

October 2011
Tishri 5772

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AN INTIMATE
AND DYNAMIC
COMMUNITY

CONGREGATION **Kol Ami** VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY, Oct. 1, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue

FRIDAY, Oct. 7, 8:00 p.m.

Kol Nidrei

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

Yom Kippur

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 12, 7:00 p.m.

erev Sukkot Service

THURSDAY, Oct. 13, 10:00 a.m.

Sukkot-Yizkor Service

FRIDAY, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service plus
"Second-Friday" birthday and
anniversary blessings; our
Adult Choir will add their voices

SATURDAY, Oct. 15, 10:00 a.m.

"Short-and-Sweet" *Shabbat Service*
and *Torah Dialogue* to enable us to
arrive on schedule at the Lancaster
Fresh Farm to celebrate *Sukkot*
(see page 12)

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 19, 6:00 p.m.

erev Simchat Torah Anniversary
Bar/ Bat Mitzvah Torah Readings!
(See "Torahs Aloft!" next column)

THURSDAY, Oct. 20, 10:00 a.m.

Simchat Torah Service

FRIDAY, Oct. 21

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

7:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat Service*

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TORAHS ALOFT!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

FROM 6:00-6:45 PM

Join us at this innovative *erev Simchat Torah Service* as our three *Torah* scrolls are carried around the sanctuary to the sounds of joyful singing, and each one will be unrolled and held aloft.

Our students and adults will stand in front of "their column of Hebrew" from which they will read or chant a few verses of the *Torah* Portion that they celebrated at their *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvahs*. As each one completes his or her verses, the *yad* will be handed to the next person!

OTHER SPECIAL OCTOBER SERVICES

HEALING SERVICE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, AT 1:00 PM

Our tradition offers moving and powerful prayers for healing. There are times that we feel the urge to be together to say the *Mi'Shebbeirach* ("May the Holy One Who Blesses...") prayer for a loved one in a hospital, recovering at home, or in hospice care. Our Healing Service welcomes everyone who wishes to offer prayers for loved ones and friends as well as words of comfort and inspiration for yourself.

BLESSING OF PETS - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, AT 2:00 P.M.

"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 and bless our pets at our annual Blessing of Pets! ■



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Casino Night Committee

Wednesday, October 26, at 4:00 p.m.
Co-chairs: Bill England, 215-635-0920
and Sharon Myers, 215-938-7435

Craft Show Committee

Thursday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m.
Chair: Ellen Horowitz Matz,
215-635-5426

Finance Committee

Monday, October 3, at 6:30 p.m.
Co-chairs: Marshall Schafer, 215-663-0228
and Bart Weiner, 215-233-4712

Fund Development Committee

Sunday, October 23, at 2:00 p.m.
Co-chairs: Jennifer Streitwieser, 215-635-0304,
and Bart Weiner, 215-233-4712

Operations Committee

Wednesday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m.
Co-chairs: Guy Appel, 215-938-9330
and Jeff Cohen, 215-635-3232

Spiritual Growth Group*

Sunday, October 16, at 10:45 a.m.
Co-chairs: Natalie Dyen, 215-635-4336
and Janet Falon, 215-635-1698

*home of Janet Felgoise, Jenkintown ■

MAZAL TOV

Congratulations to:

Terry and Meryl Silver on the occasion of the marriage of their son, Max, to Bridget Clark, on September 4.

Rabbi Holin for his recent interviews on radio stations KYW and WNJC to share his thoughts about "Dealing with Transition in the Lives of Parents and Children," as well as a discussion about our synagogue's 10th-year Commemoration Service of September 11, 2001. ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A TRUE STORY

Shortly after the conclusion of High Holy Day Services, I was approached by a stranger who asked to interview me about Jewish life at Kol Ami. (S)he was such an unusual being that I decided to use my monthly column to share our conversation:

Ω: David, thank you for agreeing to meet with me. I am a PhD candidate at the University of ¥ on the planet β. My dissertation subject is the practice of Judaism in North America, Planet Earth. Kol Ami is known throughout the galaxies as the best Synagogue in the universe. Therefore, I thought you could help me with my studies.

ME: My pleasure. By the way, your English is excellent. How can I help you?

Ω: I'm interested and amazed by how many people attended Kol Ami's services on *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. Do you think so many people attend because they are commanded to do so by the Fourth of the "so called" Ten Commandments?

ME: I hope you don't mind if I correct you. The Fourth Commandment requires us to remember the *Sabbath*, not *Rosh Hashanah* or *Yom Kippur*.

Ω: Please excuse me. I'm so embarrassed. Is it the Eighth Commandment which speaks to the High Holy Day?

ME: Actually, the Ten Commandments don't say anything about the High Holy Day.

Ω: I see. Is it possible that so many people attend High Holy Day Service because they are the most fun and joyous holidays?

ME: I guess I don't see it that way. *Yom Kippur*, in particular, is a solemn occasion. We have other holiday services such as *Purim* and *Simchat Torah*, which are more entertaining. Every week, we enjoy celebrating *Shabbat's* arrival.

Ω: Could it be that the High Holy Days are the easiest to observe?

ME: Wrong again. Services are long and require deep self-examination. Fasting is certainly not easy.

Ω: Wow! This is so helpful and interesting. If hundreds turn out for your *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*, then thousands must be at Kol Ami for *Shabbat*, *Purim* and *Simchat Torah*.

ME: A bit fewer (sigh).

Ω: Let me review: Kol Ami has the best Rabbi in your galaxy. Your music is second to none. Your Fourth Commandment requires that you observe the *Sabbath*. A *nosh* is always available after services. And attendance is UNDER 1,000? I've traveled ∞ miles from β to study your people, and I still don't understand the Jews.

ME: You're not alone.

David Hyman
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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

Small investment: **Huge dividends!**

I always make a deliberate effort to move beyond the question “Who Is A Jew?” to ask “When Is A Jew?” I am eager to discuss ways to affirm Jewish identity on a consistent basis. To be Jewish by birth or choice, as Kara Schmidt chose to do at her conversion ceremony at our *erev Shabbat* service on September 16, is an honor.

“When is a Jew?” is a critical question. We must be more than a crisis-oriented people who are “Jewishly energized” only when our survival instincts are activated. The fact is that we are blessed with daily opportunities to make Judaism meaningful and purposeful! One of the best ways to find meaning in faith is to perform Jewish rituals. Rituals offer us moorings. They provide stability. They are marking points on the calendar and in our lives. They enable us to sanctify time.

In the *Torah* Portion that precedes the selection read on the morning of *Yom Kippur*, Moses took the people to task “because you would not serve the Lord your God in joy and gladness” (Deuteronomy 28:47). Serve God and greet the moment “in joy and gladness.” Say blessings!

Before you eat, wherever you are, say the *motzi*. It is a brief and meaningful blessing: *Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheynu Melech ha'olam, ha'motzi lechem min ha'aretz* to express gratitude for grain that comes forth from the earth. Pause to consider how blessed you are. Savor the moment before you savor the meal. Fully consider your connection to the good earth.

Here is another way to feel blessed: join us on Saturday, October 15, at Lancaster Fresh Farms when members of our congregation and the CSA will break bread with the farmers who provide us with food from their harvests. We will travel there as a congregation to celebrate *Sukkot* and to talk about “sustaining food, sustaining faith.” Information about this special day is on page 12 of the bulletin.

When you conclude a meal, an even briefer blessing (yes, of course, there is a longer form!) is a way to express gratitude before you leave the table: *Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheynu Melech ha'olam, hazan et hakole*. It means, “Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Who provides sustenance.” Blessings surround us.

Blessings are meant to be shared. In doing so, you become a blessing. In “being a blessing” for others, you will experience life with greater joy and purpose. Let us combine the *Torah* text of *Yom Kippur* with the words of Moses: “You are standing today, all of you, to serve the Lord your God in joy and gladness.”

Shanah tovah, shalom u'vrachah,
Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

WORSHIP SERVICE

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SATURDAY, Oct. 22, 10:00 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Sam Langman
(see page 9)

SUNDAY, Oct. 23, 1:00 p.m.

Healing Service (see page 1)

FRIDAY, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, Oct. 29

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

2:00 p.m. - “Blessing of Pets” on the
weekend that we read about Noah’s
ark in the *Torah* (see page 1)

FRIDAY, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service to celebrate and
thank our interfaith families and
couples for being such an important
part of our synagogue family plus
“First-Friday” birthday and anniversary
blessings in front of the ark and the
wonderful voices of our Adult Choir

SATURDAY, Nov. 5, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue;
Bill Hyman will give the *dvar Torah* on
the occasion of the 40th anniversary
of his *Bar Mitzvah*

TORAH & HAFTARAH

October 8 - Yom Kippur

Deuteronomy 29: 9-14 and 30:11-20
Isaiah 58:1-14

October 15 - Chol haMoed Sukkot

Numbers 29:17-22, Ezekiel 38:18-39:7

October 22 - Bereysheet

Genesis 1:1-6:8, Isaiah 42:5-43:11

October 29 - Noah

Genesis 6:9-11:31, Isaiah 54:1-55:5 ■

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

(GRADES 6-8)

The Senior Youth Group is looking forward to the next event, a scavenger hunt at Kol Ami, after a fabulous start to the year in September! With amazing turnout to the last event at Dave & Buster's, we expect a big turnout for the October 2 scavenger hunt! Building from the popularity of city-wide scavenger hunts, we will hide items all over the grounds of Kol Ami, and challenge two teams to be the first to complete the list! The winners of the hunt will get yearlong bragging rights! ■

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP SUKKAH PARTY

(GRADES 4 & 5)

When: Sunday, Oct. 9, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Where: Mrs. Holtzman's residence

Come help build and decorate Mrs. Holtzman's backyard *sukkah*! We'll cover the roof with leafy bamboo stalks, make and hang *sukkah* decorations, sing songs, play some games, and share tasty autumn treats to celebrate this harvest holiday. Be sure to wear long pants and bring garden gloves for handling bamboo. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join.

Please note: If you have cat allergies, Mrs. Holtzman has multiple cats. ■

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Please take note of these special events coming up this month:

- **October 15**
Sukkot in the Fields
- **October 19**
erev Simchat Torah Service
- **October 23**
Grade 4 *B'nai Mitzvah* Meeting
Grades 5-6 *B'nai Mitzvah* Meeting ■

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

The High Holy Days are flying by and Religious School is well underway, so now it's time to really stop and notice. It's time to realize that while two of the most important holidays have passed, some of the most joyous are yet to come.

Traditionally, one of the greatest moments in our year is when we sit in our *sukkah* with our family and friends. It's camping in high style. Surrounded by nature and God, as we shake our *lulavim* and *etrogim* and stare up at the stars through our thinly covered roof, we are reminded that the world is a miraculous place. This is a fabulous holiday to use all of the family's creative abilities and to indulge in our adventurous tendencies. Eating within its walls is a must, sleeping out there a dare!



It is traditional to recite a short prayer while sitting in the *sukkah* that invites one of the seven *Ushpizin* (guests)—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, and David—to join the family. This custom is derived from a mystical understanding of the phrase: “*U’Fros Alaynu Sukkat Sh’lomeha*”—As these leaders saved our people in their times, so may the *Shebinah* (Divine presence) shelter us today beneath wings of peace. This tradition has been expanded to include the matriarchs Deborah, Ruth, and Miriam as well.

We are even given an opportunity to share with one another: For instance, as you sit with your family in the *sukkah*, ask everyone which two people (one historical and one current) they would choose to join you and why.

So if don't have a *sukkah* of your own, come and share ours! On October 16, the Sunday of *Sukkot*, we will have our fabulous “Color War Family-Style” competition, and the day will end with a BBQ in the *Sukkah*. Don't miss the learning and the fun, and come enjoy the joy of the *Sukkah* with our family!

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Chag Sameach,
Rabbi Selilah Kalev ■

YOU ARE KINDLY INVITED TO JOIN THE CRAFT & FINE ARTS SHOW @ KOL AMI 2011 CHAI-LY SPIRITED SPONSORS!

PLATINUM \$100 LEVEL

PLATINUM SPONSORS will receive two entrances to the Saturday Preview Night & Sale plus five raffle tickets for a chance to win the highly coveted art item donated by one of our participating artisans available only for that evening ...**PLUS**...free entrance for the following day.

GOLD \$36 LEVEL

GOLD SPONSORS will receive five raffle tickets for a chance to win the highly coveted art item donated by one of our participating artisans available only for that evening. (Gold Sponsorship does not include entrance to the Saturday night or Sunday event.)

To show our appreciation for your generosity, our list of **CHAI-LY SPIRITED SPONSORS** will be shared on the event's Web site (www.kolamicraftshow.org), at the event, and in the bulletin.

In advance, thank you for considering to be a **2011 CHAI-LY SPIRITED SPONSOR!** At your convenience, please forward your interest and a check to Elaine Stevens.



Vetted Showcase of 50+ Local Artisans!
October 29 & 30
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!

SPECIAL PREVIEW NIGHT & SALE

Saturday, October 29, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$18 advance sale; \$20 at the door

- Crafts and Fine Arts available for purchase
- Entertainment: Cheltenham High School's Premier A Capella Groups *Sons of Pitch & Up the Octave*; "Dos Guys" Greg Brown & Ron Chmar, and David Zee
- Catered gourmet light fare by Joshua's of Jenkintown; Wine & Beverages
- Free raffle ticket to win a stunning piece by one of our artisans

Open Saturday Evening & Sunday: Make & Take Mini-Workshops (Pre-registration recommended!)
World Mitzvah Mall, benefiting non-profit organizations

SHOW DAY & SALE

Sunday, October 30, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$5 at the door only

- Gourmet fare from Joshua's of Jenkintown available for purchase
- Raffle tickets on sale to win a stunning piece created by one of our artisans (advance sales too)

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For more information & workshop pre-registration, call 215-635-3110 or visit www.kolamicraftshow.org

Don't miss these enlightening opportunities...

Continuing Jewish Education

Adult Two-Year *B'nai Mitzvah* Class

**Instructors: Rabbi Elliot Holin and
Rosalind Holtzman**

Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15, December 6,
January 3 & 17, February 7 & 14, March 13 & 27,
April 3 & 17, May 1 & 15**

This course leads to the celebration of our congregation's third Adult *B'nai Mitzvah* Service in the Spring of 2013—the previous two were in 2001 and 2009—and includes:

- developing an understanding of the liturgy of our *Shabbat* service and the ability to read those selections from the service: the *V'ahavtah*, *Ma'ariv Aravim*, *Yotzer*, *Avote v'Imahote*, *G'vurote* and *Torah* blessings. Prior Hebrew knowledge is not required!
- gaining a greater appreciation about the major and minor holy days, Jewish rituals, life-cycle traditions, and the meaning of God.
- discussing classic Biblical texts: why they resonate throughout history, and how they relate to us.
- understanding more about much-loved Psalms.
- reading the inspiring words of the prophets: Amos, Isaiah, Micah and Jeremiah.
- reviewing a survey of the historic development of Reform Judaism in Europe and America and the changes it has undergone in this country: philosophy and practice. What does it mean to be a Reform Jew?
- participating in a special *B'nai Mitzvah* service to be led by members of the class in the Spring 2013.

The first evening segment (from 7:00-7:45 p.m.) will be led by Rosalind Holtzman, a teacher in our religious school and *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* tutor who celebrated her *Bat Mitzvah* in May 1998. These segments will focus on Hebrew

reading skills and the meaning of liturgy that we read at our *Shabbat* services.

The other evening segment (from 7:45-8:30 p.m.) will be taught by Rabbi Holin and will include a survey of: major and minor holy days, as well as *Shabbat*; rituals; classical Biblical texts; life-cycle events; the meaning of God, soul, and afterlife in the Jewish tradition; and the history and importance of Reform Judaism.

The cost per year is \$375, including books and materials. Please RSVP to Elaine Stevens by October 10 with a check payable to Congregation Kol Ami. Scholarships are available from the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund on a confidential basis through Rabbi Holin.

Understanding 9/11: Ten Years Later

Instructor: Alan Luxenberg

Tuesday, October 11, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The assassination of Anwar Sadat in 1981 by Muslim extremists is often misunderstood as an outcome of the Egyptian-Israel Peace Treaty, but it was much more than that, for it was part of a much larger civil war within Islam that ultimately gave rise to 9/11.

Ten years later, we are still contending with its legacy in Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Yemen, and at home in the United States. In this session, we will examine the roots of 9/11 and its aftermath, assessing how grave the threat is in 2011 and beyond.

Mr. Luxenberg is the acting director of Philadelphia's Foreign Policy Research Institute and director of its Wachman Center, a program designed to foster civic and international literacy in the community and in the classroom. He is the author of two books for middle and secondary school students: "The Palestine Mandate and the Creation of Israel" and "Radical Islam." For six years, he taught a course about the history of the modern State of Israel in our congregation's Confirmation Academy.

for Adults at Kol Ami

Tastes of Honey: Sample the Wonders of Jewish Wisdom Literature

Instructor:

Rabbi Elliot Holin

Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Join Rabbi Holin on the following Wednesdays to delve into Jewish texts and teachings that stimulate thought and have the potential of enriching your life:

Date	Writings/Works
October 26	Ecclesiastes: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (3:1) and other verses
December 7	Proverbs , part 1: "To know wisdom and instruction" (1:2)
December 14	Proverbs , part 2: "Let another praise thee, and not thine own mouth" (27:2)
January 18	The Book of Job , part 1: "The Lord has given, and the Lord has taken" (1:21)
January 25	The Book of Job , part 2: "The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind" (38:1)
February 15	Selected works of Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai , part 1
February 22	Selected works of Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai , part 2



Life Happens: To See the World through Jewish Eyes - Our Search for Meaning

Instructor: Rabbi Howard Bogot

Thursdays - October 27 and November 3, 10 & 17
from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

In his book "Man's Search for Meaning," Viktor Frankl defines meaning as the primary psycho-spiritual need of the individual: "We had to learn (in the concentration camps)... that it did not really matter what we expected from life, but rather what life expected from us...Our answer must consist not in talk, but in right action and right conduct... These tasks, and therefore the meaning of life, differ from person to person."



Our search for meaning is a series of seminars devoted to meaningfulness as related to Jewishness. By discussing classic and contemporary Jewish texts, participants in individual, as well as clustered sessions, will explore

human needs, attitudes, and actions that often exist in creative tension with each other: fear-optimism; failure-confidence; suffering-contentment; pride-shame.

Professor Bogot, MEd, is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and was ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He has served as a faculty member of HUC-JIR of Religion, Marymount Manhattan College, and Fordham University as clinical professor of education and assistant professor in the departments of Humanities and Theology.

Please RSVP to Elaine Stevens by October 20.

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Lunch and Learn - *Mishnah*

Instructor: Rabbi Elliot Holin

Tuesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Commencing November 8

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 from *Mishnah – Pirkei Avot* ("Chapters of the Fathers/Ancestors" from the second century of the Common Era) to discuss rabbinic writings about

Temple rituals, personal and professional relationships, the value of study, and how they speak to us now.

Date	Writings/Works
November 8	"How to Enhance Life"
November 15	"How to Make Wise Choices"
March 13	"The Benefits of Studying <i>Torah</i> "
April 3	"What to Avoid Doing" – part 1
April 10	"What to Avoid Doing" – part 2
May 8	"What Is a Good Path in Life?"
May 15	"The Purpose of Prayer"

Please call Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182 by November 1 to RSVP for the November classes.

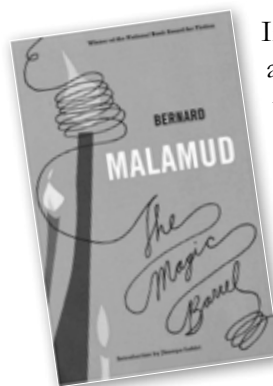
Contemporary Jewish Writers Group Book Review

Instructor: Lou Barrett

Sunday, November 20, at 11:00 a.m.

The "New York Times" noted, in a striking review of "The Magic Barrel," that Bernard Malamud "seems to be saying—Here are my people...God help them, and me." Indeed, his stories evoke deep human connection, awe, gratefulness, and a sense of mystery.

The eponymous tale, "The Magic Barrel," considered Malamud's masterpiece, is the story of Leo Finkle, a rabbinical student, who decides he must take a wife through a matchmaker as did his European parents. He encounters Saltzman—unkempt, smelling of fish—who has (or has not) mysterious powers. Through these complex characters, Malamud creates a love story that urges us to explore the binding questions of identity, love, and faith. The ending will take the reader aback.



In this rich collection, Malamud, always aware of the social issues of his time: rootlessness, divorce, class, and greed, gives us also "The Mourners." Here his protagonists are Kessler, an unruly old man who insists on "security" and a landlord, Gruber, who wants to get rid of him. "Angel Levine" and "Idiots First," remarkable in their economy too, reveal Malamud's world of comedy and pathos, reality and myth.

These tales provide the Contemporary Jewish Writers group the chance to investigate a veritable barrel of truth. ■

Registration Instructions

To register for a workshop, contact Elaine Stevens at execdir@kolamielkinspark.org by the deadline shown.

Non-member course fees for classes taught by Rabbis Bogot and Heller are \$50 per course.

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

Membership is required to enroll in the *B'nai Mitzvah* course.

BAR MITZVAH OF SAM LANGMAN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, AT 10:00 A.M.



Sam is in the seventh grade at Wis-sahickon Middle School. His favorite subject is World Language because he looks forward to learning about a new culture and its language. He is on the grade-level soccer team and will be trying out for the tennis team.

He and his family volunteer time to the Jewish Relief Agency and the Susan G. Komen Foundation. His *Mitzvah* Project is called "Touch of Tennis." This past summer, he worked with special-needs children to help them learn to play tennis. Many of them had autism and Downs Syndrome, and he enjoyed teaching them and watching their reactions when they experienced success.

"My favorite Jewish holy day is Passover. I love sitting with my family while on Spring Break in Florida, reading from the *Haggadah*, and discussing and comparing each event that is part of the holy day celebration or relates to Passover. I really enjoy searching for the *afikomen* with my brother and sister, Andy and Becca.

I have a relationship with G-d in many ways, mainly through prayer. If I really want or hope for something, I might pray for the outcome I desire. A Jewish ritual that I find meaningful is when I recite the *Sh'ma* every night before I go to sleep—"Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is one"—and it is meaningful to me because it is a tradition for my siblings and me to do so.

I chose to read specific *Torah* verses (Genesis 1:1-5, 2:1-7) from my *Torah* portion because they show how much G-d has meant to humanity. In the first verses, there is nothing on the planet. In the last verses, there is every natural resource and object known to us today. There are living beings. God did pretty much all the work to get us to where we are today.

My favorite prayers are the *Yotzer* and the *Avote v'Imahote*. The theme of the *Yotzer* is creation: the start of the chain reaction to what the world is like today. This prayer explains what G-d created, and it helps us acknowledge how G-d created what He did.

I also like the *Avote v'Imahote* because it is very important to remember our ancestors in Jewish history, especially those who have made an impact. This relates to my life because I have ancestors who deserve this kind of recognition."

We congratulate Sam's parents, Chuck and Laurie, and his siblings, Becca and Andy. ■

NEW MEMBERS: THE SCHMIDT FAMILY

Kol Ami happily welcomes new members **Kara and Nick Schmidt** and their children. Although they have officially just joined the congregation, they have actually been part of our community since meeting Rabbi Holin last September. Kara states that they have been attending Kol Ami events and services, and that they want Judaism to be a major part of their lives. She adds that she chose Kol Ami because of its warm, nurturing, friendly, and smart environment.

Kara and Nick are native Philadelphians. Kara is a Nuclear Cardiology Nurse for the Drexel University College of Medicine, as well as an Independent Clinical Consultant. She enjoys vegetable gardening and cooking, and derives a lot of personal meaning from being involved in charitable work. Nick is a Project Manager for Black Box Telecommunications. He is also a big sports fan. Both Nick and Kara are avid readers.

Kara's children from her first marriage are Jenna (age 24) and Adam (age 19), both of whom are very creative. Jenna loves working with children, and Adam is a talented lyricist. Kara and Nick have two younger children, Gia (age 8) and Nicky (age 5). Gia has inherited her parents' creative and sporting streaks, as she loves reading, dance, theater, swimming, and softball. She will be attending Kol Ami Religious School starting in September. Nicky still has one more year of pre-school, but he is already swimming and is into art as well.

We are happy to have Kara and Nick and their kids join our Kol Ami family! ■

If you know of a friend, associate, or family member who may be interested in joining our intimate and dynamic community, contact the Kol Ami Membership chair, Irene Levy Baker, at 215-782-2253 or spotlightpr@comcast.net. She has membership kits and religious school and dues information available. Some of the many benefits we offer include: spiritual growth, adult and student choirs, community service, social events, an interfaith relationship group, holiday celebrations, and more.

Kol Ami Events

FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT



Rabbi Holin's **Fast for Darfur**—which supports rescue efforts in Darfur—and **Nothing But Nets** fast—which supports URJ's project to purchase, distribute, and educate about the proper use of insecticide-treated family bed nets to prevent the spread of malaria in Africa—will be on **Monday, October 10**, and **Wednesday, November 9**.

His **Phast for Philadelphia**—which is on behalf of unemployed workers in Philadelphia who are struggling to make ends meet by helping them pay their mortgages, address health care needs, and pay electric bills—will be on **Wednesday, October 19**, and **Tuesday, November 22**.

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')

SECOND-FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT SERVICE



for October Birthday and
Anniversary Blessings
Friday, October 14, 7:30 p.m.
at our *erev Shabbat* Service

If you or someone in your family is celebrating a birthday or anniversary in October, please join us for a special Second-Friday *erev Shabbat* service. Rabbi Holin will bless everyone with a

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*.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PTO (FORMERLY ACTIVITIES WORKING GROUP) EVENTS

Below are the PTO 2011/2012
Events and Activities at a glance:

- Religious School Bake Sales - **October 16**, November 20, March 11, and April 15
- PTO Meetings - **October 26**, December 11, January 22, February 5, March 18, and April 22
- Family Bingo - November 5, 2011
- Pancake Breakfast - December 11, 2011
- Hoagie Sale - February 5, 2012

Any questions or concerns can be directed to co-chairs Kenny Moss (kenny.moss2@comcast.net) and Heather Pelletier (hfptt1@gmail.com) or Elaine Stevens at the Kol Ami executive office.

MARTIAL ARTS AT KOL AMI

**Monday evenings, beginning October 10
from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

The class includes warm-ups, basics (stances, block and counters, kicking), forms, conditioning, limited releases and limited *chanbara* (padded weapons). Belt tests will be conducted periodically based on individual progress.

The class is taught by Sensei Scott Elkins. Sensei Elkins has been studying martial arts for 25 years and teaching in the area for 22 years. The cost per class is \$5.00 for members; \$7.00 for non-members. Contact Scott at 267-205-0216.

YOGA

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Classes begin October 11 and end December 13

Join Yoga teacher Amy Quigley at Kol Ami for a 10-week, all-levels *Vinyasa*-yoga class, which will involve a variety of yoga postures and sun/moon salutations. Breath awareness and movement (*vinyasa*) will allow the student to connect with and deepen his or her own personal practice. These active classes are intended for students who are comfortable with yoga basics; beginners are also welcomed and will be offered individual modifications. Prices are: 10 classes at \$60; 5 classes at \$35; and drop-in students at \$8.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Quigley at yogawithamyq@gmail.com.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE



It's starting to get cold outside, and many people are without warm clothing. Please donate new or clean, gently used winter coats, jackets, gloves, hats, scarves, and blankets for adults and children. Bring your clothing to the synagogue, and it will be donated to the needy people in our area.

SAVE-THE-DATE

SUPPORT OF ISRAEL HONOREE BRUNCH

Sunday, November 6
from 10:00 a.m. until Noon

State of Israel Bonds and Congregation Kol Ami will be honoring **Michael and Sara Chernoff** for their support of Israel and the work they do on behalf of the Jewish Community. Call the Israel Bonds office at 215-545-8380 with questions. We hope you will join us!

EXPERIENCE SHABBAT EXPERIENCES!

**Innovative family opportunities during the year—
save the dates!**

During the 2011-2012 program year, we will offer several unique *Shabbat* experiences for the entire family, commencing in December.

Daytime programs will begin with a brief *Shabbat* service at 10:00 a.m. and *Oneg* at 11:00 a.m., followed by the opportunity for us to truly celebrate the meaning of *Shabbat* with *mishpachah*, the synagogue family:

- **Saturday, December 10, at 2:00 p.m.**
Docent tour of the National Museum of American Jewish History
- **Saturday, March 17, at 4:00 p.m.**
“Jews in Sports” presentation by Robert Alan Katz as part of our afternoon *Havdalah* service experience
- **Saturday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m.**
“Walking Tour of Jewish Philadelphia” with guide Linda Nesvisky
- **Saturday, May 12**
Walk-lunch at High School Park or Avelthorpe Park following the service ■

GET A GOOD START TO A GREAT NEW YEAR

Fresh off the High Holy Days and with a renewed commitment to giving back, October is the perfect time to get involved in strengthening our Jewish world. Join Federation to make the calls that can make the difference at our October Optimization Community Phon-a-thon on October 23. See the flyer on page 13.

In addition to raising vital funds for Jewish priorities, your participation will help build great momentum for our community's single largest day of fund raising, Super Sunday, on February 12, 2012.

October Optimization - Sunday, October 23
Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy,
272 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr
from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served; dietary laws will be observed.

Don't let October pass by without optimizing your commitment to our community! Call 215.832.0517 or visit jewishphilly.org/phonathon to RSVP. ■



The September Kol Ami bulletin described this incredibly rich, family friendly experience. We expect to have over 30 of our farmers and their families joining us in a really unique program celebrating *Sukkot*, *Shabbat*, interfaith dialogue, and sustainable agriculture and what it means to us. Won't you join us?

Please complete this form and fax (215-635-4186), mail (8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027) or e-mail (execdir@kolamielkinspark.org) it to Elaine Stevens.

THE DETAILS

The program is open to members of Congregation Kol Ami and the Elkins Park Hazon CSA. Space is limited, so sign up early! Other than bringing a dish, there is no charge for this event, thanks to sponsorship from Congregation Kol Ami and the Elkins Park Hazon CSA. Contributions are encouraged to Lancaster Farm Fresh Cooperative Mission.

Driving time from Elkins Park to Life Enhancing Acres Farm, 2931 Miller Lane, Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505 should be ± 90 minutes. There will be a short *Shabbat* Service at Kol Ami from 10:00 to 11:00 AM that morning.

Questions? Please contact:
Shelley (dschamberlain@comcast.net),
Mark, (kaplank@comcast.net),
Michael (levinmichael@me.com), or **Jeff**
(jeffcohen.performanceleaders@verizon.net).

SIGN-UP SHEET: You Bet We Are Coming!

Please give us the names of those who are coming:

What lunch or dessert dish are you likely to bring (please keep it kosher style)?

Do you have any special needs?

» Make October Optimal

October Optimization

Community Phon-a-thon

October 23, 2011

Fresh off the High Holidays and with a renewed commitment to giving back, October is the perfect time to begin building momentum for Super Sunday. Don't let the month go by without optimizing your commitment to our community. Make the calls that make a difference.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011

Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy,
272 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr
4 to 9 p.m.

Dinner will be served • Dietary Laws Observed

To register or for more information:

» jewishphilly.org/phonathon

» 215.832.0517

Please plan to also join us
for these community
phon-a-thons later this fall:

■ NOVEMBER ■

Monday, November 7, 2011

Software, 132 Welsh Road, Horsham, PA

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Jewish Community Services Building
2100 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA

■ DECEMBER ■

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Jewish Community Services Building
2100 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA

Thursday, December 8, 2011

Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy
272 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA

6 p.m. Dinner • 7 p.m. Phoning

Stay tuned for additional information

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NICOLE DONNELLY is a Philadelphia-based painter, printmaker, hand papermaker, installation artist, and shadow-puppet enthusiast. She received her MFA in Painting and Drawing from the University of Iowa in 2009 and her BA in Visual Arts from Bennington College in 2002. Donnelly divides her time between the studio and her job as a curator, often finding time for regular collaborations with poet Hailey Higdon and choreographer Eleanor Goudie-Averill/Stone Depot Dance Lab. Her solo exhibition, “Mercury Retrograde,” was on view at the Abington Art Center in 2011, and she recently completed residencies at the Vermont Studio Center (2011) and the Women’s Studio Workshop (2010). She has exhibited her work throughout the United States, and in Canada, Mexico, and South Korea.

Nicole’s art will be on exhibit in the Kol Ami lobby from **September 6 through October 28**. All of her 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 Executive Office. The gallery hours are Wednesday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If the religious school is closed on those days, the gallery is closed as well.

SKIP ATKINS—an enthusiastic, amateur photographer dating back many decades to his days in the college dark-room—rejoiced at the advent of digital photography. This meant that there was no longer a need to squint in red light, and his hands didn’t have to plunge into unpleasant liquids anymore. Appreciative of the ability to learn from other local photographers whom he admires, Skip enjoys the greater creative control over the entire process of producing a photographic image, from capture to processing to printing, that digital techniques afford.

Although Skip spends most days (and occasional nights) as an anesthesiologist in the local area, he is grateful for any opportunity to take his camera and tripod out for a session of “shooting” (this is about as violent as Skip ever gets). Partly owing to his dislike for driving long distances, most of his photographs are taken in the greater Philadelphia area as well as other sites around the Delaware Valley and mid-Atlantic region.

Skip has exhibited previously in various venues, including the annual Art in the Atrium juried show at Abington Memorial Hospital (where his work has won three awards), and he was a featured photographer at the former Swan Gallery in Jenkintown.

In addition to photography, Skip is passionate about Phillies baseball, occasionally trying to combine the two with varying degrees of success. He and his family are active in the local Jewish community, and he is delighted to have the opportunity to show his work in the gallery at Congregation Kol Ami from **November 3 through January 3**. Stop by for Skip’s open house on Sunday, November 13, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Also, to see many of Skip’s photographs, visit www.Skip-Atkins-Photography.com. ■



COMMUNITY & NATIONAL EVENTS

OLD YORK ROAD: RE-ENERGIZING OUR COMMUNITY TO MEET YOUR NEEDS

Two forums to be held on
October 5 or 10

What Would It Take to Make Old York Road a More Viable, Vibrant Destination?

Please join us as we engage in a dialogue about revitalizing our greater community. We need your ideas, hopes, and vision to maintain and enhance the Old York Road Corridor through Cheltenham, Jenkintown, and Abington as a walkable destination for dining, shopping, working, and congregating. These forums are sponsored by the Old York Road Revitalization Group: A coalition of seven area synagogues, reaching out across our diverse community to engage residents, community groups, and religious institutions of all denominations.

Please join us at one or both of these two forums:

- **Wednesday, October 5**
from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Abington Junior High School
2056 Susquehanna Road
Abington, PA
- **Monday, October 10**
from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Cheltenham School District
Building
2000 Ashbourne Road
Elkins Park, PA

**Registration is recommended at
<http://tiny.cc/OldYorkRoad>.**

This work is being led by the Fels Institute of Government's Research and Consulting. For more information, visit <http://www.fels.upenn.edu/Old-York-Road> or call Linda Breitstein at 215-898-1112. ■



UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM (URJ) BIENNIAL

December 14-18

Gaylord National Hotel and Conference Center, National Harbor, MD (just outside Washington DC)

Our congregation is one of more than 900 Reform synagogues in the United States and Canada that are part of the URJ, the largest Jewish movement in North America that represents 1.5 million Jews. The URJ helps sustain Reform Judaism through synagogue life by providing leadership and program ideas on spiritual, ethical, and political issues.

The URJ Biennial welcomes more than 5,000 Jews from across the country to four incredible days of think-tanks, which present the "best of" innovative programs that have engaged and enriched the lives of synagogue members; learning sessions with URJ staff, rabbis, and lay leaders; plenary sessions that welcome inspirational speakers; Jewish youth at the cutting edge of new avenues to engage Jewish identity and community; and the incredible experience of being at a "Biennial Shabbat" filled with the spirit of song and voices joined together in joyous prayer.

Rabbi Holin, Cantorial Soloist Rebecca and Joel Schwartz, Ilene Schafer, Ellen Friedman, and Elaine Stevens attended the URJ Biennial in Toronto in 2009 and will be glad to tell you about their experiences, which should whet your appetite for the Biennial in Washington!

To learn more about the Biennial and how to register, go to www.urj.org. ■

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Deadline for pre-ordering is October 26. Please send form and check to:
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Open to the community

KOL AMI OCTOBER 2011 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Religious School Staff Meeting 8:30 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 11:40 a.m. - Gr K-7 T'filah 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Senior Youth Group Scavenger Hunt 12:00 p.m.	3 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Fitness Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 p.m.	5 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Programming Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Operations Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	6 Craft Show Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	7 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. - Dismissal (<i>Yom Kippur</i>) Kol Nidrei 8:00 p.m.	8 Yom Kippur 10:00 a.m.
9 No Religious School - Yom Kippur Junior Youth Group Sukkah Party 1:00 p.m. Home of Rosalind Holzman	10	11 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Fitness Continuing Jewish Adult Education with Alan Luxenberg "Understanding 9/11: Ten Years Later" 7:30 p.m.	12 No Religious School - erev Sukkot erev Sukkot Service 7:00 p.m.	13 No Nursery School Sukkot - Yizkor Service 10:00 a.m.	14 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. "Second-Friday" erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir participation	15 "Short-and-Sweet" Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Sukkot in the Fields 12:30 p.m.
1 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.						

KOL AMI OCTOBER 2011 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		
16 BAKE SALE Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:00 a.m. - Color War Family Style & BBQ 12:30 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Spiritual Growth Group Meeting 10:45 a.m. Home of Janet Felgoise	17 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga	18 Nursery School Parent Night 7:00 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 p.m.	19 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. – Jewish Programming No Religious School erev Simchat Torah erev Simchat Torah Service 6:00 p.m.	20 No Nursery School - Simchat Torah Simchat Torah Service 10:00 a.m.	21 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. Kids@Kol Ami erev Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m. Student Choir participation erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	22 Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Langman 10:00 a.m.
23 Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:15 a.m. - Gr 4 B'nai Mitzvah Meeting 11:00 a.m. - Gr 5 & 6 B'nai Mitzvah Meeting 12:30 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Healing Service 1:00 p.m. Fund Development Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m.	24 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Yoga	25 Nursery School 9:30 a.m. - Fitness	26. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Religious School PTO Meeting 4:00 p.m. Casino Night Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m. Continuing Jewish Adult Education with Rabbi Holin 7:30 p.m. "Tastes of Honey: Sample the Wonders of Jewish Wisdom Literature"	27 Continuing Jewish Adult Education with Rabbi Howard Bogot 7:00 p.m. "Life Happens: To See the World through Jewish Eyes - Our Search for Meaning"	28 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	29 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Pets 2:00 p.m. The Craft & Fine Arts Show @ Kol Ami 6:30 p.m.
30 No Religious School The Craft & Fine Arts Show @ Kol Ami 11:00 a.m.						

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send articles by the fifth of the previous month (e.g., by October 5 for the November issue) to **Janet Falon** at jfaloon@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. ■

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Tribute Brunch

On Sunday, November 6, 2011, the State of Israel Bonds Organization, together with Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel, Congregation Kol Ami, and Old York Road Temple-Beth Am, will be honoring **Sima and Steve Sussman, Caryl and Michael Levin, Sara and Michael Chernoff, and Carol and Barry Stein** at a Tribute Brunch at Keneseth Israel, at 10:00 am. Tribute Co-chairs are Jackie Shulman and Peter Soloff.

The honorees will receive a special award for the long-standing support of the Israel Bonds program and their great involvement with the Philadelphia Jewish community.

The keynote speaker at the event will be Gil Hoffman, the chief political correspondent and analyst for "The Jerusalem Post."

For further information, please contact the Israel Bond office at 215-545-8380 or e-mail Raisa Neyman, the event coordinator, at raisa.neyman@israelbonds.com. ■