

CONGREGATION
Kol Ami
VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, October 1, 7:30 p.m.

First-Friday *erev Shabbat* Service with Birthday and Anniversary Blessings; our Adult Choir will add their voices

SATURDAY, October 2

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

4:00 p.m. - Family *Havdalah* Service (see page 7)

FRIDAY, October 8, 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we honor and bless the elected leaders of our congregation at our 'Board of Trustees' Installation *erev Shabbat* Service'

SATURDAY, October 9

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

2:00 p.m. - Blessing of Pets on the Meadow (see page 7)

FRIDAY, October 15

5:45 p.m. - BYOD and blankets or comfortable chairs

6:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* and Religious-School-Wide Service on the Meadow where Consecration Certificates will be presented to our new religious school students; our Student Choir will add their voices.

SATURDAY, October 16, 10:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Erica Fleck (see page 13)

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MEDITATION GARDEN OFF TO A GREAT START



OAK-LEAF HYDRANGEA

We have started work on our meditation garden, located in the corner of our property at the right of the driveway as you pull into the parking lot. The weeds have been cleared, a path has been laid, and skip laurels have been planted to create a privacy hedge. We must fill in with plantings, benches, and maybe some sculptures, and we hope to get some plants in the ground this fall.

To keep our garden "GREEN," we will be planting only native species, eliminating invasive plants, and recycling plants from our own members' gardens. In addition, we will only be using organic fertilizers, and by using rain barrels, we will minimize our water use.

Any gardeners who wish to donate plants from their own gardens, we request that you bring them to the synagogue in plastic pots, (not in bags) so they can be watered if they do not get planted right away.

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

George Barrett and Deborah Neimeth, and their children, Emma, Kate and Zachary

Sarah Barrett

Jeff and Joan Blumberg, and their daughter, Emilia

Daniel and Linda George

Kourosh and Rose Ann Ghalili, and their son, David

Robert and Renee Haas

Scott Kaufman and Amy Schlein-Kaufman, and their daughter Madeline

Patricia Levitt

David and Lisa Petkun

Jonathan and Fran Stember

Joy Lily Stember

Bryan and Amy Quigley, and their children Kyra and Nate

Jeffrey and Robin Warsaw, and their children Eliana and Jonathan

Jeremy and Laura Wintroub ■

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send articles by the 5th of the previous month (e.g., by October 5 for the November issue) to Debra Share, copy editor, at debra_share@merck.com. Articles may be edited as needed. Photographs/images to be included should be at least 2x3" in size and 300 DPI resolution to ensure good reproduction. Check your camera's user guide for instructions on setting image resolution. ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Shalom. I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's High Holy Day Appeal. I know how often you are requested to help with this charity or that cause—I get those phone calls and letters as well and sometimes they feel as frequent as the uncountable catalogs that come every December. It can be difficult to divvy up those charitable dollars, so we deeply appreciate your generous donations to our congregation. Know that your participation on occasions like the High Holy Day Drive, the Golf Outing, and Casino Night gives us greatly needed dollars and aids us in our efforts to make Congregation Kol Ami the vibrant and active community it is.

If you look around and read your bulletin, you will see that there is more than ever going on. We have an active Landscape and Enhancement Committee who is working to fulfill our dreams of a beautiful meditation garden and an active Library Committee finalizing our Library and children's area. Very soon we will be celebrating our joyous Family *Havdalah* service on October 2 and the Blessing of Pets on October 9. We have an incredibly hard-working Golf Outing Committee that is, once again, bringing us a wonderful day of golf, tennis, and food on October 5. And let's not forget the active Craft Show Committee who is about to offer us our first annual craft show on October 23 and 24.

I'm sure I've forgotten something, and for that I apologize, but the amount of fun and spiritual activities that happen here could take your breath away. So again, thank you for supporting all of it with your largesse and your presence.

Ilene Schafer

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

BE PART OF WITH EARTH AND EACH OTHER: A VIRTUAL RALLY FOR A BETTER MIDDLE EAST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 2010 JOIN US WORLDWIDE

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010 AT

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

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: (215) 635-3110

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

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



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

The 1985 movie “Back to the Future” starring Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd may be more memorable for its title than its script, and the title is an apt description of the journey we have taken through the *Torah* this past month.

At the conclusion of Moses’ last speech at the end of the Book of Deuteronomy, we read: “Never again did there arise in Israel a prophet like Moses” (Deut. 34:12). You might think we would have continued immediately into the Book of Genesis, yet for almost a month—from *erev Rosh Hashanah* on September 8 through *Simchat Torah* on September 30—we moved through the *Torah* in circuitous fashion. On *Rosh Hashanah*, we read from the middle of the Book of Genesis (chapter 22 [of 50]); on *Yom Kippur* morning from the end of Deuteronomy (chapter 29 [of 34]); and that afternoon, we reversed course to the Book of Leviticus (chapter 19 [of 27]). Six days later, on *Sukkot*, we advanced a few chapters in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 23) until the *Shabbat* that followed a few days later when we rewound to the Book of Exodus (chapter 33 [of 40]) to re-experience the moments that preceded the revelation on Sinai. Finally, on *Simchat Torah*, we jumped to the end of the Book of Deuteronomy, and, without pausing for breath in reading its conclusion, we merged seamlessly into the first word of the first verse of the first chapter of the Book of Genesis.

Start. Jump ahead. Reverse. Forward. Then backward. Forward again. Rewind and return to the beginning. You would think that we might be



totally off balance, our heads spinning, but there is a valuable lesson here: sometimes we need to pause, reflect, and look back before we look ahead.

Here is something else to consider. The synagogue, where some Jews feel uncomfortable and are rarely seen, is the very place in which we take stock of our lives over the High Holy Days, while those who feel at home in the synagogue during the year are handed a liturgy over the High Holy Days that is quite different from the *Shabbat* words and songs with which they are familiar.

This time of year demands some agility from us. Like sprinters poised in our blocks, we blast away from the starting line only to reverse field, then move ahead again, then back and again forward, all of it designed to have us reach a point where we don’t finish, but begin! The pattern of our recent *Torah* readings prepares us for the new year with all of its twists and turns. We are on both track and trampoline: our hopes soar, come down to earth, and rise again. We are now (finally!) in the Book of Genesis. New beginnings beckon. The *Torah* conveys this message: Don’t hover (Genesis 1:2), fly (Genesis 1:26).

Shalom u’vrachah,
Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

WORSHIP SERVICES

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FRIDAY, October 22, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, October 23, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, October 29, 7:00 p.m.

Children’s-Family *erev Shabbat* Service

SATURDAY, October 30

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

Torah Dialogue

5:30 p.m. - *Bat Mitzvah* of

Arin Edelstein (see page 13) ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

October 2 - *B’reisheet*

Genesis 1:1-6:8, I Samuel 20:18-42

October 9 - *Noah*

Genesis 6:9-11:32, Isaiah 66:1-24

October 16 - *Lech Lecha*

Genesis 12:1-17:27

Isaiah 40:27-41:16

October 23 - *Vayera*

Genesis 18:1-22:24, II Kings 4:1-37

October 30 - *Chayei Sarah*

Genesis 23:1-25:18, I Kings 1:1-31 ■

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences in loving memory of:

Roslyn “Babs” Silver Zipser Rhodes
mother of Iry Silver (Steven Leshner)
grandmother of Robert Silver Leshner and Rachel Silver Leshner

May her memory forever be a blessing among our People. ■

MAZAL TOV

Congratulations to **Victor Friesen** and **Hollie Brayer** on the engagement of their daughter, Alysha Brayer Friesen to Daniel Meloche on August 2. ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Caring Congregants Committee

Sunday, October 17, at 12:15 p.m.
Co-Chairs: Mindy Levy, 215-885-3672
and Debra Share, 215-635-2183

Craft Show Committee

Monday, October 11, at 7:30 p.m.
Chair: Ellen Matz, 215-635-5426

New Member Programming Subcommittee/Member Retention

Sunday, October 10, at 10:00 a.m.
Chair: Susan Hoffman, 215- 635-0599

Operations Committee

Wednesday, October 6, at 6:00 p.m.
Co-Chairs: Guy Appel, 215-938-9330
and Ben Long, 215-635-4751

Religious School Activities Working Group

Sunday, October 3, at 10:00 a.m.
Co-Chairs: Kenny Moss, 215-277-5335
and Heather Pelletier, 215-855-3216

Social Action Committee

Wednesday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m.
Chair: Ronit Sugar, 215-635-0390

Spiritual Growth Group

Thursday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m.
Co-chairs: Natalie Dyen, 215-657-4124 and Janet Falon, 215-635-1698 ■

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Dear Rabbi Holin,

The Board and staff of the Philadelphia Unemployment Information Center (UIC) thank you and your congregation for your generous donations. We were extremely touched by your selfless actions. We are honored to have received these blessings. The work that 'Phast for Philadelphia' is doing is inspiring.

For 30 years, the UIC has provided unemployed and low-income workers with the tools for individual entry and advancement into the mainstream economy. We thank you for recognizing and valuing our work.

Evelyn Dodds, Operations Manager ■

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



EIGHT YEARS AGO, I had the honor of being the speaker at my Rabbinic Ordination. It was the culmination of six years of study, a class vote, a few week-long class study sessions of a chosen text, and a lot of nerves and stress. In the end, I addressed about one thousand attendees on the value of greeting. Basing it all on a Rabbinic text about Moses' brother Aaron, I charged this esteemed audience with the need to recognize the power and importance of saying "Hi."

Looking to prove my point, I asked: "What is the opposite of greeting? What is it to walk along a road, into a room, or down a hall without being greeted by those who pass? It is loneliness,

isolation, and ultimately, nonexistence." The *Torah* rebels against this condition of the human being. For example, when Adam was created, even though he lived in Paradise, God said to him, "lo tov" ("not good"): it is not right for man to be alone. To be lonely is to feel no connection and to feel that what we do and who we are does not matter. And it is human nature to rail against this sort of anonymity. That is why reality TV and talk shows are full of desperate people who will do anything to be recognized. There is a yearning within all of us to answer "*hineini*" ("here I am") to someone's call.

I continued by arguing that people turn to religion to heal that loneliness, and it is the ultimate failure of any religious community that does not remove it. To have someone enter our sanctuary, perhaps to say *kaddish*, perhaps to reconnect with their heritage, and to never be greeted; for no one to show interest in who they are and why they are there, is an offense against the divine image in every human being. Ironically, these days often the only greeting people get and interest that is shown is when they are going through a security screening.

What can a greeting do to bring a person out of such depths? It provides recognition; it is a simple acknowledgement of the person that stands before you. Greeting draws us out of our internal space, the "all about me" self-absorption that is natural when we are lonely. Greeting jars us, reminding us that we are not alone, that there are others around us, and that others know and care that we are there. A greeting says: "Hello, I know that you are before me, and you are important."

So why do I bring this to you today? Do we at Kol Ami need to work harder to be warm, to be welcoming, and to recognize those before us even as we pass through the halls? Well, I suppose we can always do better; however, I must admit that I truly believe that we are uniquely good at this. We are a

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small, warm, and inviting community whose individuals take the time and care to reach out to each other.

Often I am asked whether I am happy at Kol Ami, given that my background is steeped in conservative Judaism. I always answer truthfully when I say: "I have never been a part of a community that was this warm and welcoming."

Although we are very good at welcoming each other, I think there is another area where we can, without question, improve. You see, welcoming only works when we are there to be welcomed. With this in mind, I believe that our attention should be on coming together as a community as often as we can. Recognizing that though we are each busy as individuals and as families, our Kol Ami community misses us when we are not there. It is made stronger by our presence, as we are made stronger by being there. It is only as a group that we can look to each other for support.

In the past, as a religious school, we have touted our warmth and our community and, then in the name of education and pedagogy, designed all of our programming for tiny groups within it. But, how much *ruach* (spirit) can a room full of five families generate? So this year, we are rethinking things. We are recognizing the power and importance of saying "Hi." We have created programming that brings much, if not all, of the community together. We will learn together, we will sing together, we will play together, and we will say "Hi" to each other!

Please join me in recognizing the individuals who stand before us. Please join me in being there to be recognized.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Selilah Kalev ■

PLEASE DON'T MISS THESE IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT!

FAMILY COLOR WAR CHALLENGE OCTOBER 10

The entire school will rise to the occasion as we are divided into teams to achieve amazing feats, have fun, and experience joy.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL *SHABBAT* & CONSECRATION OCTOBER 15

The entire school will share food, music, and a beautiful setting as we share dinner and services on the meadow. Together, we will welcome our newest students and get the year off to an incredible start!

CALLING ALL KATY & SENIOR YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS!!!!

KATY (GR. 9-12)



KATY is coming on with a bang! Our elections and pizza night in September got us off the ground, and now we are flying right in to an opening Shul-In. **Join us on October 9-10 for an overnight full of friends, fun, and food. Please also join us for the fall Kallah on October 29-30**, when our KATY members are invited to enjoy this regional NFTY-PAR weekend. Ask anyone who went last year—there is nothing to compare to hanging out with other Jewish teens from around the area. It is going to be a great month.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP (GR. 6-8)



With a new Youth Council established and our first meeting under our belts, Senior Youth Group looks to be bigger and better than ever before! Join us for a year of fun activities, games, and time to hang with good friends. This month, we will finally get to go rock climbing! We look forward to seeing you for our **Rock Climbing Adventure on October 24**. Further information will be sent out shortly. ■

Tuesday October 5, 2010

**Congregation Kol Ami
Annual Fun-Raiser:
*GOLF & TENNIS OUTING***

**Golf, Tennis, Gala
Dinner, Silent Auction
& 50/50 Raffle**

Sign up with Elaine Stevens
to participate and/or recruit

At the beautiful
Talamore Country Club
723 Talamore Drive, Ambler, PA

Program

- 11:00 AM Registration &
Driving Range Open
11:15 AM Buffet Lunch
12:15 PM Golf Tournament
Instructions
12:30 PM Shotgun Golf Start
3:00 PM Round Robin Tennis
5:30 PM Gala Cocktail Party
with Open Bar, Dinner
Buffet & start of the
Silent Auction
6:30 PM Tom Madorno Trophy
Presentation, Auction
Winners, Awards &
50/50 Raffle Winner

Event co-chairs:

Jeff Cohen—215-635-3232
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Ben Long—215-635-4751
benl321@comcast.net

Silent Auction Chair:

Eric Pelletier—215-855-3216
esppt@verizon.net

WE NEED YOU!

50-50 Raffle Tickets—\$10 each
(Last year's 50/50 payout was over \$2,000)

Gala Reception/Dinner
\$100 per couple / \$50 for one

Tennis Participant—\$100
Tennis entry, reception/dinner

Golf Participant—\$225
Golf entry, buffet lunch and reception/dinner

Golf Hole Sponsor—\$300
Sign at a tee and acknowledgement in our bulletin

Tennis Foursome Sponsor—\$450
4 tennis entries, buffet lunches, reception/dinners,
bulletin acknowledgement

Beverage Table Sponsor—\$500
2 for reception/dinner and sponsor sign

Golf Twosome Sponsor—\$550
2 golf entries, buffet lunches, reception/dinner,
sponsor sign on a tee

Golf Foursome Sponsor—\$1,000
4 golf entries, buffet lunches and reception/dinner,
sponsor sign on a tee, bulletin acknowledgement

Cocktail Party Sponsor—\$1,000
signage at reception and 1/4 page bulletin ad

Corporate Sponsor—\$3,000
4 golf entries, buffet lunches, reception/dinner,
exclusive sponsor sign on a tee, 1/2 page bulletin ad

Event Sponsor—\$5,000
8 golf entries, buffet lunches, reception/dinner,
exclusive 1/2 page ad in our bulletin, exclusive
sponsor sign on first tee

Kol Ami Events

LADIES OF A CERTAIN AGE (LOCA) LUNCH

Friday, October 1, from 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

(Rain Date: Friday, October 8)

at the Grounds for Sculpture, Trenton, NJ

LOCA will be going to the Grounds for Sculpture in Trenton, NJ. We will be driving in carpools and having lunch at Rats. If you would like to join us, please notify Jean Ettinger at jeanettinger@gmail.com.

FIRST-FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for October Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Friday, October 1, at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

JOIN US AT OUR FAMILY HAVDALAH SERVICE

Saturday, October 2, from 4:00-5:30 p.m.



This is a wonderful time for all of us to be together as a congregation—a gathering of children, young adults, and adults to rejoice in the celebration of *Havdalah*:
4:00-4:45 p.m. - Schmooze and Graze
4:45-5:15 p.m. - Sing-along
5:15-5:30 p.m. - *Havdalah* Service

BOARD BLESSING AND INSTALLATION EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, October 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Our elected leaders on the Board of Trustees devote an impressive amount of their time and talent to ensure that our synagogue flourishes. Join us this evening as we thank them for their leadership gifts and bless them in front of the ark.

BLESSING OF PETS

Saturday, October 9, at 2:00 p.m. on the Meadow



“All wildlife after their kind, all herd-animals after their kind, all crawling things that crawl upon the earth after their kind, all fowl after their kind, all chirping-things, all winged-things; they came to Noah, into the ark, male and female they came” (Genesis 7:14-15).

What could be more appropriate on *Shabbat* Noah and the story of the ark than to gather with our pets to bless them? Join Rabbi Holin and Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz on the meadow as we sing, bless, and caress our pets for our annual Blessing of Pets!

KNIT ‘N NOSH

Sunday, October 10, at 10:00 a.m.

Knit one, pearl one, anyone? All knitters, please feel free to join us for knitting, munchies (we bring our own), and chatter! If you crochet or do needlepoint, that’s great too! Please contact Pam Marquette at 215-906-7304 if you have any questions. Future dates are: November 21, December 12, February 27, March 27, and April 10

LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI HOLIN

“*Mishnah* and More”

commencing on Tuesday, October 12, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

BYOL plus ‘Jewish Nutrition’ at the Synagogue



What wisdom did rabbis in the second century of the Common Era offer about life and afterlife, the search for wisdom, and the sanctity of relationships that might be insightful today? Join Rabbi Holin as we explore selections of *Mishnah – Pirkei Avot* (“*Chapters of the Fathers/Ancestors*”) to discuss what prompted specific writings then, and

how they speak to us now.

Refreshments will be provided. Please call Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182 by October 5 so that he can send you the material that will be discussed in advance of the October 12 Lunch and Learn.

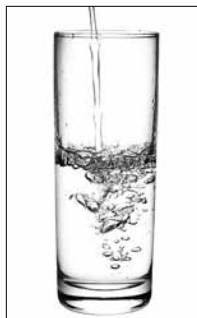
Future dates: On Tuesdays—November 16, January 11, February 5, April 12, and May 10.

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FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT



This month, Rabbi Holin's **Fast for Darfur**—which supports rescue efforts in Darfur—and **Nothing But Nets** fast—which supports URJ's project to purchase, distribute, and educate about the proper use of insecticide-treated family bed nets to prevent the spread of malaria in Africa—will be on **Thursday, October 7, and Monday, November 8.**

His **Phast for Philadelphia**—which is on behalf of unemployed workers in Philadelphia who are struggling to make ends meet by helping them pay their mortgages, address health care needs, and pay electric bills—will be on **Monday, October 18, and Wednesday, November 17.**

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

Commission on Social Action

Union for Reform Judaism

633 Third Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10017

(make check payable to the URJ with a memo note 'Nothing But Nets')

Save Darfur Coalition

3246 Solutions Center, Lockbox #773246

Chicago, IL 60677

Unemployment Information Center

112 N. Broad Street, 11th Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19102

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

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Please come help us plan our social action activities for the year. There is so much to do, and we need you. If you can't make it, but are still interested in helping out, please contact Ronit Sugar at 215-208-7027 or ronitsugar@gmail.com.

THIRD TUESDAY WITH RABBI HOLIN

October 19 at 8:30 am

at the West Avenue Grille in Jenkintown

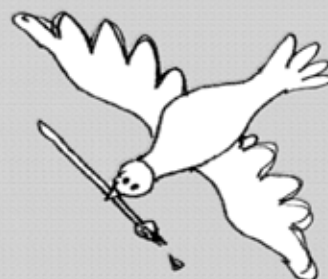
Join Rabbi Holin and other members of the congregation at this delightfully informal, hour-long breakfast as we chat about current events in the Jewish and secular world, new movies or books, or transitions in our lives.

Please call Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182) by October 17 to reserve your seat at the table for our 'first breakfast *schmooze*' of the New Year. ■



Ellie Kaplan and Becca Leifer went to Prague, Poland, and Israel with the Jewish youth group, NFTY, and traveled together with 46 kids; see back cover article for more details.

THE
**CRAFT &
FINE ARTS**
SHOW @ KOL AMI



Vetted Showcase of 40+ Artisans from the Region!

SPECIAL PREVIEW NIGHT

Saturday, October 23, 6:30-10:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$18 advanced sales; \$20 at the door

- Crafts and Fine Arts will be available for purchase
- Entertainment by Members of Cheltenham High School Award-Winning A Cappella Groups SONS OF PITCH and UP THE OCTAVE plus DOS GUYS GREG BROWN & RON CHMAR, and more
- Catered Gourmet Lite Fare from JOSHUA'S OF JENKINTOWN, along with wine and beverages
- Free raffle ticket for a chance to win a stunning piece created by one of our artisans

SHOW DAY

Sunday, October 24, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$5 at the door only

- Catered Gourmet Light Fare from JOSHUA'S OF JENKINTOWN available for purchase
- Raffle tickets for purchase to win a stunning piece created by one of our artisans (advanced sales are available)

Open to the Community

8201 HIGH SCHOOL ROAD, ELKINS PARK, PA

For more information, call 215-635-3110 or visit www.kolamielkinspark.org.



Reflections

**First Sundays from 11:00 a.m.-Noon
Commencing October 3
Instructor: Dr. Herb Barrett**

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

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

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

Tradition and Change: Reform Movements in Judaism

**Mondays, October 4, 11, 18, and 25
from 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Instructor: Rabbi Howard Bogot**

"The Jewish experience has never been monotonous. There is no single golden thread running through the pages of history...The only unchanging constant is change itself." (Dr. Jacob Marcus, director of the American Jewish Archives, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.)

Participants in this seminar will study essays in the text "Reform Movements in Judaism" by Dr. Abraham Cronbach. Topics include the Pentateuchal, Pharisaic, and Chasidic reformations.

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

Thinking, Talking, and Writing About Your Jewish Autobiography

**Thursday, October 7, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Janet Ruth Falon, MLA**



Don't be scared off by this title: you don't have to be excessively Jewish, whatever that means, nor do you have to be a good writer, whatever that is, to participate. This workshop, which could become ongoing if there's enough interest, is a place where you'll start to think about the big picture of your Jewish identity, mostly by responding in writing and/or conversation to some core, thought-provoking questions. You don't need to be spiritual or learned to participate. And in addition to the delights of self-awareness, you may leave the workshop with the intention of writing out some of your Jewish autobiographical stories for your family, descendants, or posterity!

Kol Ami member Janet Ruth Falon, an award-winning writer and writing teacher—also the co-chair of the Kol Ami Spiritual Growth Group—is the author of many articles, essays, and a book all of which spring from her own Jewish identity and journey.

CONTINUING JEWISH EDUCATION AT KOL AMI



Do You Love to Read?

Instructor: Lou Barrett
Sunday, October 17
from 11:00-Noon

We invite you to join poet Lou Barrett at the initial meeting of Kol Ami's new Book Group, Contemporary Jewish Writers. We will discuss the nature of our group, decide what we plan to read, and discuss when and how often to meet.

Before joining Kol Ami, Ms. Barrett—teacher of literature and writing, Poet of the Year at Wesleyan University, recipient of the Connecticut Poetry Society's Winchell Award, and contributor to numerous national magazines—led a Contemporary Jewish Writers group at Temple Israel in Westport, Connecticut. Over the years, her book group enjoyed works by Michael Chabon, Stephen Dubner, Jonathan Safran Foer, David Grossman, Dara Horn, Primo Levi, Bernard Malamud, Amos Oz, Philip Roth, Isaac Bashevis Singer and A.B. Yehoshua.

Ms. Barrett invites to you join her at this get-acquainted meeting. In Lou's words: "A penetrating interest in fiction is one way we know the world, altering, as it can, our own Jewish experience."

Please RSVP by October 10 to 215-635-3110.

Exploring Four Significant Torah Narratives through Midrash and Jewish Mysticism



Instructor: Rabbi Elliot Holin
Thursdays, October 28 and
November 4, 11 & 18
from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

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

- The binding of Isaac (Genesis 22)
- Jacob's dream of angels ascending and descending on a ladder (Genesis 28)

- Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3)
- "I am the Lord thy God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt" (Exodus 20)


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

Please RSVP by October 21 to 215-635-3110. Free to members; non-member registration is \$50.

Look for More Classes in 2011

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

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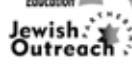


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Sunday, October 10, 2010
7pm

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MEDITATION GARDEN

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We hope to do the planting from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 3,** and **Sunday, October 17.** You are welcome to come help! Bring trowels and gardening gloves. We respectfully request that you do not plant anything on your own.

Below is a partial list of plants that we could use:

Astilbe	Ferns
Black-Eyed Susan	Henry's Garnet (Itea)
Bleeding Hearts	Hostas
Coneflowers	Mountain Laurel
Coralbells	Oak-Leaf Hydrangeas
Daylilies	Sedum

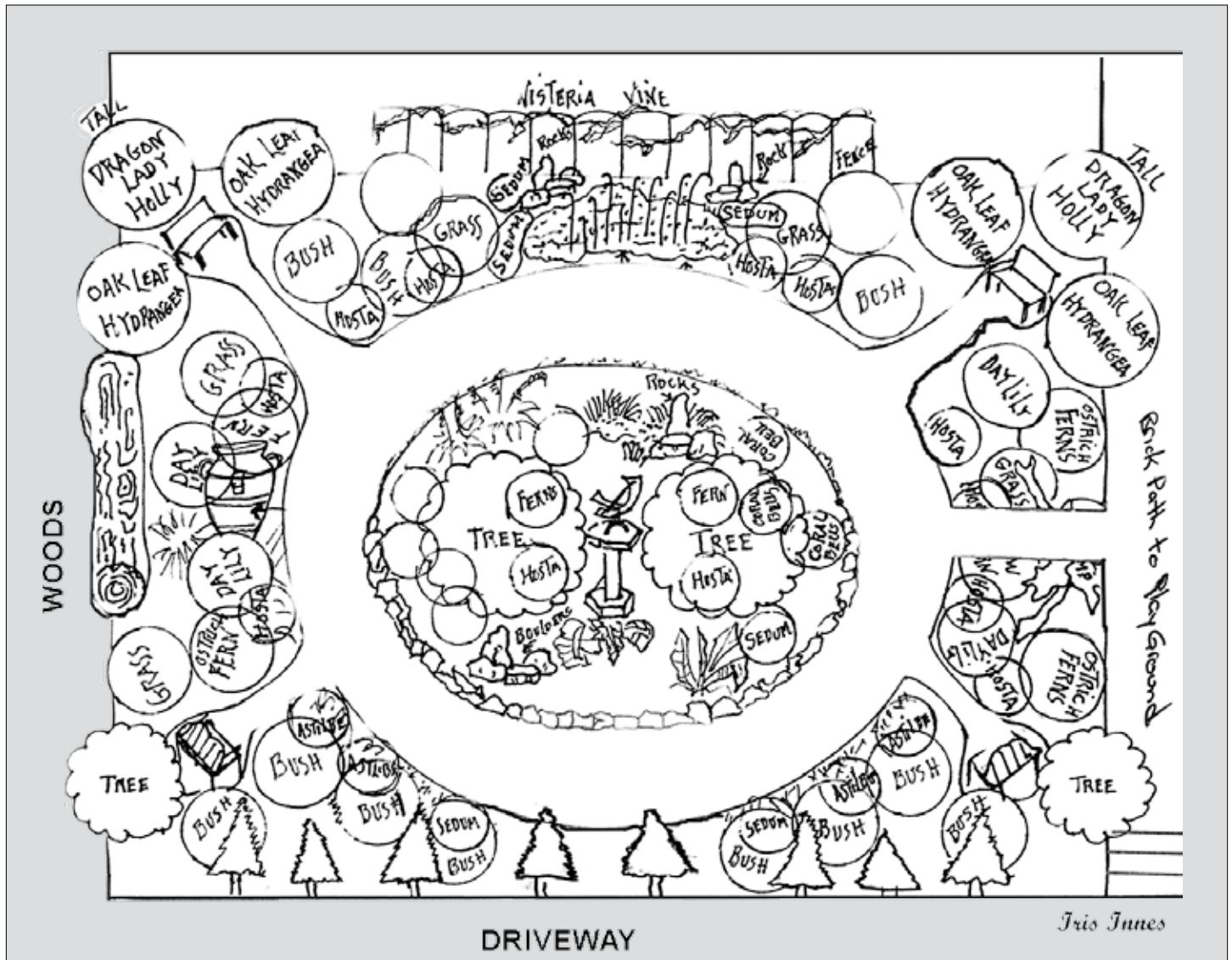
If you would like to donate a bench, rain barrel, or plants, please contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or Marshall Schafer at 215-663-0228. ■



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FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

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BAT MITZVAH OF ERICA FLECK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, AT 10:00 AM



Erica is in the seventh grade at Murray Avenue School. Her favorite subjects are writing and grammar. She also enjoys spending time with her friends; playing soccer, basketball, and softball; and going to camp in the summer.

Her *Bat Mitzvah-Mitzvah* Projects are many and varied. In addition to helping her uncle coach her cousins' soccer teams, she raises money to purchase soccer equipment for children who don't have any. Every *Hanukkah*, she assists her mother's *Hadassah* chapter collect gifts for families whose battles with cancer make it impossible for them to work and buy presents for their own children. As she says, "Doing these *Mitzvah* Projects will not only make me happy, but also all the people I am helping."

"I enjoy it when we attend services and have a moment of silence, because God is important to me. I believe there is a God, and I believe that He listens to people even if they don't get an immediate response. I like it when we say blessings because God definitely deserves appreciation.

Expressing praise and gratitude is part of prayer, and the *Yotzer* is one of my favorite prayers because it acknowledges that God made the earth and all the cherished things in life. The *V'ahavtah* is another one of my favorite prayers. It says that all that God has taught us should be passed down to the next generation and that the traditions we cherish should go on forever because they are important and valued. In this sense, the Star of David, a symbol that we often see in jewelry, constantly reminds us about our culture and the importance of continuing it.

I chose to read the verses from the *Torah* (Genesis 15:1-5, 17:1-7) because they are about communication with God. I like the conversations that God and Abram had. Abram was amazed at the things that he heard—namely, that he and Sarai would have a child—and I think that anyone would be amazed today if God talked to them. So the reaction that people had then, and might have now, is similar. I also like these verses because they show the power of God. Abram kept in touch with Him, and God gave him more than he thought he might receive. Granted the wish for a child with Sarai, it changed him. It was the visible result of what God can do. We can apply these words to our lives because when we pray to God, we sometimes get things in return, like health or happiness."

We congratulate Erica's parents, Paul and Amy, and her brother Matt, who celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* at Kol Ami on May 17, 2008. ■

BAT MITZVAH OF ARIN EDELSTEIN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, AT 5:30 PM



Arin is in the seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School, and her favorite subjects are math, art, and foreign languages. Her extracurricular activities include theater, singing/song-writing, and the school choir as well as playing the piano and guitar. She plays guitar in a rock band called "The Queen of Heart." She also volunteered time at MANNA Food Center with her sixth-grade religious school teacher.

"I enjoy being Jewish because of the stories, music, and Hebrew. I love the stories in the *Torah*, and I like to picture in my head that the stories could have happened. I like the opportunities that I have to learn and sing Hebrew songs. I like the sound of *Klezmer* music, and I probably would not have started listening to it if I wasn't Jewish because it is not as likely that I would have known it existed. I also enjoy learning Hebrew because I think it is a unique language, and I find it to be fun learning languages other than English.

My favorite Jewish holy day is Passover because every year my family hosts a big *Seder* with our close friends. I like the warm feeling that comes when all of my family and friends are sitting at our table during Passover. When we have the *Seder* at my aunt's house, we sing the songs with enthusiasm, especially *Deiyenu*. Another thing that I absolutely love about Passover is hiding the *afikomen*. Although I've only found it a couple of times, I still enjoy looking for it every year. All of the fun things and rituals done during Passover make me proud to be Jewish.

The verses that I chose to chant from my *Torah* Portion (Genesis 24:1-6, 8, 15-21) are about Abraham's desire that his son marry a woman from his hometown. In a more general sense, it is talking about a father wanting his son to marry someone from the same group or background. Some parents have the same feelings nowadays, and others don't. For instance, a Jewish family may want their son or daughter to marry someone who is Jewish, or a family from Chicago might want their child to marry someone from Chicago. Or maybe some parents don't have an opinion about these things when their children get married. Luckily for Isaac, the servant who was doing the actual choosing, said to himself that he would choose the first woman who was nice to him for Isaac's bride. So, to the requirement set forth by Abraham that the bride be of his tribe, the servant added another requirement: that the bride had to be kind."

We congratulate Arin's parents, Joel and Betsy, and her siblings, Christopher, Liz, and Miriam. ■

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

ELEANOR DAY, continuing her exhibit until October 21, was the seventh of eight children who avidly pursued her inclination for creative artwork. On the basis of her portfolio, she was accepted at the city's High School for the Arts, where she first acquired skills for oil painting and more intensive figure study. Eleanor's education continued at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, where she was awarded a full four-year merit scholarship.

Eleanor's later education came through her travel experiences through northern Europe, Scandinavia, Spain, and Italy and the private instruction she received from working artists in the Netherlands and France. After living for a brief period in Westchester County, New York, Eleanor moved to San Francisco in 1991, continuing to work and exhibit widely in the Bay Area. In 1999, Eleanor moved to County Cork, Ireland, with her two young daughters, where she spent two years painting. Eleanor has since returned to her hometown of Mt. Airy.



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

monotypes that also follow the social and cultural traditions of Mexican and Chicano art.

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

Her work is in the collections of The Philadelphia Museum of Art; The State Museum of Pennsylvania; The McNay Art Museum in San Antonio, Texas; The Fine Art Museum of St. Petersburg, Florida; and The National Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago. Marta's work is part of actor/director Cheech Marin's extensive private collection of Chicano Art entitled "Chicano Visions: American Painters on the Verge," which traveled throughout the United States, touring from 2001 to 2006. Marta's public art commissions can be seen in the Philadelphia area at Simons Recreation Center and The Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

Marta's art will be on exhibit in the Kol Ami lobby from **October 25 through November 29**. If you'd like to meet Marta, she will be at Kol Ami on November 7 for an open house. The open house is free and open to all members of the congregation and community. ■

All of the artist's works are for sale and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the synagogue. If you are interested in purchasing a piece of art, the price list is available in the Administration Office. The gallery hours are Wednesday, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to Noon. If the religious school is closed on those days, the gallery is closed as well.

KOL AMI OCTOBER 2010 AT A GLANCE

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3 Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 11:40 a.m. - Gr. K-7 Tfilah 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Landscape Enhancement Committee Planting Day 10:00 a.m. Religious School Activities Working Group Meeting - 10:00 a.m. Continuing Adult Education w/Herb Barrett "Reflections" 11:00 a.m.	4 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga Continuing Adult Education w/Rabbi Bogot "Tradition and Change: Reform Movements in Judaism" 7:30 p.m.	5 Nursery School 9:00 a.m. - Fitness Kol Ami Annual Golf & Tennis Outing Talamore Country Club Ambler, PA 11:00 a.m.	6 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Programming Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Operations Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.	7 CSA Food Distribution 5:00 p.m. Spiritual Growth Group Meeting 7:00 p.m. Continuing Adult Education w/Janet Falon "Thinking, Talking, and Writing About Your Jewish Autobiography" 7:00 p.m.	1 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. First-Friday erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Participation	2 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Family Havdalah Service 4:00 p.m.
10 Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. - Color War Challenge "Family Style" 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Knit 'N Nosh 10:00 a.m. New Member Programming Subcommittee/Member Retention Meeting - 10:00 a.m.	11 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga Continuing Adult Education w/Rabbi Bogot "Tradition and Change: Reform Movements in Judaism" 7:30 p.m. Craft Show Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	12 Nursery School 9:00 a.m. - Fitness Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Holin 12:30 p.m.	13 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Programming Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Social Action Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	14 CSA Food Distribution 5:00 p.m.	15 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat and Religious-School-Wide Service on the Meadow and Consecration of our New Students 6:30 p.m. Student Choir Participation 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	16 Bat Mitzvah of Erica Fleck 10:00 a.m.
9 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Blessing of Pets 2:00 p.m. KATY Shul-In (Grades 9-12) 6:00 p.m.	8 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Board Installation	8 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Board Installation	8 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Board Installation	8 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Board Installation	8 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Participation	8 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Participation

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24 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Senior Youth Group (Grades 6-8) Rock Climbing 10:00 a.m. Craft & Fine Arts Show 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	25 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga Continuing Adult Education w/Rabbi Bogot "Tradition and Change: Reform Movements in Judaism" 7:30 p.m.	26 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Fitness	27 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Programming Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	28 CSA Food Distribution 5:00 p.m. Continuing Adult Education w/Rabbi Holin "Exploring Four Significant Torah Narratives through Midrash and Jewish Mysticism" - 7:30 p.m.	29 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. Children's-Family erev Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m. NFTY-PAR Fall Kallah Gr. 9-12/URJ Camp Harlam	30 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Arin Edelstein 5:30 p.m. NFTY-PAR Fall Kallah Gr. 9-12 (continued)			
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To donate items: Bring your unwanted items to the JRA distributions before our big sale! Tax receipts are available at the warehouse or on our web site at www.jewishrelief.org.

To volunteer at the sale: Volunteers are needed to help sort, stock, and run the sale. To volunteer, contact Melanie at melanie@jewishrelief.org or 610-660-0190.

To attend the sale: Everyone is welcome and we'll have lots of great, gently worn clothing—American Eagle, Liz Claiborne, Ralph Lauren, Forever 21, and much more!

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ELLIE KAPLAN AND BECCA LEIFER spent one week in Prague and Poland and four weeks in Israel. They went with the Jewish youth group, NFTY, and traveled together with 46 kids from Camp Harlam. In Prague and Poland, they visited many different synagogues and learned about Jewish life there, past and present. They went to ghettos and learned a lot more about the Holocaust.

Ellie describes the trip: “I thought I knew everything about the Holocaust, but after visiting the concentration camps in Poland, my eyes were opened. The scariest part of being in Birkenau was actually being able to picture everything in your head. It was horrifying, but definitely a worthwhile experience. The walk out of the gate was bitter-sweet. My peers from NFTY and I were able to walk out freely, without anyone



stopping us. This was all on the fourth of July, which was kind of ironic.”

Next they traveled to Israel, where they “did it all”—from visiting many synagogues to going hiking in the Negev. They barely stopped to rest (except for on *Shabbat*, of course!). Ellie recalls, “I would often look around and think: ‘Wow, I can’t believe I’m here.’”

Ellie’s favorite part of this trip was the Negev. Four days of hiking in the desert, sleeping underneath the stars, and being in touch with nature was the icing on the cake for her. “I was in heaven. The Negev is the most beautiful place I’ve ever seen. I remember on one of the hikes how small each person was compared to the desert, let alone the whole world. I would look around me and see mountains for miles.”

The group ended their trip at the Kotel, the same place they began in Israel, and stayed there until midnight when it turned Becca’s birthday. Ellie shares, “One the way home, everyone thought about the trip. It seemed too good to be true! I want to thank Stewart and Sally Eisenberg for their contribution to the Discover Israel Fund that helped me and others experience Israel.” ■