

Kol Ami

CONGREGATION
VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY, November 1, at 10:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Evan Pelletier

SUNDAY, November 2, at 1:00 p.m.
Healing Service (see page 10)

FRIDAY, November 7, at 7:30 p.m.
“New-Member” *erev Shabbat* Service with “First-Friday” birthday and anniversary blessings and the voices of our Adult Choir!

SATURDAY, November 8, at 10:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Isabelle Beatus (see page 4)

FRIDAY, November 14, at 7:30 p.m.
erev Shabbat Service where Grade 4 students will join us in worship and share their thoughts about what they have been learning in our Religious School

SATURDAY, November 15, at 10:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Ila Charendoff (see page 4)

FRIDAY, November 21, at 7:30 p.m.
erev Shabbat Service where Beverly Rosen, book reviewer extraordinaire, will join us to talk about Henna House by Nomi Eve—this year’s One Book, One Jewish Community choice of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

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MALE-LED EREV SHABBAT SERVICE FEATURING CANTOR LEON SHER & THE KOL AMI ADULT CHOIR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, AT 7:30 P.M.



Please join us for our first *erev Shabbat* service led by the men of our Congregation and featuring artist-in-residence **Cantor Leon Sher**, composer/conductor/guitarist/pianist.

Contact Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz at rebeccasongs@verizon.net or 215-572-6094 no later than Wednesday, November 19, if you would like to participate in this wonderful service by leading us in English or Hebrew readings.

Fathers and sons are encouraged to participate together. Women are also welcome and encouraged to join us in the Congregation! ■

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE HIGH HOLY DAY PRAYER BOOK?



Rabbi Holin and the Worship Enhancement Committee are eager to hear your thoughts, in person or via e-mail, about the draft copies of the High Holy Day services that we celebrated over *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*.

We will have copies of each service available at “*Machzor* feedback meetings” on Sunday, November 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as well as Sunday, November 16, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

You are also welcome to share your thoughts by e-mail to WEC co-chairs Bill Shapiro (bpswds@verizon.net) and Mindy Levy (artb4words@verizon.net) as well as Rabbi Holin (sfkidpacific@msn.com). ■

WORSHIP SERVICES

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SATURDAY, November 22, at

10:00 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Kovnat

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FRIDAY, November 28, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, November 29, at

10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue;

followed by a potluck lunch ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

November 1 - *Lech-Lecha*

Genesis 12:1-17:27

Isaiah 40:27-41:16

November 8 - *Vayera*

Genesis 18:1-22:24

II Kings 4:1-37

November 15 - *Chayei Sarah*

Genesis 23:1-25:18

I Kings 1:1-31

November 22 - *Toledote*

Genesis 25:19-28:9

I Samuel 20:18-42

November 29 - *Vayetzei*

Genesis 28:10-32:3

Hosea 12:13-14:10 ■



CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving memory of:

Susan Smith

great-aunt of Lorie Slass (Bill England)

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

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

For this month's Bulletin article, I want to draw on my *Rosh Hashanah* address and reinforce a few key messages. In this Internet age, that's called re-purposing content but back in the day it was just called good communications. Either way, talking about engagement in Kol Ami is something I'll never tire of.

The sound of the *shofar* this year reminds us that the world has become a more hostile place for Jews, making the synagogue even more important to each of us. In his wonderful and provocative book *My Promised Land*, when Ari Shavit describes Israel, he could be describing Elkins Park when he says: "Today, this concentration of people is not only a necessity but the essence of Israel. For it seems we Jews need to crowd together... It is as if we cannot live by ourselves as individuals, as if we are afraid that on our own we'll vanish." In challenging times, we band together, build community, and provide strength for each other. Kol Ami is that place where we can understand our fears and not be paralyzed by them.

The sound of the *shofar* and Rabbi Holin's brilliant *Yom Kippur* sermon implore us to engage in supporting Israel. We've been challenged by the events in Israel, by the bombs launched at innocent people, by the tunnels and the kidnappings, and by Israel's defense whether you believe it went too far or not far enough. We have the courage to hear different points of view about Israel's choices while standing by her and not giving in to false equivalence. It also reminds us that we must not descend to the level of demonizing the Palestinians, as we are all *B'tzelem Elohim*. Rather, the Palestinians need our help, Israel's help, and their Arab brethren's help to find a more prosperous and peaceful way forward. By the time you read this, our group of 28 will have returned from a deeply meaningful trip to Israel, with stories and pictures to share.

The ancient sound of the *shofar* can prompt your social action, using your time and money as investments to support ways to make the world better, At Kol Ami, we've been active leaders in sustainable agriculture with our CSA and in working with others in our community to change Pennsylvania policy so no one goes hungry in our state. We support Creekside Co-op and all the local businesses that make our community vibrant. We engage together to do more than we could do on our own.

I'll reiterate my three *Sh'lach'chaynee* (send me) requests of you in terms of deepening your engagement in our great community:

First, please **get even more involved with Social Action and Learning at Kol Ami**. Join our Social Action Committee led by Shelley Chamberlain and Jody Long or join *Shomrei Adamah*, our Environmental Stewardship Committee, led by Mark Kaplan and lead your fellow members in repairing the world. Take advantage of our incredible Continuing Jewish Education for Adults offerings. Beginning November 9, join us in our new Sunday morning

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

I write these words just two days prior to our Congregation's Adult Trip to Israel, reminding myself that one does not have to travel far to be moved. On October 11, members of our synagogue as well as supporters of our CSA program that benefits farmers in the Lancaster Farm Fresh collective, traveled to Quarreyville, PA, where we were hosted at the home and farm of Aaron and Lavina Lapp. The farm families of LFF provide us with healthy and beautiful organic produce, and their 80 acres attest to it.

The fields are rich with Swiss chard, butterhead lettuce, purple sage, multi-colored peppers, and kale. They have chickens, cows, and horses. The Lapp family—parents and children alike—are humble, God-centered, and grateful for the blessings they have and those that they bestow.

What blessings we shared! Potluck lunch included Lapp homemade bread, butter, jam, and ice cream; delightful conversations around the table with their eight children, ranging in age from 3 to 16. The two girls and six boys were welcoming and engaging, and their smiles beamed with goodness. I don't know how they sustained the energy to be fully with us given that the boys awaken each day at 5 o'clock, milk the cows for two hours, walk to school, return home after school to again milk the cows or work in the fields, have dinner, do their homework, and are in bed by nine o'clock, only to follow the same regimen every day, with a brief respite from school on weekends. The girls help in the house, and I am sure that their tasks are significant as well.

After lunch, we gathered to talk about the holy day of *Sukkot* and our tradition's ties to the land, made all the more poignant by the fact that we stood on land nurtured by our host family of ten whose reverence for the soil and its gifts humbled us. We said blessings and sang "Love the Earth" as the *lulav* made its way to eager hands, Amish and Jewish alike. Afterwards, we toured their fields, put our hands in the soil, marveled at our surroundings, and were graciously given produce to bring home.

As we prepared to bid them farewell, they gave us another gift: their family sang the hymn "How Great Thou Art," their heartfelt expression of gratitude to The Holy One for the bounty of the land and the sustenance it provides.

In the Book of Psalms we read: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein" (24:1). The Lapp family is dignified, dedicated, and joyful, and being in their presence reminded us of the wisdom of those words.

Please join us next year at the time of *Sukkot* to rejoice in the presence of those who are God's caretakers of "the world and they that dwell therein."

Shalom u'vrachab,
Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Membership Committee

Monday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m.
Co-chairs: Robin Warsaw, 215-635-5839, and Julie Cohen, 215-635-4716

Operations Committee

Tuesday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m.
Co-chairs: Guy Appel, 215-938-9330, and Marshall Schafer, 215-663-0228

Religious School Committee

Tuesday, November 4, at 7:30 p.m.
Co-chairs: Barbara Fink, 215-886-2297, and Sheryl Cohen, 215-885-2436

Religious School PTO

Sunday, November 9, at 11:00 a.m.
Co-chairs: Heather Pelletier, 215-855-3216, and Deborah Poppel, 215-947-2252

Spiritual Growth Group

Monday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m.
Co-chairs: Janet Falon, 215-635-1698, and Meryle Gurmankin, 215-464-2466 ■

OFFERING SUPPORT IN WONDERFUL WAYS **CARING CONGREGANTS**

The Caring Congregants are here for you in times of need. Committee members deliver meals when you or someone in your family is ill. We can drive you to doctor's appointments and services. We can take you shopping. We provide companionship when you're unable to get out. Whatever you need; all you have to do is ask.

Please let us know if you need help or if you would like to join the committee by contacting one of our co-chairs: Linda George (lindageorge@gmail.com, 215-782-1413) or Elaine Gershenson (gershlaw1@comcast.net, 215-887-3994). ■

November *Bar/Bat Mitzvahs*

BAT MITZVAH OF ISABELLE BEATUS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, AT 10:00 A.M.



Izzy is in the seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School. Her favorite subjects are Math and Challenge. She likes Math because it challenges her, and Challenge is her advanced-reading skills class that gives students the opportunity to discuss different opinions about historic events.

She enjoys playing soccer and softball, reading, writing, and photography. At school, she participates in the writing club, book club, current events club, and debate club. She also enjoys playing piano and being with her friends. She likes being a mother's helper for her neighbor and loves the children with whom she plays.

Through school, Izzy volunteers time on Martin Luther King Day every year and does volunteer work for the National Junior Honor Society. Her joy in working with children led her to volunteer this past summer at her former preschool, Project PLAY School, and at Grace Presbyterian Church.

She says, "The things that I enjoy about being Jewish are the holy days and being able to have a *Bat Mitzvah*. It is also meaningful to me to attend worship services on *erev Shabbat* and *Shabbat* because I feel it is relaxing, and it's a time that I can hear some of the nice prayers and also the thoughts that people share. .

"My favorite prayers are the *V'avantah* and the *Avote v'Imahote*. The *V'avantah* reminds us about how important it is to love God, as well as our culture and traditions. The *Avote v'Imahote* remembers our ancestors, and the messages of these prayers are important because they remind us that while it is important to say the prayers, it is more important to apply their meaning—memory and love—to our lives.

"My *Torah* Portion is about the binding of Isaac, and I chose to read from Genesis, chapter 22, verses 1-12 because I think it is an interesting and moving story. The way that it applies to my life is that there are times that I have faced choices, and I didn't know at the time if the choices I made were right or wrong. Even though the command came from God, Abraham probably felt the same way when he was told to sacrifice Isaac."

We congratulate Izzy's parents, Neal and Ann, and her sister, Lily.

BAT MITZVAH OF ILA CHARENDOFF SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, AT 10:00 A.M.



Ila is the seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School. Her favorite subject is Science because she finds it both interesting and interactive, especially the lab work.

"I am proud to be Jewish because of the many holy days and songs," says Ila. "Ours is a religion with many

holy days that commemorate the history of our religion as well as certain events that define our past. When we sing blessings or songs, it seems that everyone knows them, or at least tries to know them. This shows that many people are invested in learning the songs of our religion and that we are very united.

"My favorite prayers are the *Yotzer* and the *Avote v'Imahote*. The *Yotzer*'s theme is creation, and the prayer tells us not to take it for granted. I apply this theme to my life because if I waste water or food, it makes me think about all the people in the world who are starving or suffering dehydration.

"The *Avote v'Imahote* remembers our ancestors and is a reminder to never forget them. I apply this theme to my life by recalling important people who influenced my life.

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to be Celebrated at Kol Ami

BAT MITZVAH OF ILA CHARENDOFF (CONTINUED)

“Jewish rituals that are important to me are lighting the *Shabbat* candles and tearing the *challah* because we do this every *Shabbat*, and I’m the one in my family who lights the candles.

“My favorite holy day is *Hanukkah* because it has the most interesting story. I like lighting the candles and spending time with my family and friends, playing games and spinning the dreidel. My favorite part of *Hanukkah* is the *hanukkiyah*. I light the candles every night and say prayers for that night.

“I chose to read from Genesis, chapter 24, verses 10-22 of my *Torah* Portion because this is about finding the perfect mate who had to be nice to him and his animals, and I love all animals.”

We congratulate Ila’s parents, Steve and Amy, and her siblings: Cecelia, Jonathan, and Olivia.

BAR MITZVAH OF ETHAN KOVNAT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, AT 10:00 A.M.



Ethan is in the seventh grade at Abington Junior High School. His favorite subjects are History and Writing: History because of the study of ancient cultures, and Writing because of the opportunity to be creative.

He plays percussion in the school band and is planning to try out for the school musical. Outside of school, he enjoys playing the piano and has recently taken an interest in cartooning.

His volunteer activities include Cradles to Crayons as well as time devoted to food-packaging facilities with his family. For his *Mitzvah* Project, he intends to spend time in retirement communities to help out the elderly and possibly perform for them.

Ethan explains, “One of my most memorable Jewish experiences is summer at Camp Harlam. I enjoy it because of the people, food, and overall environment. I have always loved the services on Friday night and Saturday morning. I especially enjoy *Shabbat* dinner of fried chicken and salty *matzah* ball soup, and Saturday’s breakfast of bagels and unhealthy cereal that my parents would never let me eat if they were there!

“One of my most powerful experiences also occurred at Camp Harlam. One day, we were split up by unit and given lectures about different aspects of Judaism. I accidentally attended the wrong lecture, but that may have been for the better. The lecture was about Hasidic Jews, and it was beyond fascinating. Honestly, I really cannot explain why it was so transforming, but it was certainly a very powerful experience.

“I was motivated to study for my *Bar Mitzvah* because it is something that I have always known I would do. Since a young age, it has always been part of me. It has always been expected of me, and I never doubted that I would achieve it.

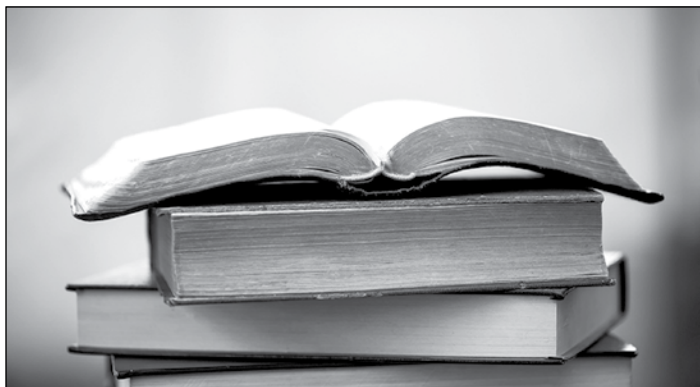
“While studying for my *Bar Mitzvah*, I found the philosophy and beliefs of Judaism to be very interesting and meaningful. I believe very strongly in the values of Judaism.

“My favorite prayers are the *Sh’ma* and the *V’ahavtah*. Their themes about the affirmation of the covenant and love for God are very meaningful. I think that both prayers are saying that we love God and will follow God’s rules, a major theme of the worship service. This is something that I feel I must always remember.

“I chose to chant from Genesis, chapter 27, verses 19-24 and 30-35 of my *Torah* Portion because they were the most meaningful to me. The verses are about honesty. If you are not honest, people will not trust you. The story in my *Torah* Portion involves Jacob’s lies to Isaac and Esau’s reaction, and they show us that nothing positive can come out of a lie.”

We congratulate Ethan’s parents, Paul and Ellen. ■

Continuing Jewish Education



"WORDS ARE LIKE ARROWS" (A YIDDISH PHRASE)

A Seminar: Exploring Jewish Short Stories with Lucille Barrett

Sunday, November 16, from 11:00 a.m. to Noon

The practice of remembering has its beginnings in earliest Judaism through reading and writing, and the enduring Jewish existence was forged. The ancients reaped sources from Biblical tales, the mystic *Zohar*, the *Agada* and *Kaballah*. They read and chanted stories in public settings that helped establish and perpetuate a distinct Jewish community.

Storytelling became not only a religious act of historic remembering ("Remember this day" Exodus 13:3), but a creative way to transmit faith, history, and culture.

In "Exploring Jewish Short Stories," we will study the transforming power of rich storytelling as it affects Jewish identity and continuity: themes of love, faith, social and psychic marginality, the longing for home, justice and mercy, as they shape Jewish contemporary writers.

Paradoxically, as modern Jewish writers seek to shed their victimhood and tragic history, they often recover what identifies, strengthens, and enlarges them.

Beginning on Sunday, November 16, we'll discuss short stories writers from Europe, Israel, and America: Franz Kafka, Babel, Philip Roth, Cynthia Ozick, and Amos Oz.

Torah Teachings and End-of-Life Wisdom

Instructor: Simcha Raphael

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

November 17; December 1, 8 & 15 (4 Sessions)



This course explores Biblical narratives on the themes of living and dying as well as encounters with death and the world beyond. We will learn from our Biblical ancestors—in particular Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and others—how to find spiritual equanimity in life given the inevitable finite nature of human existence. Through study of both *Torah* and *Midrash*, as well as discussion and personal reflection, we will discover wisdom relevant for dealing with end-of-life issues and concerns in our lives today.

1. Jacob's Deathbed Finale - Family Dynamics: Family Drama, Trauma, and Healing at the End of Life
2. Joseph's Bones and the Jewish Tradition of Memory
3. "Do Not Go Gentle into the Night": Moses' Death in *Torah* and *Midrash*
4. Prophet Samuel, King Saul, and the Witch of Endor: Spiritualism and Postmortem Communication with the Dead

RSVP by November 10 to the Synagogue Office at 215-635-3110. ■



**HANUKKAH WILL BE HERE BEFORE
YOU KNOW IT:
DO YOU HAVE GIFT CARDS?**

**TURN IN YOUR SCRIP ORDER FORMS TO THE
OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, AND PICK UP
YOUR CARDS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10,
JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!**

*(THE USUAL SCRIP ORDER DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED FOR THE MONTH OF
NOVEMBER BECAUSE THERE IS NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30)*

**ALSO: Stop by on Sunday, November 2, and
Sunday, December 7 to purchase a grocery card
for your seasonal food bank donation needs and
help two organizations at once!**

**Questions? Need extra forms?
Contact Deborah Poppel at dpoppel1@verizon.net**



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Taste of *Shabbat*/Teach-Ins that are designed to fit your busy lifestyle, especially for those with children in Religious School on Sundays, as you are coming here anyway.

Second, please **be an even more active ambassador for Kol Ami**. Join our newly formed Marketing committee led by Lorie Slass and Jeff Margasak and help us do the things that tell others about Kol Ami and can attract potential new members. On your own, spread the good word about Kol Ami to your unaffiliated friends and neighbors. Seek out new friends here inside Kol Ami and help us make Kol Ami a place known for its audacious hospitality. Join our Membership committee led by Julie Cohen and Robin Warsaw and get involved in helping attract and retain the members of our community.

Third, please **stretch even further financially for Kol Ami**. Our dues cover only 55% of our very lean operating budget. Please see our Congregation as a worthy place for your philanthropy whatever its scale. Join *Yediday* Kol Ami and support our operations and programming, or the Legacy Society with a future gift. Purchase one or more memorial plaques to be displayed in perpetuity on our beautiful new *Yahrzeit* Wall. Support our key fundraisers including Casino Night coming this January. We need your help in every way you can give it.

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

WHY I'M A MEMBER OF CONGREGATION KOL AMI

Jane Finkle, a Kol Ami member, spoke at a recent Prospective Member *Shabbat*, about why she is a member of Kol Ami.

"Like many people, I search for anchors to provide a steady foundation. I grew up in Gloversville, NY, a small town with one synagogue and a revolving door of rabbis. Even though my synagogue may have suffered from inconsistent spiritual leadership, it was offset by the strength of the community. I remain very close with two of my childhood friends who were part of this same congregation.

"When I moved to Philadelphia in 1987 for a new job, I was focused on developing my career and social life, and things seem to unfold in a positive direction; I loved my work and I met my future husband. And although proud of my Jewish heritage, I wasn't involved in a synagogue or Jewish community. I am a seeker by nature, continually assessing and reassessing and creating new ways to expand my life. Through this process, I began to think that I was missing a sense of community and thought perhaps joining a synagogue might nurture this.

"I was invited by Julie Cohen to attend a service, and I was impressed by both the solemn and joyful nature of the service. I came away feeling warm and welcomed. Joining Kol Ami was as an experiment with winning results: it's become an integral part of my life and invariably rewarding.

"I believe the joy of a community is heightened by involvement and commitment. After I joined Kol Ami, I served on the Caring Congregants Committee, which supports congregants in need. In addition to the obvious rewards of this endeavor, I have met so many wonderful women.

"In the past few years, I have had the privilege of serving on several other committees, and while there is always a vigorous exchange of opinions and viewpoints, I most often walk away from a meeting feeling there is spirit of collaboration. At heart, we all want what's best for the Congregation. At Kol Ami there are so many ways to serve this community and capitalize on your talents and interests.

"I can't emphasize enough how much I have benefited from Elliot's spiritual leadership, Rebecca's musical artistry, and from the organizational talents of our president Jeff Cohen, Elaine Stevens, and the many others who make Kol Ami experience special.

Kol Ami came into my life at the right moment and reminds me of the best of my childhood; belonging to a Jewish spiritual community that is strong and embracing. ■

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS: CHRISTOPHER D'AMORE AND KATE BARRETT



Kol Ami would like to extend a warm welcome to new members Christopher D'Amore and Kate Barrett. Chris and Kate were married recently, in June 2013, so we would also like to give them a hearty "*mazel tov*" on their *simcha*. They were married at the Water Works in downtown Philadelphia, with Rabbi Holin officiating.

Kate has been a member of our Congregation for several years now, via her parents George Barrett and Deborah

Neimeth, but as of the past month, Chris and Kate are now independent members of their own. Kate's beloved grandparents, Lou and Herb Barrett, are also active members of the Congregation. Chris and Kate say that they are happy to be in a synagogue where they already have family and a personal sense of connection, especially with the rabbi, who they "absolutely adore."

Kate's formative years were spent in several cities on the east coast, including New York City, Baltimore, and Philadelphia; and Chris is originally from Tuckerton, New Jersey, near Long Beach Island. They currently live in Center City Philadelphia. Kate works in the product-strategy group at an online education company, and Chris is an attorney with a law firm in Cherry Hill.

In their spare time, Chris and Kate are fitness mavens! Chris belongs to a weightlifting gym and occasionally competes in Olympic Weightlifting competitions. Kate participates in CrossFit and Boot Camp exercise programs and also loves to play tennis. They are big sports fans of the local Philadelphia teams. Aside from attending games, they also like to go to comedy shows, eat at Philadelphia's great restaurants, and spend quality social time with friends and family. Additionally, Chris and Kate love music, both playing and listening to it, and they enjoy going to concerts.

We at Kol Ami are very happy to have this high-energy, newlywed couple in our midst. Welcome to our family, Chris and Kate! ■

Know someone who would be interested in joining our
intimate and dynamic community?

Contact our Membership co-chairs:

Julie Cohen (Julie@JulieCohenCoaching.com)
Robin Warsaw (RKWarsaw@Comcast.net)

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CLOSES AT 3:00 P.M. ON FRIDAYS.**

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send articles by the fifth of the previous month (for example, by December 5 for the November issue) to **Janet Falon** at jfalons@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. ■

Kol Ami Events

HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, November 2, at 1:00 p.m.



Our tradition offers moving and powerful prayers for loved ones in hospitals, recovering at home, or in hospice care, and for ourselves as well: healers who are in need of healing, and those in mourning.

This brief worship service includes the *Mi'Shebeirach* ("May the Holy One Who blesses...") prayer as well as the hope that we will find *menuchah* ("tranquility") within ourselves during trying times.

OUR KOL AMI BLOOD DRIVE IS NOW!

Monday, November 3, from 2:30 to 7:15 p.m.



Please be part of our Red Cross blood drive. You can sign up yourself at redcross.com or you can e-mail Jean Ettinger at jeanettinger@gmail.com to get set up.

FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT



For nearly two years, our rabbi's monthly fasts have benefitted **NATAL** (*nah'tahl*), **Israel's Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War**. **NATAL** 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. Forthcoming fast days on behalf of **NATAL** will be on Wednesday, November 5, and Wednesday, December 3.

For the past four years, rabbi's monthly fasts are called **Phast for Philadelphia** on behalf of unemployed workers in Philadelphia who are struggling to make ends meet by helping them pay their mortgages, address health

care needs, and pay electric bills. Forthcoming **Phast for Philadelphia** fast days will be on Thursday, November 20, and Thursday, December 25.

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

American Friends of NATAL

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

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")

"FIRST-FRIDAY" EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for November Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
Friday, November 7, 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 a November *simcha* in front of the *Torah* Reading Table. 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*.

NEW-MEMBER EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Join us at this special service when we will express our gratitude to our "new and new-ish members" who have joined our intimate and dynamic community over the past year.

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Thai Cuisine

**759 Huntingdon Pike Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
(215) 663-1495**

**Friends & Families of Congregation Kol Ami:
Looking for a tasty dinner suggestion?
Stop by between the hours
5:00 - 9:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

**Bring a copy of this flyer to White Elephant and
20% of your "dinner menu" order total will be
generously donated back to Kol Ami.**

**White Elephant has wonderful food and
a cozy dining area. Stop in for dinner or
take-out your order & bring it back home.**



Congregation Kol Ami -- 8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027 / 215.635.3110

Congregation Kol Ami presents:
**Kindness Counts: Welcoming LGBTQ* Jews and
Their Loved Ones into the *Mishkan*****

This important conference offers learning and dialogue through dynamic speakers and experiential workshops about welcoming and including LGBTQ Jews, making the synagogue community a safe and diverse spiritual, social, and educational Jewish home for LGBTQ members and straight allies.

Featuring Keynote Speaker:
Joanna Ware
Keshet
Associate Director of National Programs
"Livvacha Mishpacha: To Choose Family"



"Keshet is a leading organization dedicated to working for the full equality and inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Jews in all aspects of Jewish life." (www.keshetonline.org)

Who is invited: Individuals, post-bar/bat mitzvah teens through elders and synagogue teams

Practical and experiential workshops include (partial list):

- Creating LGBTQ Inclusive Space: Organization and Leadership Practices
- Education: Welcoming and Inclusive Curricula and Programming
- Weaving LGBTQ-Sensitive Jewish Rituals into Congregational Spiritual Life
- Welcoming Diversity in Early Childhood Classrooms: Music is the Universal Language
- Straight Parents of LGBTQ Children: Fellowship and Resources
- Synagogue Panelists Share Their Experiences, Challenges, and Successes

December 7, 2014, from 1:00-5:30 p.m.

* Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and/or Queer.

***Mishkan*: historic tent of meeting in the wilderness, now the synagogue as a welcoming, nurturing, spiritual sanctuary.

*Thank you for your interest in joining Congregation Kol Ami
in a day of learning and dialogue*

**To register, please complete this form and return to
Congregation Kol Ami with payment to reserve your seat.**

(Use a blank sheet of paper for additional registrants)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Amount Enclosed: ____ \$25 per individual (Ask about synagogue team rates)

Please return completed form with payment to:

Congregation Kol Ami
Attention: Jane Tausig
8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027
Check payable to Congregation Kol Ami

Once we receive your registration, we will e-mail your registration confirmation
and additional conference information.

December 7, 2014, from 1:00-5:30 p.m.

Registration closes December 1, 2014.
Space will be limited.

Questions? Contact Jane Tausig, Program Chair, at 215-901-8730 or by e-mail: jetausig@gmail.com to
answer any questions, and ask about synagogue team registration.

Cheltenham High School Touring Ensemble



Sunday, November 23

TIME: 4:00 pm

WHERE: Congregation Kol Ami

8201 High School Rd,

Elkins Park, PA 19027

**Join us for a wonderful afternoon of
song and dance as the CHS show
choir performs its 2014-15 show,**

"Learn to Love Again"

"A TASTE OF SHABBAT"

Sunday, November 9, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Religious school parents and all adults are invited to come to this informal gathering in our chapel for an innovative approach to experiencing the meaning and joy of *Shabbat* when it's not *Shabbat*! Join us for "A Taste of *Shabbat*" through song, guided by Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz's selection of songs that we enjoy on *Shabbat* mornings, and with Rabbi Holin to explore the meaning of prayer and its potential for transformation.

PHILADELPHIA JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 16, at Adath Israel in Merion, PA

Kol Ami is thrilled to sponsor the **Hazon Philadelphia Jewish Food Festival: Liberty, Food & Justice for All!** Join us for a daylong festival of DIY workshops, hands-on learning experiences, food demos, marketplace shopping, text study, and discussion on local food, sustainable agriculture, and Jewish living. Registration is now open! Learn more at hazon.org/phillyfoodfestival.



FACILITY ACCESS

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

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

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

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

ARTIST OF THE MONTH: VICTOR ATKINS THROUGH DECEMBER 1

Victor Atkins is an artist and writer/director of films. Originally based in Brooklyn, New York, Atkins was a prevalent artist from 1970 to 1988. After a 20-year hiatus, Victor Atkins has begun to paint again. A genesis-like experience that brought him back to his original passion. He currently resides and works in Philadelphia.

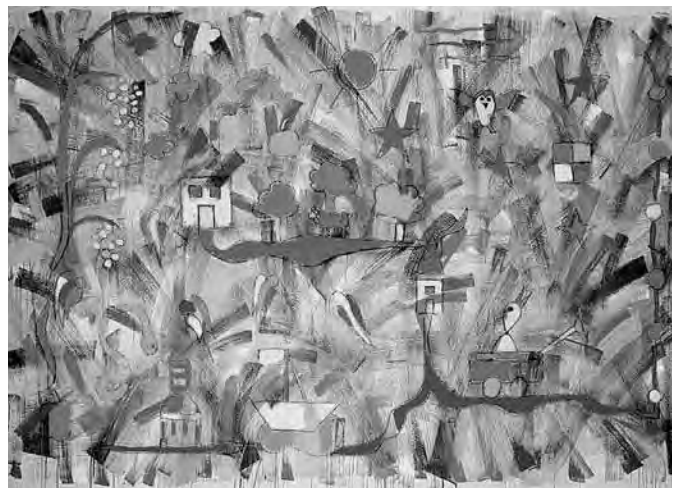
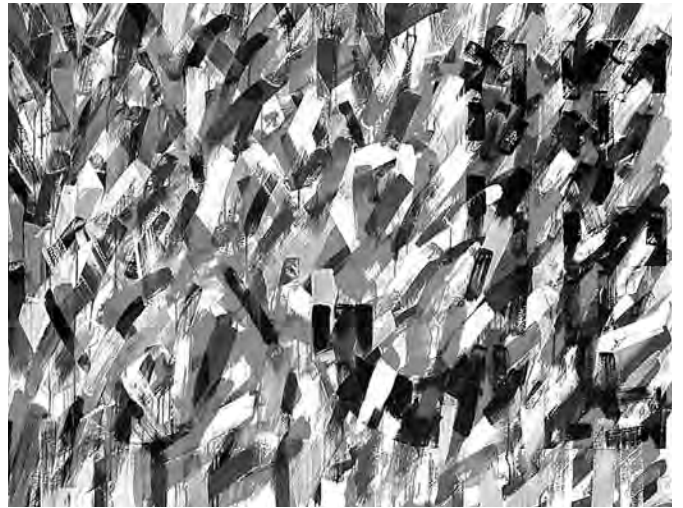
Victor Atkins current art uses intense color, primitive childlike icons, rhythmic brushstrokes to create whimsical, lyrical abstract imagery. These works challenge the viewer to look past the first impression and explore a “dream space” of joy, emotion, and spirituality. Atkins paintings are based on scriptures, music, and uplifting stories that have affected his life and his journey as an artist.

Throughout his career, Victor Atkins greatest influences have been the Impressionists, American Colorists, and Abstract Expressionists. They constantly explored a bold, radical vision and the impact of the extreme on the viewer. Through their use of vivid color, movement and scale, they challenged our spiritual, emotional, and physical perception of story, space, and the world.

Victor Atkins is currently represented by the White Stone Gallery in Philadelphia. In the past, his work has been exhibited in many galleries throughout the United States and was represented primarily by The Louis K. Meisel Gallery in NYC. His paintings are in the collections of: Museum of Modern Art Lending Library of New York, Aldrich Museum in Connecticut, Allentown Museum of Pennsylvania, and Fort Wayne Museum of Indiana.

Victor Atkins work has been reviewed in [Art International](#) and [Arts Magazine](#), [Metro.US](#), [Philadelphia Neighborhoods](#) magazine and the online magazine [reCreate](#) as featured artist: Victor Atkins: Resource Exchange. Victor Atkins full resume can be see at www.victor-atkins.com/#!resume/c1snh/.

The Kol Ami gallery hours are Wednesday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If the Religious School is closed on those days, the gallery is closed as well. Also, all of Mr. Aktin's works are for sale, and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the Synagogue. See Elaine Stevens if interested in purchasing a piece. ■



HANUKKAH FOOD DRIVE

Next time you are at the grocery store, please pick up one or more of the following items and bring them to the synagogue, any time from now until December 3. These will be delivered to needy families in our community in time for *Hanukkah*. Kosher foods are preferred.



**HANUKKAH CANDLES
POTATO PANCAKE (LATKE) MIX
GRAPE JUICE
BAGS OF FRESH POTATOES
APPLESAUCE
CANS OF VEGETABLES (LOW-SALT IF POSSIBLE)
MATZO BALL SOUP MIX
COOKING OIL
CHOCOLATE GELT**

SOCIAL ACTION

JEWISH RELIEF AGENCY

Sunday, November 16 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Please come out to help us sort, pack, and deliver food to needy families at the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) Food Distribution Center. Through the efforts of JRA's community of more than 10,000 volunteers, monthly food-relief packages are provided to 2,750 low-income families in the Greater Philadelphia area.

JRA food distributions take place one Sunday each month at their warehouse in Northeast Philadelphia (directions can be found at www.jewishrelief.org). Volunteers package kosher, nonperishable food in boxes and deliver the food packages to recipients according to predetermined delivery routes, complete with driving directions and maps. Most delivery routes take between 30 to 60 minutes to complete. ■

DOES THE SNOW MAKE YOU NERVOUS?

WE'LL GET YOU THERE!

Is the thought of driving in winter keeping you home-bound? Would you like to attend services, an event, or a committee meeting at Kol Ami, but are nervous about 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. ■

Hanukkah Illuminated:

Can you Handel it?

Sunday, Dec. 14 4pm

**Musical Excerpts from
"Judas Maccabaeus"
by G.F. Handel**

**Tickets
\$10 Adults
\$5 Students**

**10th Anniversary Musical Celebration of
the Cantors & Choirs of Old York Road Kehillah
Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel 8339 Old York Rd. Elkins Park. (215)887-8700**



DENIM & *Diamonds*

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Saturday, January 10, 2015

7pm - 11pm

Congregation Kol Ami קול עמי

WINNINGS PROVIDED AS RAFFLE TICKETS
FOR FANTASTIC PRIZES!

\$35/person in advance

\$45 at the door

Tickets include \$25 in gaming chips, open bar, light fare and dessert

FOR TICKETS:

Send your check to Congregation Kol Ami, 8201 High School Road,
Elkins Park, PA 19027 with "Casino Night" on the memo line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon Myers at 215-460-0602 or sharonmyers381@gmail.com



THESE KOL AMI KIDS ARE GOING PLACES...

All headed in the same direction, these Kol Ami Early Learning Center youngsters enjoyed some time in the sun and fresh air.



FELS UNITED WAY DONOR OPTION



With Kol Ami's partnership with Federation Early Learning Services (FELS), we would like to ask you to support FELS through the United Way Donor Option Program. Since many of you are already contributing to the United Way individually through your workplace campaign, you can designate them as your Donor Option.

Over the past several years, FELS has been successful in raising additional dollars via the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey's Donor Option Program, and we can help them continue to be successful. These dollars go to reducing the cost of high-quality early learning services and for scholarships to those in need.

Please know that designating FELS through this campaign does not undermine any of our own fund-raising campaigns.

Also, monies that FELS can identify from our Congregation will be directed to the Kol Ami Early Learning Center. This helps to raise additional unrestricted dollars towards our program.

Below are the FELS donor options numbers:

Local.....#44

State.....#4101-0089

Federal.....#16951

Your tax-deductible contribution, in any amount, helps our children. ■

KOL AMI NOVEMBER 2014 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 10:00 a.m. - Grades K-2 Family Education Program 11:15 a.m. - Consecration Service 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 p.m. Healing Service 1:00 p.m.	3 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00 p.m.	4 Early Learning Center CLOSED Teacher In-Service Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	5 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	6 Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Rabbi Rosenbloom 7:30 p.m.	7 Early Learning Center erev <i>Shabbat</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. "New-Member" erev <i>Shabbat</i> Service with "First-Friday" blessing and the Adult Choir 7:30 p.m.	8 Bat Mitzvah of Isabelle Beatus 10:00 a.m.
9 Trope Class 9:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Taste of Shabbat with Rabbi Holin 10:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 p.m. PTO Committee Meeting 11:00 a.m. Machzor Feedback Session with Rabbi Holin 11:30 a.m.	10 Early Learning Center Science with Nature Jack 9:30 a.m. Spiritual Growth Group Meeting 7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	11 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. PTO Dine Around White Elephant 5:00 p.m.	12 Early Learning Center Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	13 Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Rabbi Rosenbloom 7:30 p.m.	14 Early Learning Center erev <i>Shabbat</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. erev <i>Shabbat</i> Service with Grade 4 Participation 7:30 p.m.	15 Bat Mitzvah of Ila Charendoff 10:00 a.m.

KOL AMI NOVEMBER 2014 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 - BAKE SALE Trope Class 9:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 10:00 a.m. - Grades 5-6 Family Education program 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 p.m. Book Club with Lucille Barrett 11:00 p.m. Machzor Feedback Session with Rabbi Holin 12:30 p.m.	17 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Simcha Raphael 7:30 p.m.	18 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Operations Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	19 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	20 Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Rabbi Rosenbloom 7:30 p.m.	21 erev Shabbat Service with book reviewer Beverly Rosen 7:30 p.m.	22 Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Kovnat 10:00 a.m.
23 Trope Class 9:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.	24	25 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	26 Early Learning Center Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. No Religious School Thanksgiving	27 Early Learning Center Closed Thanksgiving	28 Early Learning Center Closed Thanksgiving erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	29 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. followed by a potluck lunch
30 No Religious School Thanksgiving						

Kol Ami Contributions

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

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In Memory of:

Barbara Levy

*Charles Langman and Laurie Jubelirer
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**Special anniversary of
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**Jeff, Hannah, and Leah Cohen
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Bat Mitzvah of Kyra Quigley

Elaine Stevens

Rebecca Schwartz for her

**wonderful musical presence at
my mother's funeral and shiva**

Janet Ruth Falon

In Memory of:

Aaron Cooper

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Elaine Stevens

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Isaac and Sadie Soren

Stanton and Merle Salkin

Anne Tino

Elaine Stevens

MiShehbeirach

Alan and Elaine Gershenson

David and Phyllis Harrison ■



NOVEMBER 2014

- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bar Mitzvah of Evan Pelletier
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2**
 - 10:00 a.m. - Gr K-2 Family Education Program
 - 11:15 a.m. - Consecration Service
 - 1:00 p.m. - Healing Service
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, from 2:30-7:30 p.m.**
American Red Cross Blood Drive at Kol Ami
- **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, at 7:30 p.m.**
Religious School Committee Meeting
- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 13 & 20 at 7:30 p.m.**
Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Rosenbloom
- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, at 7:30 p.m.**
“New-Member” *erev Shabbat* Service with “First-Friday” blessings and the Adult Choir
- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bat Mitzvah of Isabelle Beatus
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, at 10:00 a.m.**
 - 10:00 a.m. - Taste of *Shabbat* with Rabbi Holin
 - 11:00 a.m. - Religious School PTO Meeting
 - 11:30 p.m. - *Machzor* Feedback Session with Rabbi Holin
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10**
 - 7:00 p.m. - Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff
 - 7:30 p.m. - Membership Committee Meeting
- **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, at 5:00 p.m.**
PTO Dine Around at White Elephant
- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, at 7:30 p.m.**
erev Shabbat Service with Grade 4 participation
- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bat Mitzvah of Ila Charendoff
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - BAKE SALE**
 - 9:30 a.m. - Philadelphia Jewish Food Festival at Adath Israel in Merion Station, PA
 - 10:00 a.m. - Gr 5-6 Family Education Program
 - 11:00 a.m. - Exploring Jewish Short Stories with Lucille Barrett
 - 12:30 p.m. - *Machzor* Feedback Session with Rabbi Holin
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, at 7:30 p.m.**
Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Simcha Raphael

- **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, at 7:30 p.m.**
Operations Committee Meeting
- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, at 7:30 p.m.**
erev Shabbat Service with book reviewer Beverly Rosen
- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Kovnat
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, at 4:00 p.m.**
Cheltenham High School “Touring Ensemble” Performing at Kol Ami
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, at 10:00 a.m.**
Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue followed by a potluck lunch

DECEMBER 2014

- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 8 & 15 at 7:30 p.m.**
Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Simcha Raphael
- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, at 7:30 p.m.**
Male-led *erev Shabbat* Service with Leon Sher, “First-Friday” blessings, and the Adult Choir
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, at 5:30 p.m.** - Junior Youth Group *Havdalah* and a Movie (location TBD)
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**
 - 10:00 a.m. Taste of *Shabbat* with Rabbi Holin
 - 1:00 p.m. - Kindness Counts: Welcoming LGBTQ Jews and their Loved Ones into the *Mishkan*
- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, at 7:00 p.m.**
Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff at the home of Marci Wolpert
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, at 5:30 p.m.**
Bat Mitzvah of Sarah England
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, at 1:00 p.m.**
Kehillah *Hanukkah* Concert at Keneseth Israel
- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19**
 - 6:00 p.m. - “Fun for Kids” Show-and-*Qvell* *erev Shabbat* Service with the Student Choir
 - 7:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service with Grade 5 participation
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, at 2:00 p.m.**
“*Torah* Home Talks” with Rabbi Holin at the home of Stan and Rita Siegel
- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, at 6:00 p.m.**
Chinese Dinner and a Movie ■