



## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

**SUNDAY, November 1, at 1:00 p.m.**  
Healing Service (see page 7)

**FRIDAY, November 6, at 7:30 p.m.**  
*erev Shabbat* Service and the joyful voices of our Adult Choir; David Hyman will give the *dvar Torah*

**SATURDAY, November 7, at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue; Carol Nemeroff will give the *dvar Torah*

### **FRIDAY, November 13**

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

**7:30 p.m.** - Interfaith Relationship Dialogue *erev Shabbat* Service, when we rejoice with our interfaith couples and families who are such an integral part of the Kol Ami community, plus our "Second-Friday" birthday and anniversary blessings (see page 10)

**SATURDAY, November 14, 10:00 a.m.**  
*Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue

**FRIDAY, November 20, at 7:30 p.m.**  
*erev Shabbat* Service when our Grade 6-7 students will make a presentation about the *halachah* regarding *Shabbat* as prescribed in our sacred texts.

### **SATURDAY, November 21**

**10:00 a.m.** - *Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue; Carol Nemeroff will give the *dvar Torah*

**5:30 p.m.** - "Adults-Only" Martini *Havdalah* Service and Spices (see page 10)

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## **FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY: Rabbi Elliot J. Holin**

"To think the same way, to share the same opinions – this is not peace.  
Unity is not uniformity.  
True peace comes through the expression of differences; many perspectives, each offering a partial view of the truth.  
*Shalom* means wholeness.

Only when we open ourselves to understand all sides of an issue will we obtain peace."

—*Mishkahn ha'Nefesh* – the new *Machzor* of the Reform Movement  
*Rosh Hashanah* morning service, page 215

"I know that some members of our congregation are not always comfortable raising difficult questions, and perhaps might find it difficult to keep an open mind upon hearing responses to what they ask. I think we need to create more opportunities to come together to wrestle with challenging issues in our lives, our community, country and the world.

"I invite you to launch a new initiative with me, called *See'chote* – "Conversations."

—Rabbi Holin's *Rosh Hashanah* sermon, 2015

We'll meet not to change minds, but to better understand what motivates others to advocate positions different from ours. Why do they feel the way they do? Can we find common ground? Here are some of the comments that I often hear:

"Most Muslims do/do not really want peace."

"The settlements are/are not the main problem."

"God is/is not."

"Republicans are the problem/President Obama is the problem."

"The most important thing to sustain Jewish identity is..."

"A transforming Jewish experience in my life was..."

Arrive. Write down a topic on an index card that you would like to discuss. We'll pull a card every 20 minutes.

Talk.

Discuss.

Open minds.

Join me and other members of our congregation at the first *See'chote* – "Conversations" meeting on **Monday, November 16, at 7:30 p.m.** at the home of synagogue president Shelley and David Chamberlain in Cheltenham. Please call the synagogue office at 215-635-3110 to advise if you'll join us. ■

## WORSHIP SERVICES

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**FRIDAY, November 27, at 7:30 p.m.**  
*erev Shabbat* Service; Jeff Cohen will give the dvar Torah

**SATURDAY, November 28, 10:00 a.m.**  
*Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue; Barry Steinbrecher will read from the *Torah* and Neal Beatus will deliver the *dvar Torah* ■

## TORAH & HAFTARAH

**November 7 - Chayei Sarah**  
Genesis 23:1-25:18, First Kings 1:1-31

**November 14 - Toldote**  
Genesis 25:19-28:9, Malachi 1:1-2:7

**November 21 - Vayetzey**  
Genesis 28:10-32:3, Hosea 12:13-14:10

**November 28 - Vayishlach**  
Genesis 32:4-36:43, Hosea 11:7-12:12 ■

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

**Human Resource Committee**  
Sunday, November 22, at 11:30 a.m.  
Chair: Ellen Asam, 215-635-5598

**Marketing Committee**  
Sunday, November 1, at 10:00 a.m.  
Chairs: Jeff Margasak, 267-635-9332, and Lorie Slass, 215-635-0920

**Membership Committee**  
Monday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m.  
Chairs: Julie Cohen, 215-635-4716, and Robin Warsaw, 215-635-5839

**Religious School PTO**  
Sunday, November 8, at 11:00 a.m.  
Co-chairs: Erica Douglas, 215-491-0630, and Deborah Poppel, 215-947-2252

**Spiritual Growth Group**  
Monday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m.  
Co-chairs: Janet Falon, 215-635-1698, and Meryle Gurmankin, 215-464-2466

**Worship Enhancement Committee**  
Sunday, November 15, at 9:30 a.m.  
Chairs: Mindy Levy, 215-885-3672, and William Shapiro, 215-517-8666 ■

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

During the *erev Shabbat*-Board Installation service last month, it was my privilege to honor Jeff Cohen, who has brought great blessing to Kol Ami. I shared Jeff's unique ingredients that yielded a recipe for success as our immediate past president.

The key ingredients included dedication, action, audacious hospitality, inclusion, and engagement. Jeff joins the ranks of our past presidents in their commitment of time and energy to our intimate and dynamic community. He has had a remarkable dedication not only to the daily operation and activities, but also for strategic planning and enhancing the financial well-being of our congregation through successful fund-development programs.

Jeff's beliefs in Kol Ami and his passion is contagious. And if these impressive ingredients weren't enough ... the one final ingredient I "stirred in" was being a *mensch*—inviting prospective members to dinner, spending time with our esteemed elders, and always being present. *Kol Hakavod* to Jeff for challenging us to focus on the ritual practice of Judaism, inspiring us, and creating a recipe for success to ensure our future. On behalf of the congregation, I presented Jeff with a glass-blown *hanukkiyah* purchased at the National Museum of American Jewish History, to enjoy for years to come.

Jeff began his address by sharing why he believes so strongly in this community and how richly rewarding the role was. He shared his thoughts on prospering as individuals and a community and how we do that at Kol Ami. He cited examples of the profound and important work we do to keep Kol Ami unique and thriving as a powerful voice for Jewish values and an ever-present source of spiritual wellness for all of us.

Jeff ended with a sincere *Todah Rabah* and this final message:

"I look forward to that future with all of you. My last *Sh'lach'chaynee* message is this: See the blessing of Kol Ami and when Shelley or Elliot or any of our board members or committee chairs tap you on the shoulder, take a deep breath and say *Sh'lach'chaynee* - Send me! I did and it was one of the best things I've ever done."

Also during this service, I had the privilege to recognize our outgoing board members, Joel Fishbein and Bill Hyman, and presented them with *tzedakah* boxes created by Gary Rosenthal with the engraving: "Given in Gratitude for Your Devotion and Dedication." Again, a heartfelt thanks to them for all that they continue to do on our behalf and for the next generation.

The evening concluded with the honor of standing on the *bima* with our current Board of Trustees. We were showered with a prayer of strength for leaders.

Join us! Sign up for a committee. Get involved in planning an event. Commit to a *Tikun Olam* activity. Attend *Shabbat* services. Engage and continue your learning through our Continuing Jewish Education courses. Share your passions with us.

Take a deep breath and say *Sh'lach'chaynee* - Send me!

Shelley Chamberlain (215-635-1738, srchamberlain@comcast.net) ■

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# HIGH HOLY DAY POEMS

In recent years, two of our congregants—Natalie Dyen and Janet Falon—have enriched our holidays with original poems. Several people asked for copies of this year's poems, so here they are.

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## MY CONFESSION

*by Janet Falon*

I used to think  
that when I was beating my chest with my fist  
it was because I'd been bad  
was guilty  
and was trying to create a physical reminder  
of all I'd done wrong

I used to think  
that when I was beating my chest with my fist  
it was because, like the Tin Man, there was nothing inside  
and I needed to hear the emptiness reverberate  
to remind myself of the hollowness of a mortal life  
and how I needed to fill the emptiness, each year,  
with the viscera of good intentions

Now I know  
that when I'm beating my chest with my fist  
it is because I'm knocking on the door to my heart  
I'm gaining access  
and entrance  
to the pink, warm part of me  
hoping to release the love  
and forgiveness  
of myself. ■

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## SARA LAUGHED

*by Natalie Dyen*

Sarah laughed  
When God said she'd bear a son.  
Sarah, her skin a road map of her life.  
What pleasure is possible, she asked,  
For one as old as I?  
What good can come  
At this time? From this body?  
Impossible.  
And later,  
Holding impossible in her arms,  
Sarah laughed once again.

And what of you  
Whose path runs long and deep into  
the forest?  
Too late to turn, you say.

Too old.  
What if I fail?  
To you I say  
Listen to Sarah's laughter  
To the possibility of laughter.  
To the words in your heart,  
Not in your head  
The words that say  
Anything is possible. ■

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## SYNAGOGUE LEADERSHIP

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## PROFESSIONAL STAFF

**IN RESPECT OF SHABBAT, THE OFFICE  
CLOSES AT 3:00 P.M. ON FRIDAYS.**

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215-635-7106

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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](mailto: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. ■

Congregation Kol Ami  
PTO Fund-raiser

*Dine Around*

**Sunday**  
**November 8**  
**1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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be donated back to  
the Congregation.**

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**PTO Fund-raiser**

**Sunday, November 8**  
**1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**



## FROM THE EDUCATION DIRECTOR

### THE LAMED PROGRAM BEGINS

LAMED is an innovative new program for 11th- and 12th-grade students who have completed Confirmation Academy and wish to further their Jewish education, continue engagement with their community, and learn how to play an innovative and integral role in passing Judaism onto future generations.

LAMED is being produced in partnership with Old York Road Temple Beth Am and has teens from both synagogues enrolled in the program.

Students earn a Certification in Experiential Jewish Education and work with master experiential educators on how to envision, structure, and produce 21st-century religious-school programs. Students will learn to maximize their creativity to lead any school program, as well as how to teach elementary-level Judaism and Hebrew. In addition, LAMED students receive community service hours for assisting with synagogue programming.

LAMED students will complete the program with their own portfolio of experiential programs that they personally created and piloted at religious school.

The program runs from November through May and meets twice a week during the school year.

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

On Sunday, October 4, students in grades K-2 and their families had an engaging field trip to the Abramson Center to fulfill the *mitzvah* of visiting the sick and the elderly. Students created an art project with residents from Abramson.

Consecration, a special service to honor our new students, was held on Sunday, October 18. The whole school was in attendance for this special event, which marked the beginning of our students' journey as lifelong Jewish learners.

On Friday, October 30, Kol Ami held its annual *Shabbat* program for third-grade students and families. This was our third graders' opportunity to help lead the Kol Ami *Shabbat* service and to present a piece of personal learning from their experiences at religious school so far this year. Students presented a short play about why Jewish learning is a special and lifelong endeavor.

### PARKING LOT SAFETY

In an effort to make our parking lot a safer place during religious school hours, Kol Ami will be adding parking lot signage to remind people about driving slowly and cautiously through our parking lot. In addition, we will have a staff member present in the lot from 9:45-10:20 a.m. on Sundays and from 3:45-4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays to facilitate a safe environment for students to enter the building. ■



# NEW Mishkan HaNefesh High Holy Day Machzor Prayer Books



Through the generosity of the members and friends listed below, we are delighted to announce that we were able to cover the cost of our new High Holy Day *Machzors*. Feedback from our members and the Worship Enhancement Committee were very positive. Some of the feedback included: evocative and provocative readings in the real meaning of prayer, felt uplifting, very diverse and addressed people from all spiritual directions. We are hopeful that we will have opportunities to discuss readings from the *Machzor* during the upcoming year. Thank you to the following for their support:

Phyllis Actman  
Ira and Robin Adelman  
Bruce and Ellen Asam  
Andrew August and Barbara Fink  
David Baker and Irene Levy Baker  
Carol Baron  
Barry and Allison Boise  
David and Shelley Chamberlain  
Michael and Sara Chernoff  
Jeffrey Cohen and Ellen Friedman  
Joel Edelstein and Elizabeth McKinstry  
Stewart and Sally Eisenberg  
William England and Lorie Slass  
Stephen and Jean Ettinger  
Janet Felgoise  
Daniel and Linda George  
Alan and Elaine Gershenson  
Richard and Jill Goldstone  
Murray and Tracy Greenfield  
Elizabeth Kapnek Grenald  
Meryle Gurmankin  
David and Phyllis Harrison  
Rabbi Elliot and Susan Holin  
Adam Hoffman and Lisa Landau  
Rosalind Holtzman  
Ruben Honik  
David Hyman

Mark and Karin Kaplan  
Paul and Ellen Kovnat  
Henry and Eileen Kuller  
Mark Levin and Susan Strong  
Paul and Mindy Levy  
Gabriel and Orly Maravankin  
Michael Matz and Ellen Horowitz Matz  
Alex and Nancy Miller  
Russell Montague and Toni Cohen Montague  
Craig and Sharon Myers  
Stuart and Deborah Poppel  
Stanton and Merle Salkin  
Robert Schiowitz and Ronit Sugar  
Morgan Selkirk  
Gary Sender  
Jonathan Shandell and Robin Shane  
Michael Silverman and Robin Rifkin  
Elaine Stevens  
Erik and Jennifer Streitwieser  
Fran Surkin  
Bart Weiner and Nadine Liez-Weiner ■

## MAZAL TOV

We congratulate the following individuals:

**Karol and Guy Appel** on the engagement of their son, Bryan, to Samantha Cramer.

**Linda and Dan George**, who celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Cara, to David Laboy on November 3 at their Elkins Park home.

**Sis and Ray Grenald** on the engagement of their granddaughter, Alexandra Kapnek, to Evan Harra. The wedding is planned for November 15, 2016.

**Ruben Honik** on the engagement of his daughter, Grace, to Benjamin Levine. The wedding will occur in May 2017, following Grace's graduation from medical school.

**Sharon and Craig Myers** on the birth of their granddaughter, Olivia Ryan Myers, on November 18, daughter of Wes and Michelle Myers. ■

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving memory:

### **Lucille Barrett**

*mother of George Barrett (Deborah Neimeth)*  
*mother of Sarah Barrett*  
*grandmother of Kate Barrett (Christopher D'Amore)*  
*great-grandmother of Lucy*

### **Alan Cohen**

*cousin of Meryle Gurmankin*

### **Joel B. Goleman**

*brother of Jan Felgoise*

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

# IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S OCTOBER 9TH ADDRESS

It is a privilege to once again address you. I continue to keep David Hyman's sage guidance in mind – keep in short. I want to talk about two related things tonight. The first is why I believe so strongly in this community and the second is how richly rewarded and blessed I've been in this role. That belief in Kol Ami and those rewards, taken together, could be your opportunity. Yes, consider this a recruiting pitch for an active leadership role at Kol Ami.

The Pope's visit to Philadelphia reminded me of how very special Reform Judaism is. Catholicism like so many other religions are centralized and about power structures and intermediaries. I love that we are not because it puts the onus on us to chart our future. To survive and prosper, we have to find our path to serving as an incredibly strong link in the generational chain. We do that here.

- We plant the seeds in religious school with the study of *Torah*.
- We fertilize them with deeds of *Tikun Olam* and with meaningful worship.
- We nourish them with continuous learning about this incredibly rich religion and its teachings and how they offer guidance in today's world.
- We harvest it all by helping each of our members make informed choices of how Judaism, its values and teachings, its customs and family-centered rituals can enrich our lives.
- We plant and nurture this place for our children, our grandchildren and ourselves.

What we do here is profound and important.

Yet this is not a fancy place. We are so not about showing others what we have earned or who we know. We are a place of friendship and down-to-earth support for each other and our community. We are unique among the other synagogues in the area; a Gan Eden in Elkins Park. I believe in Kol Ami and the work of keeping us unique and thriving as a powerful voice for Jewish values and an ever-present source of spiritual wellness for all of us.

When you are President at Kol Ami, you get to see that specialness up close.

- I saw it earlier this week at *Shiva* for Lucille Barrett, where her daughter Sarah spoke of how embracing Kol Ami was to her parents.
- I saw it when Elaine Lotto and Mark Tino celebrated their granddaughter Hannah's naming here.

- I've seen it at our *bar* and *bat mitzvahs*, as with Emma's tomorrow, where families *qvell* about the special home they have found here and of the deep connection with our Rabbi.
- I see it when the call goes out for us to provide meals to a one of our families in need, and how quickly so many jump in to help.
- I saw it when we honored David and Farah this past June and when we honored Stephen Scott Bradley here and reveled in the choir of the First African Baptist Church.
- I see it when members bring an idea and they are able to make things happen that would not be possible elsewhere.
- I see it in the over-stuffed monthly bulletin, filled with the ways we connect.
- I see it in the deep and personal learning that happens at a *Shabbat* morning service.
- I experienced it on our family trip to Israel in '07 and our adult trip just a year ago.
- I see it in our children engaged in learning that is fun.

I hope you see it too. We aren't perfect by any means. But we are a *hamisha* place, cozy and homey, and I believe with your help, we'll stay that way.

Engaging in this work has been deeply rewarding and an incredible blessing. So here is my top 10 list of what I found most rewarding, to say thank you and in the hopes that you will find the blessings in taking on a leadership role at Kol Ami.

1. Those blessing begins with a deep and unique relationship with the Rabbi. So many of us came to Kol Ami because of Elliot – his warmth, wisdom, connection, spirituality, ability to listen and guide, his brilliance with our children and so much more. The really cool thing is this is the gift that keeps on giving. Thank you Elliot.
2. It continues with the opportunity to learn from, partner with and even coach Elaine, David and Rebecca. I treasure what you each bring and hope our relationship continues to flourish. Thank you.
3. I have been blessed to serve with great people:

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# Kol Ami Events

## HEALING SERVICE

**Sunday, November 1, 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 too: healers who are in need of healing, and those in mourning. This brief worship service includes the *Mi'Shebbeirach* ("May The Holy One Who Blesses...") prayer as well as the hope that we will find *menuchah* ("tranquility") within ourselves during trying times. Join Rabbi Holin and Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz at this special event.

## FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT



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

**NATAL** (*nah'tahl*) – the **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.

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

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

Forthcoming fast days on behalf of **NATAL** will be on **Wednesday, November 4**, and **Wednesday, December 2**.

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

Forthcoming **Phast for Philadelphia** fast days will be on **Thursday, November 26**, and **Thursday, December 24**.

Below are the mailing addresses for the organizations mentioned above:

### 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")

## FALL INTO ISH!

**Saturday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m.**

**at the home of Julie Cohen and Nigel Blower**

Join us for a fun evening of food, drinks and friends with other "young-ish" members to celebrate all things Fall. It's a BYO beverages and an appetizer or dessert to share. RSVP to [Julie@JulieCohenCoaching.com](mailto:Julie@JulieCohenCoaching.com).



## "A TASTE OF SHABBAT"

**Sunday, November 8, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

Join us at this informal gathering in our chapel to experience the meaning and joy of *Shabbat* when it's not *Shabbat*.

This is an invitation to religious school parents and all adults to 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 talk about a topic chosen by the group that will lead to another great discussion.

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# TOURING ENSEMBLE

of Cheltenham High School

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2015-16

## *Movin' & Groovin'*

featuring songs of traveling ...  
from *Midnight Train to Georgia* to  
*Fly Me To the Moon* to *Let the River Run*  
.... and many more!



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November 8, 2015 at 3PM

*Free of charge to the Congregation and the greater community*

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215-635-3110



## ADULT LEARNING AT KOL AMI

# CONTINUING JEWISH EDUCATION

The non-member rate is \$50 per course; direct questions and RSVPs to Elaine Stevens at [execdir@kolamielkinspark.org](mailto:execdir@kolamielkinspark.org).



## Searching for a Truthful Faith, A God You Can Believe In

**Instructor: Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom**  
**Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.**  
**November 12 & 19; December 3 & 10**  
**(4 Sessions)**

What do we believe about God? What can we believe about God? The notions we grew up with do not mesh well with the world we experience. But the alternatives are often unsatisfying and feeble substitutes. Can we conceive of a credible idea of God that meets the test of our mind and is robust enough to satisfy our soul?

RSVP by November 5.

## With the Bible in One Hand and the Headlines in the Other

**Instructor: Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom**  
**Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**  
**November 12 & 19; December 3 & 10**  
**(4 Sessions)**

What does Judaism have to say about the pressing contemporary issues we face, day in and day out? Aging and healthcare, economic equality and the right to a dignified life, immigration, the death penalty, and others that will be current as the group meets. How do our moral values enter into the public discourse, and how do we protect the diversity of society, while still advocating for our deeply held convictions?

RSVP by November 5. ■

## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

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- The support and guidance from our past Presidents – David, Ilene, Jennifer, Ben and Mark – has been a godsend. Thanks to each of you.
  - I quickly came to appreciate and rely on the guidance and perspectives from Jeff, Lisa, Julie, Ellen, Barry and Bart as my Executive Committee members. Thanks to each of you.
  - The same goes for appreciating each of the Board members I served with, their uniqueness and interests and trying to make good things happen with each of you. Thank you Guy, David, Barb, Rachel and Joel, Phyllis, Lorie, Robin, Bill and to our new board members Deborah, Janine and Morgan.
4. Thank you for the relationships I've gotten to build with each of you. Meeting and getting to know many in the congregation, from the *Vatikim* to the children. When you take the time to scratch the surface, you learn how interesting and interested our members are. We are a volunteer-driven congregation, and watching so many members do good work has been a blessing.
  5. I found it very rewarding to listen to the questions members raise and work with them to find good answers that help them, hopefully, feel even better about who we are, what we do, and their place in our community.
  6. I was blessed with learning opportunities – from experts at URJ, at Biennial, and at the Scheidt Seminar for new Synagogue Presidents. And speaking of learning, a huge thank you to our Religious School teachers, Terri, David, Neal, Roz, Nathan, Julie, Matt and Calvin.
  7. It has been deeply rewarding to help shape the strategic questions and encourage the full debate on the future of Kol Ami as we put together our strategic plan and when we updated our bylaws to open the door to board service for interfaith members.
  8. I love getting the tactics right as we work on operational issues, driving membership, progressing marketing and improving our programming, and operating this campus. Let me add a note of special thanks to the committee and event co-chairs who got so much done – Betsy, Bill, Elaine, Eric, Heather, Jane, Janet, Jean, Jody, Joel, Karol, Kenny, Linda, Mark, Marshall, Meryl, Mindy, Natalie, Ronit, Sharon, Sherri and to all the board members already mentioned who have led these special events.

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## LOCA IS HAVING A TEA PARTY, AND YOU'RE INVITED!

Sunday, November 8, at 2:00 p.m. at the home of  
Jane Finkle, 517 Leedom Street, Jenkintown



Each guest is asked to bring four tea bags (of flavors you love) to share, and either finger tea sandwiches for 10 (e.g., cucumber, egg salad, tuna) or finger desserts for 10 (e.g., brownies, cookies, mini-scones, chocolate-covered fruit).

To RSVP, contact Jean Ettinger by November 1 at either [jeanettinger@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettinger@gmail.com) or 215-635-3623. The location is near the corner of Leedom Street and Cloverly Avenue. If on-street parking is full, you may park in the lot at Jenkintown Square.

## "SECOND-FRIDAY" EREV SHABBAT NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Friday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m.



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

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

## INTERFAITH RELATIONSHIP DIALOGUE EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate our interfaith couples and families who are such an integral part of the Kol Ami community.

In our new *Machzor* – our High Holy Day prayer book – we read these words during our *Rosh Hashanah* morning service: "Together we give thanks for our members: diverse in age, interest and background; Jews by birth, Jews by choice, and those of other faiths who join with us; all who offer their time and talent, their love and commitment."

Let us rejoice in the community we sustain and enrich together.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP

Monday, November 16, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Learn the "Choreography" of Services  
with Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz

You are welcome – and encouraged! – to attend this meeting of the Spiritual Growth Group at which Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz will teach us when to bow and (when to "unbow"), when to stand and when to sit, when to rock forward on our toes, and other "choreography" of a typical *Shabbat* service.

## "ADULTS-ONLY" MARTINI HAVDALAH SERVICE AND SPICES

Saturday, November 21, 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 (beer, wine)

5:30 p.m. - Martinis and hors d'oeuvres

6:15 p.m. - Singing and *Havdalah* service

7:00 p.m. - Group dinner (details below)

You are invited to join us for dinner after the *Havdalah* service at a local restaurant (to be determined). To sign up for the dinner, please contact Mindy Levy at [artb4words@verizon.net](mailto:artb4words@verizon.net). Mindy will confirm receiving your reservation and will provide further details about the evening.

This will be a wonderful way to extend the joy of the service by spending the evening together.

## MALE-LED EREV SHABBAT SERVICE FEATURING CANTOR LEON SHER & THE KOL AMI ADULT CHOIR

Friday, December 4, 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](mailto:rebeccasongs@verizon.net) or 215-572-6094 no later than Wednesday, November 18, 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!

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# Family Bingo Night

**Come out and join us at Congregation Kol Ami**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015**

**5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.**

***Kid-Friendly Prizes • "Themed" Raffle Items***

***Refreshments Available!***

**For more information, please call Ellen Kovnat**

**Phone: 215-886-8713**

**Congregation Kol Ami • 8201 High School Road • Elkins Park, PA 19027**

**Pre-order for big savings!**

Name:

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Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Hm Phone/Wk phone:

# 4 packs \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# single packs \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to Kol Ami)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_



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

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

**Deadline for pre-ordering is November 11, 2015. Please send form and check to:**

**8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027**

## Open to the community

## WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE: NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER



Please donate your gently used or new winter coats, jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, and/or warm socks (socks must be new) to those in need.

Bring your items to the synagogue during November and December. You can drop them off at the Religious School office on Wednesdays or Sundays, and at Elaine Steven's office on other days. Both adult and children's clothing are welcome!



## KOL AMI BABYSITTING LIST UPDATE REQUEST

Our babysitting list is a little outdated, so we'd like to update it. This is a good resource for those members who need sitters. Please include the following information in an e-mail to Elaine Stevens at [execdir@kolamielkinspark.org](mailto:execdir@kolamielkinspark.org). This list will be available by contacting Elaine.

- Name
- Age
- Address
- Phone number(s)
- E-mail address
- When are you available?
- Do you drive?
- What is your hourly rate?
- Do you have any formal training, such as Red Cross babysitting training, etc.?



## Hazon Philadelphia Jewish Food Festival

**November 15, 2015 - All Day**

Congregation Keneseth Israel, Elkins Park, PA

Co-hosted by Congregation Kol Ami and  
Congregation Keneseth Israel

Did the kosher chicken on your *Shabbos* table ever see sunlight? Was your coffee grown by a women's cooperative in Guatemala? What else don't you know about your food's journey between the farm and your table?

Whether you're a fanatic farmer or suspicious of spinach, we want to give you balanced information to make informed, empowered food choices, without promoting any one lifestyle. Through the lens of Jewish ethics and dietary laws, we will explore the environmental, health, and social implications of the production and sourcing practices behind foods we encounter every day. We've been working for months to convene engaged experts from throughout the Jewish world and food movement, and they can't wait to meet you.

You are warmly invited to the **2015 Hazon Philadelphia Jewish Food Festival: *Between Farm and Table***. See you there! For more information, contact Ellen Friedman at [ejf0254@gmail.com](mailto:ejf0254@gmail.com). ■



## ARTIST OF THE MONTH

ELYNNE ROSENFELD: THROUGH NOV. 23



Rosenfeld received her MFA in Painting from the University of Massachusetts and her BA in Art from Rice University, Houston, TX. Her work is represented in private collections nationally. She is a recipient of numerous awards including the John H. Wolfe Award, Contemporary Voices, Woodmere Art Museum. She has had many solo exhibitions and over 100 group exhibitions. Her most recent solo show was at the Olitsky Gallery of Beth Or Synagogue in February 2015.

The artist states: "My current work starts with original photographs of succulent plants taken during travels. I try to capture some aspect of the plant that speaks to spirit. I alter the settings of these plants into abstract locations using glass beads and beach glass. The plants themselves are built with layered spirals of acrylic applied with the smallest possible script brush. The process, while slow, is meditative, and I believe to be infused with the Reiki healing I practice." As an active leader in the art community, Rosenfeld has served as a juror for juried exhibitions and has taught art at both the college level as well as local art centers. She is a former president of Tri State Artists Equity and she co-chaired a cooperative gallery for a decade. Currently, she serves on the board of ARTsisters, a group of women artists who show at various locations, giving a percentage of sales to worthy charities. Visit [www.elynnrosenfeld.com](http://www.elynnrosenfeld.com) to see more of her work.

The Kol Ami gallery hours are Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m.-noon. If the Religious School is closed on those days, the gallery is also closed. All of Elynne's works are for sale. See Elaine Stevens if interested in purchasing a piece. ■

## KOL AMI EVENTS (continued from page 10)

PLANNING MEETING FOR CONGREGATION KOL AMI'S

### 2016 FAMILY TRIP TO ISRAEL

**Monday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Julie Cohen and Nigel Blower in Elkins Park**

Join Rabbi Holin and Larry Ritter, president of Israel Tour Connection, to learn more about our exciting trip and answer any questions that you might have. Please call Julie and Nigel at 267-278-6733 to let them know you will attend this evening's program. Highlights regarding the trip follow:

**Leave for Israel on Sunday afternoon, August 21, and return early Thursday morning, September 1**

Join Rabbi Holin on an exciting and enriching journey for children (eight years of age or older at the time of the trip), youth, and adults to experience Israel! The trip is designed to be child friendly and provide family fun in ways that will touch your heart and mind. Invite your unaffiliated friends with children to join us as well.

Round trip on El Al from Newark International Airport  
To/from airport by chartered bus from the synagogue

August 22-24: Tel Aviv

August 25-26: Galilee

August 27-31: Jerusalem

"The Family Trip to Israel in the summer of 2007 was an amazing experience for my family on many levels. The country is beautiful, and our traveling companions, including several unaffiliated families, quickly became good friends. The children's activities were enjoyed by all including some particular standouts for my family. My son loved sifting through the sand at an archaeological dig where he uncovered a piece of an ancient lantern. We all enjoyed rafting down the Jordan River and carefully finding our way through Hezekiah's Tunnel, beneath Jerusalem, in total darkness. Other highlights were climbing to the top of Masada, followed by swimming in the Dead Sea and finally, riding camels.

The trip was a seamless combination of family fun, sight-seeing, history, culture, education, and, for me, a powerful spiritual connection. I was surprised at the wave of emotion I felt standing at the Western Wall with my daughter. I was awed by the vast physical presence of what was left of the ancient Temple Mount, and I felt a strong connection to the past, realizing that generations of Jews had stood and prayed right where I was, for so many thousands of years. I am thankful that my family had the chance to share many wonderful experiences with close friends and participate in this incredible trip." (Ellen Asam)

Let Rabbi Holin know if you are interested in being part of a family trip of a lifetime. ■

# 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**





# **It's a Miracle!**

## **A Hanukkah Magic Show and Concert**

**Sunday, Dec. 13 @ 1:00-2:00pm**  
**Old York Road Temple - Beth Am**  
(971 Old York Rd. Abington, PA)

**All Tickets \$5**  
(in advance)  
**\$7 at the door**  
**RSVP to your  
home congregation**

**Magician Hanukkah Harrison & Hanukkah Sing-A-Long with the  
Children's Choirs of the Kehillah of Old York Road  
sponsored by the synagogues of the Kehillah of Old York Road**

**Rebecca Schwartz is collecting the money for tickets. Contact her at [rebeccasongs@verizon.net](mailto:rebeccasongs@verizon.net)**



# DENIM & *Diamonds*

9TH ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION

*Saturday, January 9, 2016*

*7pm - 11pm*

*Congregation Kol Ami קול עמי*

WINNINGS PROVIDED AS RAFFLE TICKETS  
FOR FANTASTIC PRIZES!

\$35/person in advance

\$45/person 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](mailto:sharonmyers381@gmail.com)





## GETTING TO KNOW THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



Robin Warsaw (left, 215-635-5839) and Julie Cohen (right, 215-635-4716 )

The Membership Committee focuses on welcoming prospective members into Congregation Kol Ami so they can learn more about us as well as providing opportunities for existing members to further connect with all of the offerings of our intimate and dynamic community.

For the year ahead, our goals include:

- Grow our membership in all areas, focusing on young families, which supports a Strategic Plan initiative
- Welcome new members and quickly involve them in their desired areas of interest
- Strengthen member retention, including launching the Kol Ami Konnector program
- Expand our Membership Committee to implement all of our creative ideas and programs

Some of our accomplishments of the past year include:

- Growth in our religious school enrollment, particularly in grades K through 2
- *erev Shabbat* dinners in member homes for prospective members
- Greater celebration for monthly birthday and anniversary *Shabbat* Service
- Development of a Young Family focus group
- Two prospective-member *Shabbats*
- A robust First-Year Members' welcome process
- Increased connection with Early Learning Center
- Several ISH Social Events

We'd love to have you involved! Our goal for each member of the Membership Committee is that they contribute at their level of interest and in a way that is enjoyable and fulfilling. And, our meetings are really fun with great snacks. Come to the next one! ■

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: THE TURETSKYS

Cheryl and Gary Turetsky joined Kol Ami this summer after they were invited by Julie Cohen to a Friday-night service and felt very positively about the experience. Cheryl and Gary say that they were impressed with the service, enjoyed meeting with Elaine Stevens for an informational tour, and liked Rabbi Holin's friendliness.

Cheryl was born in New York City, went to college on Long Island, and then moved to Philadelphia. Gary is a native Philadelphian. They have lived in Upper Dublin for 27 years. Cheryl is a Special Education Teacher for grades 2 and 3 in the Philadelphia School District. She is also certified in teaching Reading and English as a Second Language. Having been an art major in college, Cheryl keeps up with this interest by doing painting and printmaking every summer.

Gary is a Social Studies teacher at Pennfield Middle School in the North Penn School District and an active member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association in the Instruction and Professional Development Council. Outside of work, Gary is an amateur pianist who loves both jazz and classical music and an avid reader of history.

Cheryl and Gary have a 27-year-old daughter, Aimee, who lives in Everett, Washington, north of Seattle. Aimee currently works as a professional nanny and (following in her parents' footsteps in pedagogy) is pursuing her certification in Early Childhood Education.

We are so pleased to welcome Cheryl and Gary, a couple who have devoted their lives to teaching, creating, and giving. They will easily become part of our family at Kol Ami! ■



*Social Action Event*

## **Congregation Kol Ami**

Sunday, December 20  
from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Help Philadelphia Families This Winter Season by  
Packing Food Boxes for Those in Need  
at

### **SHARE Food Program** **2901 West Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia**

SHARE provides food to over 20,000 low-income families each month. This is a great activity for the whole family, ages 8 and up.

Map: <http://sharefoodprogram.org/contact>

#### **Directions to SHARE:**

Route 1 South to Fox Street exit. At top of the exit, turn left onto Fox St. Follow Fox Street to Hunting Park Avenue (about 3 lights), turn right. Take Hunting Park to 29<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn right into the SHARE parking lot.

**RSVP to Jody Smith Long, 215-512-3636 or [jodyl321@comcast.net](mailto:jodyl321@comcast.net)**



The warehouse is often chilly,  
dress appropriately!





COOK FOR A FRIEND IN THE KOL AMI KITCHEN – The group made 94 lasagna meals! Join them on February 28 when they plan to make vegetable soup! ■



A GORGEOUS *SHABBAT* ON THE LAPP FAMILY'S MAPLE LAWN ORGANICS FARM IN QUARRYVILLE, PA

On November 11, 20 Kol Ami Hazon CSA family members and friends joined the Lapp Family for a day at their beautiful organic farm to celebrate the ninth season partnering with Lancaster Farm Fresh Cooperative. The day included a potluck lunch with Aaron and Lavina Lapp and their eight children, ranging in age from 4 to 18, followed by a tour of the farm. It was a perfect and restful *Shabbat* in the fields. ■

## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS (continued from page 9)

9. I have a sense of accomplishment in learning how to ask for money and learning to not take it personally when, on that oh so rare occasion, I am not successful. Thank you to so many who helped with the capital campaign and Legacy Endowment efforts, fund-raising at casino night and golf outings and *Tikun Olam* awards, at craft shows, in PTO bake sales and for our wonderful *Yartzeit* wall and our recently completed campaign to fund our new and wonderful High Holy Day *Machzor*.
10. While I wondered what I would say, I came to look forward to the time to think about the monthly Bulletin column and what *Sh'lach'chaynee* (send me) message I would include. I so appreciate the blessing it has been to address the congregation in the context of such memorable events - *Rosh Hashanah*, the LGBT Welcoming *Makom* Conference, Annual Meetings, Board Member and Volunteer *Shabbats*, our *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvahs*, IM Wise *Shabbats* and our beautiful and always unique Confirmation services.

Yes, being President takes time and share of mind like few things I've done before. Yet as compared to what I hear from other places, leading here is pretty easy as we are a near drama-and-politics-free community and an amazingly supportive congregation. This is blessing of leading here, where your leadership is embedded in 3,000 years of tradition and a springboard for a wonderful future that we create together.

I look forward to that future with all of you. My last *Sh'lach'chaynee* message is this: See the blessing of Kol Ami and when Shelley or Elliot or any of our board members or committee chairs tap you on the shoulder, take a deep breath and say *Sh'lach'chaynee* - Send me! I did and it was one of the best things I've ever done. *Today Rabah!* ■



**AN EASY WAY FOR YOU TO SUPPORT THE KOL AMI EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

**Federation Early Learning Services (FELS) has been successful over the past several years raising additional dollars through the United Way's Donor Option Program.**

**Involvement in FELS' United Way campaign is an ideal way for you to show your support of KOL AMI without undermining your fund-raising campaigns because United Way does not allow synagogues to participate in the Donor Option program.**

Many of you are already contributing to the United Way individually or through your workplace.

FELS would like to continue its donor option outreach to the Congregation.

Please consider designating Federation Early Learning Services as your United Way donor option choice.

**FELS' donor option numbers are:**

<b>Local</b>	<b>#44</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>#4101-0089</b>
<b>Federal</b>	<b>#16951</b>

**Your tax-deductible contribution, in any amount, helps all of our children!**

Save the Dates & Come Smile with Us...

## **"Fun-for-Kids" erev Shabbat Services**

This 6:00 p.m. service is appropriate for all ages. It's a happy half-hour with lots of music and our terrific student choir.

**November 13**

**December 18**

**January 8 and 22**

**February 19**

**April 8 and 29 ■**





# KOL AMI NOVEMBER 2015 AT A GLANCE

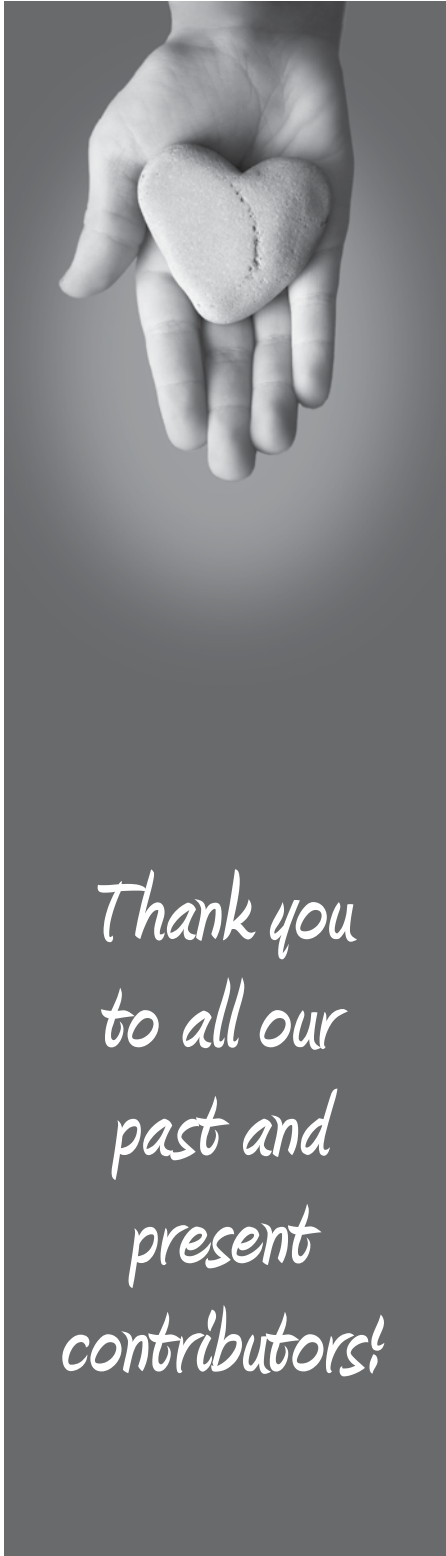
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Religious School</b> 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal <b>Marketing Committee Meeting</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b> 10:25 a.m. <b>Healing Service</b> 1:00 p.m. <b>SHARE Food Program</b> 1:00 p.m. (Philadelphia)	<b>2</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> Music 9:30 a.m. <b>Membership Committee Meeting</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>3</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> CLOSED	<b>4</b> <b>Religious School</b> 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> with Adult Choir 7:30 p.m. David Hyman will deliver the <i>dvat Torah</i>	<b>7</b> <b>Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue</b> 10:00 a.m. Carol Nemeroff will deliver the <i>dvat Torah</i> <b>ISH "Fall" Event</b> 7:30 p.m. at the home of Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen
<b>8</b> <b>Trope Class</b> 9:10 a.m. <b>"Taste of Shabbat"</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Religious School</b> 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal <b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b> 10:25 a.m. <b>Religious School PTO Meeting</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>YoFresh Dine Around</b> 1:00 p.m. <b>LOCA Tea Party</b> 2:00 p.m. Home of Jane Finkle <b>CHS Touring Ensemble</b> 3:00 p.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> Fitness 9:30 a.m.	<b>11</b> <b>Religious School</b> 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	<b>12</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> Music 9:30 a.m. <b>Continuing Jewish Education for Adults</b> with Rabbi Rosenbloom 10:30 a.m. <b>Continuing Jewish Education for Adults</b> with Rabbi Rosenbloom 7:30 p.m.	<b>13</b> <b>Early Learning Center</b> <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> with Rabbi Holin 11:00 a.m. <b>"Fun-for-Kids"</b> <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> with Student Choir 6:00 p.m. <b>Interfaith Relationship Dialogue</b> <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> and "Second-Friday" Blessings 7:30 p.m.	<b>14</b> <b>Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Family Bingo Night</b> 5:00 p.m.

# KOL AMI NOVEMBER 2015 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>15</b> <b>Trope Class</b> 9:10 a.m. <b>Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>Religious School</b> 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal <b>Hazon Philadelphia Jewish Food Festival</b> 10:00 a.m. Congregation Keneseth Israel <b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b> 10:25 p.m.	<b>16</b> <b>Early Learning Center Music</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>Spiritual Growth Group Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>"Conversations"</b> Home of David and Shelley Chamberlain 7:30 p.m.	<b>17</b> <b>Early Learning Center Fitness</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>18</b> <b>Religious School</b> 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	<b>19</b> <b>Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Rabbi Rosenbloom</b> 10:30 a.m. <b>Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Rabbi Rosenbloom</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>20</b> <b>Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rebecca Schwartz</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>erev Shabbat Service with Grade 6-7 participation</b> 7:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - BYO Dinner	<b>21</b> <b>Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue</b> 10:00 a.m. Carol Nemeroff will deliver the <i>dvar Torah</i> <b>"Adults-Only" Martini Havdalah Service and Spices</b> 5:30 p.m.
<b>22</b> <b>Trope Class</b> 9:10 a.m. <b>Religious School</b> 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. - Grades 3 & 5 Family Education Program at Abramson Center 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir <b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b> 10:25 p.m. <b>Human Resources Committee Meeting</b> 11:30 a.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Religious School Closed</b> Thanksgiving	<b>26</b> <b>Nursery School Closed</b> Thanksgiving	<b>27</b> <b>Nursery School Closed</b> Thanksgiving <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 7:30 p.m. Jeff Cohen will deliver the <i>dvar Torah</i>	<b>28</b> <b>Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue</b> 10:00 a.m. Barry Steinbrecher will read from the <i>Torah</i> and Neal Beatus will deliver the <i>dvar Torah</i>
<b>29</b> <b>Religious School Closed</b> Thanksgiving	<b>30</b>					

# 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 Honor of:

**Bat Mitzvah of Emma Fishbein**  
*Joel and Rebecca Schwartz*

**Fran Surkin**  
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In Memory of:

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*Craig and Sharon Myers*  
*Elaine Stevens* ■



# NOW



# LATER



## NOVEMBER

- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**  
10:00 a.m. - Marketing Committee Meeting  
1:00 p.m. - Healing Service  
1:00 p.m. - SHARE Food Program, Philadelphia, PA
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2**, at 7:30 p.m.  
Membership Committee Meeting
- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**, at 7:30 p.m.  
*erev Shabbat* Service with Adult Choir
- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**, at 7:30 p.m.  
ISH Event at home of Nigel Blower & Julie Cohen
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**  
10:00 a.m. - "Taste of *Shabbat*"  
11:00 a.m. - Religious School PTO Meeting  
1:00 p.m. - YoFresh Dine Around  
2:00 p.m. - LOCA Afternoon Tea at home of Jane Finkle  
3:00 p.m. - Touring Ensemble of Cheltenham H.S.
- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 & 19; DECEMBER 3 & 10 at 10:30 a.m.**  
Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Rabbi Rosenbloom
- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 & 19; DECEMBER 3 & 10 at 7:30 p.m.**  
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- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13**  
6:30 p.m. - "Fun-for-Kids *erev Shabbat* Service with Student Choir  
7:30 p.m. - Interfaith Relationship Dialogue *erev Shabbat* Service and "Second-Friday" Blessings
- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**, at 5:00 p.m.  
Religious School PTO Family Bingo Night
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Enhancement Committee  
10:00 a.m. - Hazon Philadelphia Jewish Food Festival at Congregation Keneseth Israel
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16**  
7:00 p.m. - Spiritual Growth Group Meeting  
7:30 p.m. - "Conversations" at home of David and Shelley Chamberlain

## NOVEMBER (CONTINUED)

- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20**, at 7:30 p.m.  
*erev Shabbat* Service with Grade 6 and 7 participation; preceded by a BYO Dinner at 6:45 p.m.
- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**, at 5:00 p.m.  
"Adults-Only" Martini *Havdalah* Service followed by dinner (location TBD)
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22**, at 11:30 a.m.  
Human Resources Committee Meeting

## DECEMBER

- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**, at 7:30 p.m.  
"First-Friday" Male-Led *erev Shabbat* Service with Leon Sher and our Adult Choir
- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 7**, at 7:30 p.m.  
Meet Larry Ritter of Israel Tour Connection at home of Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen
- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11**, at 6:30 p.m.  
*Kabbalat Shabbat* followed by BYO Dinner and Discussion
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
Religious School Bake Sale  
11:00 a.m. - Religious School PTO Meeting  
1:00 p.m. - *Hanukkah* Magic Show and Concert at Old York Road Temple Beth Am
- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 14**, at 7:30 p.m.  
Religious School Committee Meeting
- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
6:00 p.m. - LOCA Dinner and a Show in Center City (TBD)  
7:30 p.m. - Interfaith Relationship Dialogue Meeting
- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
6:00 p.m. - "Fun-for-Kids" *erev Shabbat* Service  
7:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service with Grade 5 participation; preceded by a BYO Dinner at 6:45 p.m.
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20**  
10:00 a.m. - "Taste of *Shabbat*"  
1:00 p.m. - SHARE Food Program, Philadelphia, PA
- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 21**, at 7:00 p.m.  
Spiritual Growth Group Meeting ■