grille Jenkintown Nursery School 9:00 a.m. - Fitness Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Holin 12:30 p.m.		17 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Programming Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Social Action Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.		18 CSA Food Distribution 5:00 p.m. Continuing Adult Education w/Rabbi Holin "Exploring Four Significant Torah Narratives through Midrash and Jewish Mysticism" 7:30 p.m.		19 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. Kids@Kol Ami erev Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m. Student Choir Participation New Member erev Shabbat 6:45 p.m. - Dinner 7:30 p.m. - Service		20 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.		
21 Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. - Gr 4-5 to Abramson Center 10:00 a.m. - Gr K-2 Family Education Program 11:40 a.m. - Gr 3,6-7 T'filah 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Knit 'N Nosh 10:00 a.m. Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting 11:00 a.m. Senior Youth Group Bowling 12:30 p.m.		22 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga CSA Food Distribution 5:00 p.m.		23 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Fitness		24 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Programming NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Thanksgiving		25 NO NURSERY SCHOOL Thanksgiving		26 NO NURSERY SCHOOL Thanksgiving erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.		27 Bar Mitzvah of Owen Deitcher 10:00 a.m.		
28 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Thanksgiving		29 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga		30 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Fitness										



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What is your local passion when it comes to social action? Does the idea of getting the Kol Ami community behind your passion sound intriguing?

Part of Kol Ami's mission is *Tikun Olam*, and our Social Action Committee is looking to make a few matches between our member's local passions and our congregation's actions. If you believe that our members could help, and you are willing to help us help you and your cause, please send an e-mail by December 15 to Ronit Sugar (ronitsugar@gmail.com), our chairperson, with the following information:

1. **The name of your cause and its location and mission** (e.g., Cradles to Crayons, *Mitzvah* Food Pantry).

2. **How our congregant's could help** (e.g., collecting items, doing work at a food warehouse, etc.)
3. **Any minimum requirements involved for participation** (e.g., requires a monthly commitment, needs at least 20 people, etc.)
4. **Any limitations that may be placed on congregant involvement** (e.g., kids only, involves physical labor, a 30-minute drive, etc.)

We will collect the ideas and identify one to three projects that, with your help, we can take on over the course of this year. Help us make your passion our *mitzvah*. ■