



WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service to thank our interfaith families for being such an important part of our synagogue family on an evening of “First-Friday” blessings, uplifted by our Adult Choir, and the launch of our “Membership Drive: Strive for 225”

SATURDAY, Nov. 3, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue; Lou Barrett will share her thoughts about the *Torah* portion in honor of Herb and Lou’s 70th wedding anniversary

SUNDAY, Nov. 4, 1:00 p.m.

Healing Service (see page 10)

FRIDAY, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service and the voices of our Student Choir

SATURDAY, Nov. 10, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue; preceded by lox and bagel pre-service nosh at 9:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service and book review of Nathan Englander’s “What We Talk about When We Talk about Ann Frank” by Beverly Rosen (see page 12)

SATURDAY, Nov. 17, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

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The invitation card is framed with a decorative border of leaves and flowers. The text is centered and reads: "Congregation Kol Ami" followed by "קול עמי" in Hebrew. Below that is "Invites you to celebrate" and "Tikun Olam" in a large, stylized font. Underneath is "HONORING" and "Stewart and Sally Eisenberg". The date and location are listed as "Sunday, November 18, 2012 / 4 Kislev, 5773" and "At eleven o'clock in the morning", "8201 High School Road", "Elkins Park, PA". At the bottom, it says "Special Performance by Penn Shabbatones". On the left side, it says "RSVP BY November 1" and on the right side, "BRUNCH BY Infinity Caterers".

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FRIDAY, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, Nov. 24, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue

FRIDAY, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, Dec. 1

10:00 a.m. - *Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue*; Barry Steinbrecher will chant from the *Torah* on the 45th anniversary of his *Bar Mitzvah*

5:30 p.m. - Martini *Havdalah* and Spices (see page 12)

FRIDAY, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service to celebrate “new and new-ish members” on an evening of “First-Friday” blessings and the voices of our Adult Choir

SATURDAY, Dec. 8, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

November 3 - *Vayera*

Genesis 18:16-22:24, 2Kings 4:1-37

November 10 - *Chayah Sarah*

Genesis 23:1-25:12, 1Kings 1:1-31

November 17 - *Toledote*

Genesis 26:1-28:9, Malachi 1:1-2:7

November 24 - *Vayetzey*

Genesis 29:1-32:3, Hosea 12:13-14:10 ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meeting are held at the synagogue, unless otherwise noted.

Religious School Committee

Tuesday, November 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Sheryl Cohen, 215-885-2436, and Barbara Fink, 215-886-2297

Social Action Committee

Monday, November 12, at 7:15 p.m.

Chair: Ronit Sugar, 215-635-0390 ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

SHALOM CHAVER

Stuart Appel was the first non-family member I called after I accepted Kol Ami leadership's proposal that I accept the nomination for Synagogue Presidency. We had traveled parallel Jewish roads, and I knew he would provide support and wisdom. Our first President was a pivotal figure in Kol Ami's history. His death is a shocking and painful loss to family, friends, colleagues, and the Philadelphia Jewish community.

I met Stu and Ruth in July 1991 when we were selected to participate in the Wexner Heritage Program; Stu's work at Jewish Federation's Young Leadership Council merited his selection. The Wexner Program was a two-year, intensive Jewish learning experience that elevated our Jewish trajectory and bonded us in our commitment to Jewish life. Wexner provided us the opportunity to study with the world's greatest Jewish thinkers during classes and retreats in Center City, California, New Hampshire, and Jerusalem.

Stu was not the most knowledgeable among us, as many of our fellow students had stronger Jewish foundations. Yet Stu distinguished himself. His sincere desire to learn and explore his Jewish identity was powerful. There was no pretense about him. He was open to all points of view. As a result, he benefited greatly from the Wexner experience and emerged as the kind of educated, effective Jewish leader envisioned by Leslie Wexner and his Foundation.

In 1994, the Appel living room emerged as Kol Ami's first Board Room. Stu's high, ethical standards; engaging personality; and serious commitment to the Jewish people qualified him to serve as our founding leader. His service to the Jewish community continued as Stu later served as Board Chair of the Pearlman Jewish Day School and served on the board of the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation.

Stu's professional and community accomplishments were many and impressive. However, none of these compared to his dedication to family. He set the bar as a dedicated husband, father, brother, and son. Our hearts break for Ruth, Ben, Jessie, Sara, Susan, and Irv, whose loss is beyond description.

How do we find some meaning of this tragedy? Let us hold Stuart Appel's memory close and be inspired to live our lives with his integrity and commitment to family and community. I'll miss him. *Shalom chaver.*

David Hyman

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president@kolamielkinspark.org ■



On September 30, 2012, this article by Jodi Rudoren appeared in *The New York Times* titled "Proudly Bearing Elders' Scars, Their Skin Says 'Never Again.'"

JERUSALEM — When Eli Sagir showed her grandfather, Yosef Diamant, the new tattoo on her left forearm, he bent his head to kiss it.

Mr. Diamant had the same tattoo, the number 157622, permanently inked on his own arm by the Nazis at Auschwitz. Nearly 70 years later, Ms. Sagir got hers at a hip tattoo parlor downtown after a high school trip to Poland. The next week, her mother and brother also had the six digits inscribed onto their forearms. This month, her uncle followed suit.

"All my generation knows nothing about the Holocaust," said Ms. Sagir, 21, who has had the tattoo for four years. "You talk with people and they think it's like the Exodus from Egypt, ancient history. I decided to do it to remind my generation: I want to tell them my grandfather's story and the Holocaust story."

Mr. Diamant's descendants are among a handful of children and grandchildren of Auschwitz survivors here who have taken the step of memorializing the darkest days of history on their own bodies. With the number of survivors here dropping to about 200,000 from 400,000 a decade ago, institutions and individuals are grappling with how best to remember the Holocaust—so integral to Israel's founding and identity—after those who lived it are gone.

Rite-of-passage trips to the death camps, like the one Ms. Sagir took, are now standard for high school students. The Holocaust memorial Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and other museums are trying to make exhibits more accessible, using individual stories

and special effects. Arguments rage about whether that approach trivializes symbols long held as sacred and whether the primary message should be about the importance of a self-reliant Jewish state in preventing a future genocide or a more universal one about racism and tolerance.

"We are moving from lived memory to historical memory," noted Michael Berenbaum, a professor at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles who is among the foremost scholars of the memorialization of the Holocaust. "We're at that transition, and this is sort of a brazen, in-your-face way of bridging it."

"It's shocking when you see the number on a very young girl's hand," Ms. Sagir said. "It's very shocking. You have to ask, Why?"

Tattooing was introduced at Auschwitz in the autumn of 1941, according to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Encyclopedia of the Holocaust, and at the adjacent Birkenau the next March. They were the only camps to employ the practice, and it is unclear how many people were branded, briefly on the chest and more commonly on the left forearm.

Only those deemed fit for work were tattooed, so despite the degradation, the numbers were in some cases worn with pride, particularly lower ones, which indicated having survived several brutal winters in the camp. "Everyone will treat with respect the numbers from 30,000 to 80,000," Primo Levi wrote in his seminal memoir, *Survival in Auschwitz*, describing the tattoos as part of "the demolition of a man."

After the war, some Auschwitz survivors rushed to remove the tattoos

through surgery or hid them under long sleeves. But over the decades, others played their numbers in the lottery or used them as passwords.

Dana Doron, a 31-year-old doctor and daughter of a survivor, interviewed about 50 tattooed survivors for the new Israeli documentary, *Numbered*, which she directed with Uriel Sinai, a photojournalist; it will make its premiere in the United States next month at the Chicago International Film Festival.

"To me, it's a scar," said Ms. Doron, who grew interested in the numbering while drawing blood from a tattooed arm in an emergency room. "The fact that young people are choosing to get the tattoos is, in my eyes, a sign that we're still carrying the scar of the Holocaust."

"Numbered" follows Hanna Rabino-vitz, a middle-aged woman who puts her father's number on her ankle after his death. The film also tells the story of Ayal Gelles, a 28-year-old computer programmer, and his grandfather, Avraham Nachshon, 86, both of whom bear the number A-15510 on their arms.

"Like an inheritance or something," Mr. Gelles said of his tattoo. "It's provocative, I guess. Everyone is kind of appalled at first, kind of shocked by it."

Mr. Gelles said he had an epiphany seeing cows branded at a ranch in Argentina, leading him to get the tattoo and to adopt a vegan diet. He did not tell Mr. Nachshon of his plan.

"If I knew, I would have said to you not to do it," the grandfather told his grandson one recent evening.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send articles by the fifth of the previous month (for example, by November 5 for the December issue) to **Janet Falon** at jfalon@english.upenn.edu. Articles may be edited as needed. Photographs/images to be included should be at least 2x3" in size and 300 DPI resolution to ensure good reproduction. ■

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY (continued from page 3)

"I dream every night about it," Mr. Nachshon said as he told his Holocaust story, which includes several months at Birkenau, where his mother and sister were killed in the gas chambers. "Many times we're running away from the Germans. Sometimes the whole night I was running. Maybe this time they won't catch me."

Mr. Nachshon swims, does yoga, or runs on a treadmill each morning, returning home by 2:00 p.m. to feed the neighborhood cats and pass the hours in front of the TV. A couple of times a week, Mr. Gelles comes for supper at his Tel Aviv apartment, and they watch TV together.

"Every time I see it, it's a reminder to call him," Mr. Gelles said of the number. "I find it kind of hard to relate to people I don't know and places I haven't been to and this thing called the Holocaust. The thing I relate to more is my grandfather."

The Israeli who tattooed Livia Ravek's number, 4559, on her son, Oded Ravek, and grandson, Daniel Philosoph, did it free.

It was a Friday. Mr. Ravek, a 56-year-old glass artist who lives in Ottawa and was here visiting family when he was tattooed two years ago, brought Sabbath flowers to his mother. "She was really upset about it at first," he said. "When I explained the reasons for why I did it, we cried together. I said, 'You're always with me.'"

The 10 tattooed descendants interviewed for this article echoed one another's motivations: they wanted to be intimately, eternally bonded to their survivor-relative. And they wanted to live the mantra "Never forget" with something that would constantly provoke questions and conversation.

Ms. Sagir, a cashier at a minimarket in the heart of touristy Jerusalem, said she is asked about the number 10 times a day. There was one man who called her "pathetic," saying of her grandfather, "You're trying to be him and take his suffering." And there was a police officer who said, "God creates the forgetfulness so we can forget," Ms. Sagir recalled. "I told her, 'Because of people like you who want to forget this, we will have it again.'"

One recent Friday, Ms. Sagir accompanied her uncle, Doron Diamant, 40, a carpenter and father of four, to the tattoo parlor. He was the fifth descendant of Yosef Diamant—who died last year at 84—to be tattooed.

"This is the reason he sits here, this tattoo and what this number represents," Mr. Diamant said. "We got the country because of these people." <END>

I am particularly interested to learn through your responses if there is a generational divide, and to what degree responses are conditioned by whether one's relatives died in the Holocaust or survived it, or if one's family was not subjected to it. Please call me (215-635-4182) or send me an e-mail to share your thoughts.

Shalom u'vrachah,
Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Religious School is off to a fantastic start! I am seeing smiling faces, hearing laughter, and observing our talented faculty implement some outstanding lessons. I'd like to share with you some of the programmatic highlights of our first few weeks together:

On our first day of school (September 9), teachers and students spent some time getting to know one another with some very clever classroom ice-breakers. Many of our teachers jumped right into a review of Hebrew. Students had just about an hour in their classrooms before coming to the sanctuary for our opening program, *Who Wants to Be Abraham?*

Who Wants to Be Abraham? was a brand-new experiential educational program, executed by faculty, clergy, and myself. In the program, students were the audience to a "long-running" game show, *Who Wants to Be Abraham?*, in which scenes from the biblical story of Abraham were performed by staff in a television-game-show-like atmosphere. Various students were selected from the audience to be contestants on the show to play the role of Abraham, unscripted and unrehearsed. The program explored three major concepts from the story of Abraham: 1) breaking free from the culture of idolatry; 2) the covenant between God and Abraham; and 3) the idea that we must all take responsibility for one another. The program generated some real excitement for the school year.

Our kickoff to *Color War* was a total surprise this year. Students believed that they would be participating in a *Sukkot* service when they arrived at the sanctuary. Instead, it was revealed that this was the start of *Color War*, and we launched another brand new-program called, *I'm Gonna Get You Sukkah* (thank you Keenan Ivory Wayans).

In this program, students were divided into their new *Color War* teams (lime, purple, and orange) and participated in educational competitions all over the Kol Ami campus. Our youngest students competed in the *Eitrog* Hunt, where 48 miniature *etrogim* were hidden in our meadow and found for team points. They also participated in *Shake Your Lulav*, where teams had to take digital pictures of themselves shaking the *lulav* all over the school, completing a checklist of snapshots (i.e., a picture with Rabbi Holin, a picture with their team captain, etc.). Our older kids competed in a *Sukkah* Build, in which each team had to build a *sukkah* using what nature provided them. Each team received one pair of scissors, a roll of duct tape, and a ball of string to assist them. There was also an exciting *Sukkot* trivia competition at the end of the day.

On October 7, our new students were recognized in a beautiful Consecration service led by Rabbi Holin and Rebecca Schwartz. Students received certificates, miniature *Torah* scrolls, chocolates, and a significant discount to attend Camp Harlem. The entire school was in attendance for the ceremony and our new students were blessed in front of the Ark under a *tallit*.

There are many exciting programs on the horizon, including American Dreidel Warrior, Queen Esther's Banquet, and Revolt of the Maccabees. I'm looking forward to sharing these and other great educational experiences this year.

David Mondblatt

YEDIDAY KOL AMI

The newly created *Yediday* Kol Ami succeeds the Kol Ami Foundation and raises funds to support our Synagogue.

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

Bruce and Ellen Asam
David Baker and Irene Levy Baker
Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen
Barry and Allison Boise
Jeffrey Cohen and Ellen Friedman
Raymond and Elizabeth Grenald
David Hyman
William Hyman and Janine Pratt
Eric and Adena Johnston
David A. and Patricia Long
The Poppel Family
Robert Schiowitz and Ronit Sugar
The Sender Family
Michael Silverman and Robin Rifkin
Erik and Jennifer Streitwieser
Elaine Stevens
Bart Weiner and Nadine Liez-Weiner

It is not too late to join *Yediday* Kol Ami and be included in special programming.

For more information, please contact Elaine Stevens, executive director, at execdir@kolamielkinspark.org or 215-635-3110. ■



A BIG THANK-YOU goes out to **Kara Schilder** and **Maya and Lia Hyman** for doing a *mitzvah* for our community by babysitting our youngest members during morning High Holy Day services. We are grateful for your kindness! ■

All Things Related to Our Religious School & Youth Groups

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We'd like to congratulate **David Monblatt** for getting the religious school off to a great start! The Religious School Committee is excited about the creativity, innovation, and fun that we've already seen in this year's programming. We welcome the new and returning teachers and, of course, Color War.

What does the Religious School Committee do? Well, in consultation with Mr. Monblatt and Rabbi Holin, the Religious School Committee provides guidance on school policies and curriculum and promotes ongoing dialogue among parents, teachers, and our synagogue's leadership.

Please feel free to contact any one of the committee members with questions, concerns, or compliments. We are Sherry Cohen and Barb Fink (co-chairs), Rachel Fishbein, Laurie Langman, Eric Pelletier, Janine Pratt, and Robin Warsaw; and we look forward to seeing you! ■

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP EVENT

The next **Junior Youth Group** event will be the "Spicy" *Havdalah* Movie Night on **Saturday, November 17, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the home of Aaron Blower in Elkins Park. Fourth and fifth graders, let's get together as we say "good-bye" to *Shabbat* and "hello" to a new week. Pizza and salad will be followed with the special rituals that end *Shabbat*, including blessings, braided candles, spices and songs. And then it's time for a movie and popcorn! Watch for a flyer coming home from religious school. ■

HANUKKAH CANDLES



Make your holiday season a little "brighter." The Religious School PTO will be selling boxes of *Hanukkah* candles in mid-November. Each box contains 44 candles. The candles will be available for purchase in

Congregation Kol Ami's lobby (Sundays and Wednesdays), beginning November 11. Questions can be directed to: PTO co-chair Heather Pelletier (hfppt1@gmail.com) and/or Religious School Committee co-chair Sherry Cohen (shcohen361@verizon.net). ■

WE'RE TOTING! ARE YOU?



Help support the Congregation Kol Ami Religious School by going green with the purchase of a canvas bag. These blue-and-white bags are large, sturdy, and easily cleaned, and they hold a great deal. The tote

bags are available for \$18 in the lobby of Kol Ami or from the Executive Director each week. What a wonderful way to support our community and keep yourself organized, plus they are environmentally a sound investment. Contact Heather Pelletier (hfppt1@gmail.com) or Kenny Moss (kenny.moss2@comcast.net) of the Religious School PTO with questions. ■

GIVE THE GIFT OF KOL AMI SCRIP

It's not too early to start thinking about *Hanukkah* and the winter holidays and, at the same time, help raise money for Congregation Kol Ami. Scrip cards are an excellent way to purchase holiday gifts. Here are just a few of the various stores and services available to everyone:

Acme, Amazon.com, Avis, Banana Republic, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, Best Western, Cheesecake Factory, Claire's, Comfort Suites, Dick's Sporting Goods, GameStop, The Gap, Giant Foods, Home Depot, iTunes, Journeys, L.L. Bean, Lowe's, Marshall's, Old Navy, Panera, PetSmart, Regal Entertainment, Sears, T.J. Maxx, Talbots, Target, the Disney store, Toys "R" Us, Visa and many more!

There are over 600 additional retailers and services provided. Each retailer has various valued Scrip cards available and allocated a percentage (from 2 to 15 percent), which Kol Ami gets back from each order placed. Kol Ami's Scrip program is available for everyone in the congregation throughout the entire year. Forms are available in the Religious School Office or the Executive Office

Questions can be directed to Elaine Stevens (execdir@kolamielkinspark.org) or Religious School PTO co-chair Kenny Moss (glatter.moss@comcast.net). ■

Sponsored by Simon's Fund and Perelman Jewish Day School



Sunday, November 4, 2012

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Perelman Jewish Day School Gym

Mandell Campus

7605 Old York Road, Melrose Park

**Free heart screenings for youth
8 to 19 years of age.**

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is not an adult thing. It takes the lives of thousands of children every year. It is the #1 cause of death of student athletes. Fortunately, the conditions that lead to sudden cardiac arrest can be detected and treated. Simon's Fund, a local nonprofit organization, founded in memory of Simon Sudman, has provided free heart screenings to over 5,000 students in the Greater Philadelphia area. Almost fifty students have discovered a heart condition. They will be screening students in our area on November 4, 2012. Every student will receive an electrocardiogram (ECG) and physical exam. If necessary, a student will receive an Echocardiogram (Echo). The medical care will be provided by local cardiologists.

Each screening will take about 30 minutes. Appointments are required and can be made at www.simonsfund.org beginning on October 1.

For more information contact, Jill Deeves at jill@simonsfund.org or Kim Decker at kimberlyjdecker@yahoo.com.

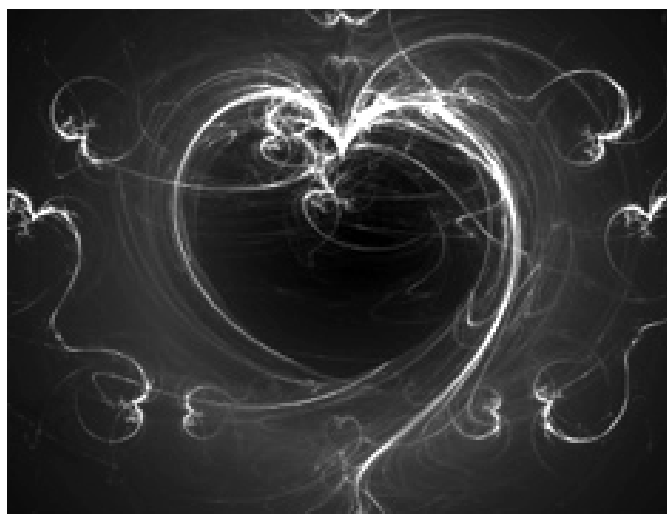


NOVEMBER CONTINUES A GREAT NEW YEAR FOR ADULT

Continuing Jewish Education

The “Derech Aretz” of Intimate Relationships: Ground Rules for Best Friends and Lovers

Instructor: Rabbi Patrice Heller
Monday, November 5, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.



If we want our intimate relationships to bring meaningful connection to our lives, the ground rules of “*derech aretz*” can help us.

We will explore how *derech aretz* offers a path that teaches the importance of small and large acts of kindness and respect, as well as the necessity of mindful and caring interaction. We will review some current research about emotional attunement, focusing on effective ways to enhance relationships as well as avoiding behaviors and attitudes that create negativity and distance.

This material will be interactively presented with plenty of time for questions and group discussion.

Please RSVP to the synagogue office at 215-635-3110.

Exploring the Worlds of Jewish Mysticism: Kabbalah for Tomorrow

Instructor: Dr. Simcha Raphael
Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
December 3, 10 & 17 (3 sessions)

In this course, we will investigate central ideas and themes of Kabbalah, the mystical tradition of Judaism. Through a combination of lecture, discussion, and reflection, we shall discover ways of making traditional Kabbalistic teachings relevant and applicable in our lives today.

Topics to be explored include:

1. Kabbalah Old and New: Introduction to Jewish Mystical Thinking
2. Kabbalah and the Nature of God: Immanent and Transcendent—Where Do We Find God?
3. Kabbalah and the Spiritual Life: Guidelines for Growing the Soul

Please RSVP to the synagogue office at 215-635-3110 by November 25. ■

Registration Instructions

To register for a workshop, contact Elaine Stevens, executive director, at execdir@kolamielkinspark.org or 215-635-3110 by the deadline shown.

Non-member course fees for classes taught by Rabbi Raphael are \$50 per course.

Course fees can be applied to membership for the current year or forthcoming year. ■

NEW MEMBER PROFILE



Kol Ami offers a hearty and warm welcome to brand new members **Cindy Joy Marselis, Christopher Lundeen**, and their 7-year-old daughter **Katie**, who have just joined the congregation at the end of August.

Cindy grew up in Huntingdon Valley, while Chris has “taken the scenic route” to arrive in our neck of the woods, as he was born in Iowa, grew up in Idaho, and has lived in Utah, Wyoming, Florida, Colorado, Washington (state), Georgia, and New Jersey. Coming from even further away is daughter Kathryn (Katie), as Cindy and Chris adopted her in infancy in Guatemala. Cindy notes that she and Chris have an interfaith

relationship, that they are raising Katie Jewish, and that Kol Ami is the right place for Katie to receive her Jewish education, especially as Cindy knows Rabbi Holin.

Cindy is professor and chair of the Health Information department at Temple University. Her area of academic specialty is large-scale clinical database and data-warehouse design. Chris is a web developer for Comcast.

Additionally, Cindy and Chris are urban farming enthusiasts, and they have 3 dogs, 11 cats, 4 sheep, and 6 chickens. They live in an historic farmhouse (circa 1730), which they are perpetually cleaning and renovating! Their dream is one day to buy a small farm in Bucks County for shelter farm animals.

They also are active in the Democratic Party, supporting social causes such as marriage equality, animal rights, and green sustainability.

In their down time, they especially enjoy hiking and Asbury Park beach, and (apropos of the beach location) Cindy is a big Bruce Springsteen fan while Chris is into music production.

Young Katie is already skilled at riding horses, is a precociously talented artist, and is now learning to play the guitar.

We are very happy to welcome Cindy, Chris, and Katie to our family! ■

Kol Ami Membership

Membership benefits are many and the friendship and support abundant. Everyone is welcome!

If you know of a friend, associate, or family member who may be interested in joining our intimate and dynamic community, contact Irene Levy Baker, the Kol Ami Membership chair, at spotlightpr@comcast.net or 215-782-2253. ■

Welcome New Members!

- **Latham, Amy, and Logan Pali**
- **Jack and Morgan Selkirk; Jack Jr.; and Harper, born August 21**
- **Daniel Varon and Ivonne Mosquera** ■

Kol Ami Events

FIRST-FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for November Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
Friday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m.



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

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

HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, November 4, at 1:00 p.m.
a service led by Rabbi Holin and Cantorial Soloist
Rebecca Schwartz

Our tradition offers moving and powerful prayers for healing as we gather to say the *Mi'Shebbeirach* (“May The Holy One Who blesses...”) prayer for a loved one in a hospital, recovering at home, or in hospice care, and for ourselves as well: healers who are in need of healing following the death of loved ones. **Future healing services are scheduled for February 10 and April 14.**



FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT

Rabbi Holin’s **Nothing But Nets** fast this month—which supports URJ’s project to purchase, distribute, and educate about the proper use of insecticide-treated family bed nets to prevent the spread of malaria in Africa—will be on **Wednesday, November 21** and **Tuesday, December 18**.

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 **Friday, November 9**, and **Thursday, December 6**.

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

Commission on Social Action

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

Unemployment Information Center

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

ISH-SPONSORED WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT

Saturday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m.
at the home of Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen



Join us for an evening of socializing, wine, and cheese, hosted by Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen. Please bring your favorite vintage and/or appetizers to share. This event is open to the entire congregation. RSVP to Sherry Cohen at shcohen361@verizon.net no later than Wednesday, November 7.

PRAYER-WRITING WORKSHOP: YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A RABBI OR A JEWISH SCHOLAR, OR EVEN BELIEVE IN GOD

Monday, November 12, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Taught by Janet Falon, writer/writing teacher and
co-chair of the Spiritual Growth Group

At heart, a prayer is a conversation between yourself and God, however you perceive of God or God energy. As a “regular” person, you are not only allowed to write prayers, but you’re encouraged to write them, especially those that articulate your own needs and desires, both large and small.

NO WRITING EXPERIENCE OR EXPERTISE IS NECESSARY.

At this hands-on writing workshop sponsored by the Spiritual Growth Group, you will learn more about how

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Come One, Come All!!
Congregation Kol Ami קול עמי

Family Game Night: Saturday, November 3, 2012
5:30 p.m. -- 7:30 p.m.



\$25.00 per family
1 large Pizza
4 Cookies
4 drinks (juice/soda)
(\$30.00 per family at the door)

\$7.00 per single
2 slices of Pizza
1 cookie
1 drink (juice/soda)
(\$8.00 per single at the door)

Your FUN FILLED EVENING also Includes:

Wii Play tickets available for purchase - \$1 per game

Various "Game Stations" for kids and adults of all ages & Arts 'n Crafts

Guess the number of candies in a jar

Tickets will be available for raffle

ALL Kol Ami members & friends are welcome to attend

Please respond by October 31, 2012

Please contact Heather Pelletier (215) 518-2912, hfppt1@gmail.com or Kenny Moss (412) 526-2999
kenny.moss2@comcast.net of the Religious School PTO with questions.

Family Game Night: Saturday, November 3, 2012

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Hm Phone/Cell Phone: _____

Family Packs _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

Single Packs _____ @ \$7.00 = \$ _____

Total Payment/ Check _____ (Checks Payable to Congregation Kol Ami)

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and why to write a prayer. You will do some writing exercises to help you clarify the values and issues that are sufficiently important for you to include in a prayer, and then you will write a prayer—or more! This is a wonderful way to create or enhance your relationship with God and to foster mindfulness and gratitude. Please sign up with Elaine Stevens or Janet Falon (jfalon@english.upenn.edu or 215-635-1698).

BOOK TALK



“What We Talk about When We Talk about Anne Frank,” a review of Nathan Englander’s new book by Beverly Rosen
Friday, November 16
at our *erev Shabbat* service

This evening book-reviewer extraordinaire Beverly Rosen will join us to talk about renowned author Nathan Englander’s newest work.

Fellow author Gary Shteyngart—from whose book “Super Sad True Love Stories” Rabbi Holin quoted in his *Rosh Hashanah* sermon—praises Englander’s book as “audacious, expertly crafted, and often unforgettably beautiful. The best work yet from a true American treasure.”

MARTINI ‘ADULTS-ONLY’ SERVICE AND SPICES

Saturday, December 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



We’ll supply the hors d’oeuvres and you supply the mixing devices, hard liquor, and mixers (and/or beer or wine). Causal attire is appropriate for this service.

5:30 p.m. - Martinis and Hors d’oeuvres
7:00 p.m. - Singing and *Hardalab* Service
7:30 p.m. - Continued Celebration

So that we can ensure enough hors d’oeuvres for everyone, please RSVP to Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org by November 27.

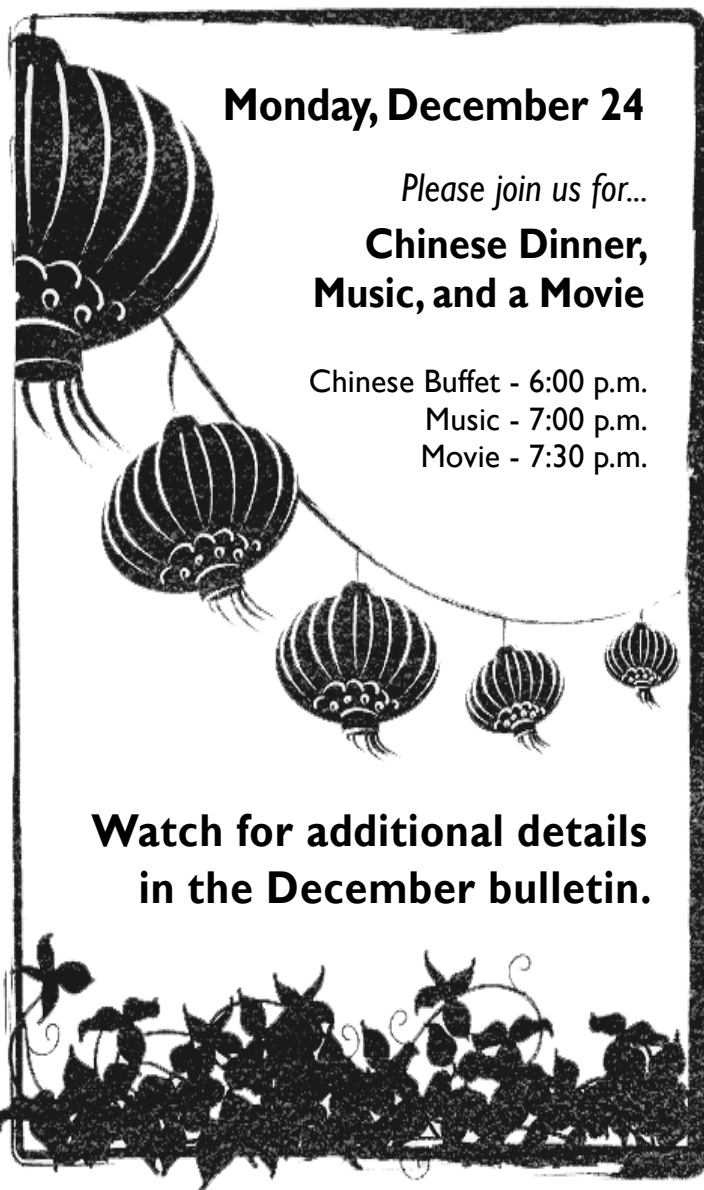
Monday, December 24

Please join us for...

Chinese Dinner, Music, and a Movie

Chinese Buffet - 6:00 p.m.
Music - 7:00 p.m.
Movie - 7:30 p.m.

Watch for additional details in the December bulletin.



SAVE THE DATE :
MINOR LEAGUE HOCKEY NIGHT
TRENTON TITANS VS. KALAMAZOO WINGS
Saturday , February 9, at 7:05 p.m.

Come on out with your family and friends to an exciting evening of Minor League Hockey in nearby Trenton, NJ. Jewish Heritage Night is the theme of the evening. All Congregation Kol Ami friends and families are welcome. We will be purchasing block tickets for our convenience. See the ad on the back page. More details and flyers will be available in December. It looks to be an exciting evening. ■



SAVE THE DATE

Kol Ami's Annual Social Event and Fundraiser
Saturday, January 12, from 7:00-11:00 PM

Committee Members Needed

Questions about the event? Please contact:
Sharon Myers (sharonmyers381@gmail.com)
Bill England (bilengland@yahoo.com)

ARTIST OF THE MONTH



TRINA BRAND's showing of her recent paintings, entitled "Energy in Art," continues at Congregation Kol Ami [through November 26.](#)

The paintings are abstract. She uses acrylic paint, and they are defined by spirited brushstrokes and vibrant color.

Trina's love of art began when she was a student at Overbrook High School, and she received a scholarship to the Philadelphia Colleges of the Arts (now The University of the Arts). She did graduate work at Uarts and Tyler School of Art.

After graduating, Trina was an art specialist with the Philadelphia School District, where she was received numerous grants from the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Mural Arts program.

Since retiring from teaching, Trina has painted and exhibited her work in the Philadelphia area. Trina is a member of the Main Line Art Center and has been selected to be in The Professional Artist group. She was chosen for the Artist Equity Select show in 2011 and recently received a first-place award in painting at the community art center in Wallingford, PA.

You can learn more about Trina at Trinabrand.com. ■

Social Action Opportunities

WRITING VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Philadelphia Youth Network (PYN) has a new and exciting volunteer opportunity for the busy professional who has a knack for writing. Partnering with the School District of Philadelphia on their new initiative, **PROJECT MASTERY**, PYN is seeking established writers and other professionals interested in using their skills to help the students of our city succeed.

During the year-long curriculum, students will be challenged in their English Language Arts classes with new material and educational approaches with the goal of keeping students engaged and giving them the tools to produce remarkable work.

For the first engagement, PYN is searching for volunteers with backgrounds in argumentation and informed-opinion writing, for the last assignment of Unit 1. Participants can sign up for any and all of the five units that they are qualified and interested in, which will occur throughout this academic year.

To apply to become a **PROJECT MASTERY** volunteer, go to http://www.pyninc.org/forms/gates_app.php and fill out the online form. If you have any questions before applying, contact Stephanie Strockis at ssrockis@pyninc.org or 267-502-3787. Please feel free to forward to this to anyone you think may be interested. ■

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

During the months of November, December, and January, please bring your CLEAN and gently used winter coats, jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, and other cold-weather clothing to Kol Ami.

These items will be collected and donated to the homeless and needy people in Philadelphia. ■



HEART TO HEART



Heart to Heart is a program at the Klein JCC that works with vulnerable Jewish families to increase self-sufficiency and improve quality of life over one year. Families that come to Heart to Heart may or may not qualify for public entitlements,

and may or may not be connected with other social service agencies. A common theme among Heart to Heart families is shame; families feel ashamed and embarrassed to ask for help and are often struggling in silence. Heart to Heart works to be sensitive and honor the family's pride, while empowering them to make changes to improve their situation.

The Hillman* is a family of four (sons ages 17 and 22), two of whom have had been diagnosed and treated for cancer over the last two years. The medical bills have been crippling for them and have added an additional burden. Mr. Hillman works full time as a car salesman, but earns commission only, out of which his health insurance is deducted, leaving him with low take-home pay. Despite her own illness, Mrs. Hillman recently completed a Certificate in Child Development in the summer of 2012 and recently began working full time in a child care position to support the family and work on decreasing their debt. Affording new clothing for her job has been difficult. While their financial situation is gradually improving, they struggle to meet their monthly expenses and can rarely purchase anything extra; necessities feel like luxuries when they are able to afford them.

Please purchase and donate an item from the wish list below. Items can be given to Ronit Sugar or Elaine Stevens:

- Gift card to grocery stores: Shop Rite, Giant, or Acme
- Gift card for clothing: Sears, Target, Walmart, or Burlington Coat Factory
- Gift card for gasoline: Sunoco, Exxon, etc.
- Gift card/voucher for four movie tickets for a family outing

**The name has been changed to protect the family's confidentiality. ■*



Hanukkah Food Drive

Please bring by December 2nd

Kosher and low-sodium are appreciated!



Bring any or all of the following:

- ☐ Latke mix
- ☐ Matzo ball soup mix
- ☐ Apple sauce
- ☐ Grape juice
- ☐ Chocolate gelt
- ☐ Candles
- ☐ Dreidels
- ☐ Cooking oil
- ☐ Bag of fresh potatoes
- ☐ Canned vegetables



The collection point is in the Religious School Hallway.

Food is donated to the Mitzvah Food Pantry.



NURSERY SCHOOL BUILDERS

In October, the Kol Ami Nursery School kids enjoyed a project of making their own *Sukkah* in celebration of *Sukkot*. And what a team they made!

Using a simple construction for the structure itself, the kids skillfully adorned it with a colorful paper chain and leaves taken from the grounds, all of which added just the right amount of decoration to make it perfect. Later, the children sang songs and listened to stories relating to the holiday.

Pictured here are the pre-school afternoon class.

If you would like more information about Kol Ami's Nursery School program, contact:

Sheri Cutler
Nursery School Director
Phone: 215-635-4180
E-mail: scutler@felskids.org

WE'LL GET YOU THERE!



Is transportation keeping you homebound? Would you like to attend services, an 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 contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org no later than the Thursday before the event that you'd like to attend. You'll need to provide your name and phone number or e-mail address and the desired event's date and time. Then Elaine will send an "in-search-of" e-mail to Kol Ami congregants regarding your need. 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! ■



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KOL AMI NOVEMBER 2012 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Trope Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Religious School PTO Meeting - 10:00 a.m. Healing Service 1:00 p.m.	5 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Patrice Heller 7:30 p.m.	6 NO NURSERY SCHOOL Teacher In-Service Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	7 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	8 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Howard Bogot 7:30 p.m.	9 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Student Choir participation	10 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. - Lox and bagel nosh ISH Wine & Cheese 7:30 p.m. Home of Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen
				1 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Howard Bogot 7:30 p.m.	2 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. Interfaith Relationship "First-Friday" erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. "Strive for 225" Kickoff Adult Choir participation	3 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Family Game Night 5:30 p.m.

KOL AMI NOVEMBER 2012 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 Trope Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:00 a.m. - K-1 Family Education Program 10:00 a.m. - Gr 5 Field Trip to Abramson Center 12:00 p.m. - Student choir rehearsal	12 Nursery School Music 9:30 a.m. Spiritual Growth Group Workshop with Janet Falon 7:00 p.m. Social Action Committee Meeting 7:15 p.m.	13 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m.	14 Nursery School Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	15 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Howard Bogot 7:30 p.m.	16 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker Beverly Rosen	17 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Junior Youth Group Havdalah Evening 5:30 p.m. Home of Aaron Blower
18 Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 12:00 a.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Tikun Olam Brunch Honoring Stewart and Sally Eisenberg 11:00 a.m.	19 Nursery School Yoga 9:30 a.m.	20 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m.	21 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Thanksgiving	22 NO NURSERY SCHOOL Thanksgiving	23 NO NURSERY SCHOOL Thanksgiving erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	24 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
25 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Thanksgiving	26 Nursery School Music 9:30 a.m.	27 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m.	28 Nursery School Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	29	30 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	

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8201 High School Road
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TO:



Jewish Heritage Night

*Pre-game
Music by
Ed Goldberg &
The Odessa
Klezmer Band*



*Kosher
concessions
available*



*Saturday
February 9, 2013
@ 7:05pm
vs.*



See the article on page 12 for more details.