



WORSHIP SERVICES

MONDAY, October 1, 10:00 a.m.
Sukkot Service

FRIDAY, October 5, 7:30 p.m.
'First-Friday' *erev Shabbat* Service
with birthday and anniversary
blessings and the voices of our
Adult Choir

SATURDAY, October 6
10:00 a.m. - *Bat Mitzvah* of
Shaina Perry (see page 9)
12:30-4:30 p.m. - *Sukkot* in the
Fields at Lancaster Farm Fresh
Cooperative in Bird-in-Hand, PA
(see page 12)

SUNDAY, October 7, 6:00 p.m.
erev Simchat Torah Anniversary
Bar/ Bat Mitzvah Torah Readings
(see page 13)

MONDAY, October 8, 10:00 a.m.
Simchat Torah-Yizkor Service

FRIDAY, October 12
6:00 p.m. - Kids@Kol Ami *erev*
Shabbat 'Touch Torah' Service
for children ages 2 to 5 and their
families; our Student Choir will
add their voices (see page 13)
7:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service

SATURDAY, October 13, 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue;
Rachel Baker will read from the
Torah on the third anniversary of
her *Bat Mitzvah*

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: STRIVE FOR 225

How would you like to win an iPad? Would you like to see more of your friends and relatives be part of our Kol Ami community? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, you will want to make sure that you attend a special service on **Friday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m.**, where "Membership Drive: Strive for 225" will be launched. Our Adult Choir will also be present to lend their voices. At this special service, you will receive a gift certificate(s) to give to your friends and relatives to become members of Kol Ami at no cost for six months between January through June 2013. The gift certificate also provides you with an opportunity to win an iPad.

As the name suggests, "Membership Drive: Strive for 225" is an ambitious effort for our intimate and dynamic community to attract new members. As we celebrate our 18th *Chai* year, we are surprisingly diverse, a welcoming home to a substantial number of young families, interfaith families, esteemed elders, empty nesters, singles, and people of varied ethnicity. Members choose to join us from just down the street and across the Delaware River. This diversity supports a broad range of programming, including: concerts, family education, Holy Day celebrations, compelling speakers, art openings and a craft fair, a casino night, a family bingo night, adult softball, spirituality workshops, book discussions, social events for many age groups, an interfaith discussion group and seminar, trips to Israel, family camp weekends, and more...

Upon receipt of this gift certificate, consider offering a six-month free membership to an unaffiliated prospective member such as: a young adult who might benefit from being part of our congregation, a couple with a young child(ren) who might enjoy attending *Shabbat* services (or one of our popular Family *Shabbat* services), or an esteemed elder who might enjoy being part of a Jewish community. The possibilities go on and on.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, November 2, and please encourage any unaffiliated family member or friends to join you! Your gift of membership could have a significant impact on an individual's/family's experience for a lifetime. ■

SPECIAL CELEBRATION!

Please join us at *erev Shabbat* Services on **Friday, October 19**, as we honor Byron and Gay Schader's legacy of a lifetime of support for our congregation. ■

WORSHIP SERVICE

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FRIDAY, October 19, 7:30 p.m.

We honor the lives and memories of Byron and Gay Schader as we dedicate our *Torah* Reader's Table in their names (see page 13)

SATURDAY, October 20, 10:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Brown (see page 9)

FRIDAY, October 26, 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service with Grade 6 and 7 student participation

SATURDAY, October 27

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

2:00 p.m. - Blessing of Pets (see page 14)

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

erev Shabbat Service to celebrate and thank our interfaith families for being such an important part of our synagogue family on an evening of 'First-Friday' anniversary and birthday blessings, enhanced by our Adult Choir and the launch of our 'Membership Incentive Program'

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

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

Healing Service (see page 14) ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

October 6 - *Chol haMoed Sukkot*

Exodus 33:12-34:26

Ezekiel 38:18-39:16

October 13 - *B'reysheet*

Genesis 1:1-6:8

I Samuel 20:18-42

October 20 - *Noah*

Genesis 6:9-11:32

Isaiah 54:1-55:5

October 27 - *Lech Lecha*

Genesis 12:1-17:27

Isaiah 40:27-41:16 ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Below is a reprint of President Hyman's message, which was given at *Rosh Hashanah* on September 17, 2012:

Written by the sage rabbis almost 2,000 years ago, the Talmud says: תלמוד, which means: "G-d is pleased by synagogue presidents who keep their remarks brief." Well, I not only want to please G-d, but also all of you, so I will do my best to keep it short.

In this new year of 5773, Kol Ami is marking its 18th anniversary. Represented by the letters *chet yud*, the number 18 signifies life. Every time I enter Kol Ami's doors, I reflect on the many people who are responsible for our first generation of life, and I am uplifted by an overwhelming sense of gratitude for those people, past and present, who have given of themselves so that Kol Ami lives and thrives. Thank you to our members for your generous gifts of time, dollars, and spirit. You have made Kol Ami the incredible dynamic and intimate Jewish community that we are.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our board of directors, past and present. They are a dedicated and earnest group of leaders. In particular, I am grateful for this year's many accomplishments. Most notably today, we acknowledge the debut of new HVAC and sound systems and a roof replacement. Thanks to your generosity during our recent capital campaign, we are able to preserve the value of this building by replacing the failing heating system and roof. I am most appreciative that we were able to afford these important protections for our building, and I thank G-d that our contractors were able to complete the job on time. I confess to experiencing summer nightmares, envisioning the blowing of the *shofar* in High School Park.

This year, we also substantially reduced our operating deficit and are in a much stronger financial position. We also started a new *Sukkot* tradition by celebrating with our CSA Amish partners on a farm near Lancaster. This year, we also began taking your pulse. These e-mail surveys have helped us better understand how we can serve you.

Your leadership is focused on year 18 to insure our progress continues. This fall, we will be honoring our own Sally and Stewart Eisenberg with our *Tikun Olam* award and also hosting a symposium for interfaith couples featuring renowned novelist Anita Diamant. New-member and planned-giving campaigns are being implemented to further insure our future.

Our talented team of professionals is second to none. We are thrilled to be introducing our new creative education director David Monblatt to Kol Ami. He will inspire Jewish learning among young and old alike. No *Shabbat* is complete without Rebecca's uplifting voice, and her work with the adult and children's choirs is our blessing. To say that Elaine breathes, bleeds, drinks, and eats Kol Ami is an understatement. On a daily basis, she does everything imaginable with John Rojas' help to make this congregation operate smoothly. And Rabbi Holin...can it truly be that he is able to meaningfully connect with and inspire every Kol Ami family? How does he do it? It is miraculous.

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SAVE THE DATE: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We invite you to celebrate the significance of *Tikun Olam* ("Healing the World"), honoring **Stewart and Sally Eisenberg**, at a brunch at Kol Ami on **Sunday, November 18, at 11:00 a.m.** All members should have received their invitations, which were mailed on Wednesday, September 26. ■

Many people have requested the text of Rabbi Holin's *erev Rosh Hashanah* sermon, and we are pleased to present key excerpts from it:

For the past three years, Gallup Inc., the research-based consulting company, calls 1,000 randomly selected Americans every day and asks them about their emotional well-being, physical health, available access to basic health service, work environment, eating habits, stress levels, and other indicators of their quality of life. The responses are placed in a formula called the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index and are sorted by geographic areas and demographic data to show where well-being is highest and lowest in our country. The state that tops the list on the "Well-Being Index" is Hawaii, while West Virginia comes in last, and Pennsylvania holds position 31 out of 50. The highest-ranking "best large city" is San Jose-Santa Clara, California, and "the best small city" is Charlottesville, Virginia.

This past year, Gallup determined who is the happiest person in America based on characteristics that most closely correlate with happiness (Rampell, Catherine. 'Discovered: The Happiest Man in America.' "The New York Times." 5 March 2012). Meet Alvin Wong. He lives in Honolulu. "Well, of course," you're thinking, "he lives in Honolulu." But wait, it gets better. He is a 69 year-old Asian-American, married with three children, owns a business, earns more than \$120,000 a year and is an Orthodox Jew. Studies show that Asian-Americans tend to be the happiest of ethnic groups, and Orthodox Jews tend to be the happiest of religious groups—which is a sermon for another day about Orthodox Jews—but I'm sure that living in Hawaii, married with children, owning

a business, and having a very good income helps. When asked to comment upon his designation as "the happiest person in America," Wong said, "I enjoy doing stuff for myself and seeing the fruits of my labor." Happy, indeed.

Yet as much as there is to be said on behalf of the virtue of happiness, when folks think of Jewish people, I don't believe that the first word that comes to mind is "happy." I don't think it is the fourth or fifth word that comes to mind either. I'm guessing that words like "smart, sensitive, liberal, hyper-sensitive, loyal, paranoid, passionate, kind, and argumentative" are in the "top ten" and here is a word that I wish would be on the list: "blessings" as in "Jewish people are blessings."

I believe that we are surrounded by blessings. I believe that if you believe that you are surrounded by blessings, you will live your life differently. One response to this is to point to times of doubt or despair—those moments that all of us have when we feel lost or bone weary, and we don't know how we are going to get through the next hour, let alone the rest of the day—and some people would say that at those abject times, blessings are not there. Yet in my experience, even at those times, blessings usually arrive through the voices of people who care. They might not be able to heal you—not right away and maybe never—but they can hold you and fortify you, and give you a sense—the reality, really—that you are not alone.

There is more to it than this. Most people wait for blessings. They want this or they want that—not something

you can buy in a store—but a job, or maybe a promotion, or respite from worry, or the ability to go somewhere or visit someone, and something has to arrive to make that happen. So they wait for whatever it is. They wait for blessings, and they are often impatient and frustrated because it doesn't seem that blessings arrive when they need them the most, and if they do, maybe they are not abundant enough, or other people seem to get more, more often.

But you can create blessings. Go through your day creating blessings! In the Jewish tradition, blessings are defined as good health, long life, children, and honor. Good health and long life are our hope, but without guarantee. To bear a child is not something that everyone wants or is able to do, but everyone can live with honor, and that is what is known in the Talmud as "the crown of a good name" (*Mishnah* 4.17). When people hear your name, they immediately ascribe certain attributes to it, and it is not by happenstance. It is what you do that defines who you are. Be a blessing.

Alright, back to happiness. When you do something altruistic, you feel better about yourself. It feels good to do good. It benefits someone else, and it's a perfect example of blessings returning to their source: you. But don't do good for the sake of a reward, do good because it is rewarding.

We enter the New Year with the possibility of seeing things in new ways. A great metaphor for this is to hold a prism in a different way than you are accustomed to doing, so that by tilting the prism to a different angle,

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

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you might see things differently as the light spills through. See what changes. This year, be a change agent: see the world differently. Don't wait for blessings, create blessings. This year, be a blessing, and make yourself and others happy...even if you don't live in Honolulu, even if your name is not Alvin Wong.

Shalom u'vrachah l'Shanah Tovah,
Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

MAZAL TOV

Congratulations to **Bob and Susan Seltzer** on the announcement of the birth of their granddaughter, Zoe Eilah Goldstein, daughter of Rachel and Scott Goldstein, born on August 5. ■



CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences in loving memory of:

Stuart Appel

*husband of Ruth Bluetbenthal-Appel
father of Benjamin, Jessica, and Sarah
son of Irving and the late Bette Appel
brother of Susan Appel
nephew of Elizabeth Grenald*

Florence Corey

*grandmother of Eric (Heather) Pelletier
great-grandmother of Evan and Cameron*

Demitra DiLuzio

great-aunt of Robin Shane (Jonathan Shandell)

Richard Smith

uncle of Jody (Ben) Long

May their memories forever be a blessing in the midst of our People ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER (continued from page 2)

Being witness to the commitment and daily sacrifices being made at Kol Ami, I reflect on how we are a microcosm of the larger Jewish journey over 3,000 years. A favorite *Midrash* instructs that: "a person's life is sustained by trees. Just as others planted for you, plant for the sake of your children." The Talmud reports the story of a planter. While walking along a road, a sage saw a man planting a carob tree. He asked him: How long will it take for this tree to bear fruit? Seventy years, replied the man. The sage then asked: Are you so healthy a man that you expect to live that length of time and eat its fruit? The man answered: I found a fruitful world because my ancestors planted it for me. Likewise, I am planting for my children.

We, as a Jewish community, are planting and growing trees. *L'dor v'dor*. From generation to generation. I expect by the time our new HVAC system has hit mid-stride, many of us will have transferred our synagogue membership to a poolside congregation in Boca, but it's an improvement we're making for the benefit of those people who will follow. It is possible that our new roof warranted for 30 years may even outlast Rabbi Holin's tenure. My point is that we are one small link with a major responsibility in the chain of Jewish history. We make our decisions based not only what is good for us, but what is good for our children and grandchildren. We are a link to the Jewish future.

Please allow me to share three observations about my interpretation of how our Jewish religion informs our collective communal responsibility:

1. Judaism is behaviorist. Faith, pure motives, and sweet thoughts are touching, but Judaism measures us by our actions. That is the standard by which we are held accountable by G-d and each other.
2. Jewish life is multifaceted and rich. We enjoy everything from Yiddish literature to Jewish cuisine to Israeli music. However, we must always continue to study and preserve Judaism. Our religion is at the root of everything we call Jewish culture. Like a beautiful flower cut at its root, the Jewish people will flourish only temporarily once that root is separated from the earth. That root must be protected.
3. In contrast to our secular law that focuses on our own rights, Jewish law emphasizes our obligations to others.

I am proud to say that we are abiding by these three important Jewish guide posts. Kol Ami is a community of action; we don't rely on good intentions, but rather good acts. Secondly, while our programming is varied, we "keep our eye on the ball" and insure that the Jewish religion is central to Jewish life. Finally, through individual action and committee structure, we strive daily to serve others who need our help within and beyond our congregation.

So the view from the *bimah* is comforting as we prepare to celebrate our 18th year. Let us all take a moment to *kvell* as we celebrate our *chai* year. We have come a long way. We have much more to achieve. And remember year 36 / double *chai* is only a short 18 years away.

I would like to close with the second half of the Talmudic quote with which I began: "G-d is pleased when the assembled make generous high holy day synagogue contributions to reward brief president's remarks." What can I say, but that you will find cards and envelopes at your seat? *L'shana tova v'metukah*.

David Hyman

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ANITA DIAMANT RECEPTION KICKS OFF YEDIDAY KOL AMI PROGRAM



Gold and Silver members of *Yediday* Kol Ami ("Friends of Kol Ami") will enjoy the company of bestselling author Anita Diamant at an inaugural October 20 cocktail party. The newly created *Yediday* Kol Ami succeeds the Kol Ami Foundation and raises funds to support our Synagogue. This unique evening will be hosted by the Friedman-Cohen family and surely offers stimulating conversation, delicious food, and more than sufficient wine.

Ms. Diamant, who will be the keynote speaker at Kol Ami's October 21 Interfaith Symposium (see the flyer on page 6), is best known for her novel, "The Red Tent." She also authored "Day After Night," a story of four women who survived the Holocaust and are detained in a pre-Israel British detention camp.

It is not too late to join *Yediday* Kol Ami and be included in this and other special programming. For more information, please contact Elaine Stevens, Executive Director, at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org.

YEDIDAY KOL AMI

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

Bruce and Ellen Asam
David Baker and Irene Levy Baker
Barry and Allison Boise
Jeffrey Cohen and Ellen Friedman
Raymond and Elizabeth Grenald
David Hyman
William Hyman and Janine Pratt
Eric and Adena Johnston
David A. and Patricia Long
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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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



The Interfaith Relationship Dialogue of
Congregation Kol Ami קול עמי in Elkins Park, PA
Presents:



An afternoon symposium of workshops, support and community
for anyone in an interfaith relationship.



Sunday, October 21, 2012
1:00 – 5:30pm

With Keynote Address by
Anita Diamant

Ms. Diamant is the author of six non-fiction guides to contemporary Jewish life including *The New Jewish Wedding* and *How to Raise a Jewish Child*, as well as the international bestseller *The Red Tent*.

Workshop sessions hosted by local Rabbis, Jewish educators and interfaith partners include:

- Navigating Holidays in an Interfaith Family
- The Unique Joys and Challenges for the Non-Jewish Mom
- Shabbat for Beginners – What, Why & How
- The Interfaith Partnership – Negotiating the Conversations
- Managing the In-Laws
- End-Of-Life Issues Unique to Interfaith Couples
- Growing up Interfaith

Registration is now open!!

To register for the symposium: call or email Julie Cohen, at Julie@JulieCohenCoaching.com or 215-635-4719 for registration form and instructions. Visit www.InterfaithRollercoaster.com for more information.

Space is limited, register today. Fee: \$30/person; \$50/couple (Child Care provided).



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Presents:



Sunday, October 21, 2012, 1:00 – 5:30pm

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Interfaith Rollercoaster Symposium. To register, please complete this form and return to Congregation Kol Ami with payment to reserve your seat. After this is received, we will mail you your tickets to the event and additional symposium information.

Participant #1 Name: _____
if attending with a partner/spouse:

Participant #2 Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Amount Enclosed: ___ \$30 for individual ___ \$50 for couple

We will be providing on-site childcare for 'potty-trained' children. If you would like to take advantage of this no-fee service, please list age and gender of child(ren):

Please complete this form and return to Congregation Kol Ami, 8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027, with registration fee: check payable to Congregation Kol Ami.

For any questions, please contact Julie Cohen: 215-636-4719 or Julie@JulieCohenCoaching.com

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Caring Congregants Committee

Sunday, October 7, at 12:00 p.m.

Co-chairs: Linda George, 215-782-1413, and Elaine Gershenson, 215-887-3994

Casino Night Committee

Wednesday, October 10, at 5:00 p.m.

Co-chairs: William England, 215-635-0920, and Sharon Myers, 215-938-7435

Craft Show Committee

Wednesday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Co-chairs: Karol Appel, 215-938-9330, and Ellen Horowitz Matz, 215-635-5426

Operations Committee

Thursday, October 11, 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Guy Appel, 215-938-9330, and Jeff Cohen, 215-635-3232

Religious School Committee

Tuesday, October 9, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Religious School PTO

Sunday, October 7, at 10:00 a.m.

Co-chairs: Kenny Moss, 215-277-5335, and Heather Pelletier, 215-855-3216

Social Action Committee

Monday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Chair: Ronit Sugar, 215-635-0390 ■

NEW MEMBERS

Kol Ami welcomes these new members to our congregation:

Ruben Honik

Scott and Amy Kaufman

Christopher Lundeen, Cindy Joy

Marselis, and Katie (Grade 4)

Alex and Nancy Miller

Latham and Amy Pali

Jack and Morgan Selkirk

We're looking forward to getting to know you. ■

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome back and happy new school year! Here is a brief list of upcoming family events sponsored by the Religious School PTO. All events are open to EVERYONE in the congregation. Please watch for upcoming flyers and announcements.

OCTOBER 7 AT 9:00-10:00 A.M.

Congregation Kol Ami Pancake Breakfast in the Social Hall. Prices are: \$5/\$20 single/family in advance and \$7/\$25 family at the door. Pancakes, coffee, tea, fresh fruit, and juice will be available. See the ad on page 20.

OCTOBER 7 AT 10:00 A.M.

Religious School PTO Meeting

OCTOBER 28

Bake Sale

NOVEMBER 3 **SAVE THE DATE**

Family Game Night (open to all ages)

ANY DAY/TIME

Kol Ami SCRIP is still up and running. Acme, Target, Whole Foods, Giant, and Genuardi cards are available each week. Weekly orders will be processed and the scrip cards will be made available the following week for pickup. It's easy and a GREAT way to help Kol Ami from the convenience of your own shopping cart.

Questions can be directed to Heather Pelletier (hfppt1@gmail.com) or Kenny Moss (glatter.moss@comcast.net), co-chairs of the Religious School PTO ■



**SWEETEN
THE SUMMER.**
FIND YOUR JEWISH CAMP.
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FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CAMP
**one happy
camper**

Happy High Holy Days from the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, the Foundation for Jewish Camp, and the Neubauer Family Foundation!

With the start of the new year, now is the perfect time to look ahead. If your child has never been to Jewish overnight summer camp, you may be eligible for up to \$1,000 off camp! And with over 150+ camps to choose from, you'll have no trouble finding the perfect fit for your child.

At Jewish camp, your child will have the summer of his life, scrambling up mountains, singing under the stars, and making friends that last a lifetime. He'll also learn values like self-confidence, independence, and leadership that will last them long after the summer's gone. Camps fill up fast (and grants go quickly too!) so check out **OneHappyCamper.org** to find a camp and get started. ■

BAT MITZVAH OF SHAINA PERRY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, AT 10:00 A.M.



Shaina is in the eighth grade at Cedarbrook Middle School. Her favorite subjects are Science and Social Studies. Her interests outside of school are piano and dance. She also enjoys drawing in her sketchbook. Her volunteer activities include helping at soup kitchens and buying canned food for hungry people who cannot afford to do so themselves. Her family recently came to Kol Ami to help make soup for elderly people.

"I enjoy being Jewish because when I go to services, I sit with all my friends from Kol Ami, and also because I enjoy learning about the history of the Jewish people when I am at Hebrew school," she says. "I like hosting people for dinners at my home over the Jewish holy days.

"For my *Mitzvah* Project, I volunteered at Montgomery Montessori School, where I worked with the toddler class and sometimes in the baby room. When I arrived at the school, I spent an hour filling up pools for morning swim, and sometimes again for afternoon swim! In the toddler class, I helped prepare lunch and served it to the kids. When I was in the baby room, I held babies on the chair and on the floor. I also fed them their bottles when it was time for them to have one or to go to sleep.

"My relationship with God is simple: it is basically a happy feeling inside telling me to never give up. Jewish rituals that I think are special include praying to God so that He knows we worship Him. I also think it is important to pray to Him to let Him know we care. Finally, a special ritual that I believe is important is celebrating Jewish holy days with our families and friends. It's important to get together with your family and friends because some people don't have anywhere to go.

"My *Torah* and *Haftarah* Portion are similar because they both speak about the importance of worshipping God. God will bless you. God will give you things as special as rain. In the verses that I chanted from my *Torah* Portion (Numbers 29:14-25), it explains that when you sacrifice a bull or lamb, the animal has to be perfect. It cannot be unhealthy or hurt because it won't be special, and so it won't be accepted by God. My *Haftarah* Portion says that when you offer food to God—the meal offering—it also has to be perfect. When you give something to someone for whom you care, especially God, it has to come from your heart.

We congratulate Shaina's father Allan Perry and his fiancée, Kathleen Slifer, as well as Shaina's mother, Janien Perry. ■

BAT MITZVAH OF ABIGAIL BROWN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, AT 10:00 A.M.



Abigail is in the seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School. She has two favorite subjects: Math and Art. She plays trumpet in the school band, enjoys softball and other sports, and likes drawing and painting. Abigail volunteers time with her family at the Jewish Relief Agency to help pack and deliver food boxes. Abigail and her dad and brother also volunteer at the Hall Mercer Mental Health Center's talent show every year, which is for the clients and mentally disabled kids and adults who have programs at the Center.

"I enjoy being Jewish because it means that I am part of something special. I'm proud to be Jewish because it is the way that I choose to live my life. It leads me to opportunities that I would not have been able to have if I wasn't.

"Some of my most enjoyable Jewish experiences have been as a camper at Camp Harlam. It has shown me how great it is to be Jewish. Everyone around you is, and so it gives you a chance to learn and to embrace your religion. It teaches a lot while providing great memories.

"For my *Mitzvah* Project, I participated in four research studies on Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) at the Kennedy Krieger Institute at John Hopkins and at the National Institute of Health. For three of the studies, I spent one or two days at each taking a wide variety of tests and had my brain examined by MRI and EEG. My whole family participated in a study on genetics and ADHD. We all had to fill out long questionnaires and have samples of our blood taken. I learned how important these studies are to understanding how AD/HD affects the brain. As part of one of the studies, I will be going back to the National Institute of Health every year so they can track the changes in my brain as I get older. I hope that the information they learn from these studies will lead to new treatments that will help other people.

"I chose the verses to chant from my *Torah* Portion (Genesis 8:6-12 and 9:12-17) because I like what is going on in the story. It talks about rainbows! It also talks about the importance of keeping promises. The verse where G-d promised Noah to never again destroy the earth through a flood is very important. It shows that we should keep the promises we make, just as God did to Noah."

We congratulate Abigail's parents, Sara and Greg, and her brother, Evan, who celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* at Kol Ami on June 6, 2009. ■

YOU ARE KINDLY INVITED TO JOIN
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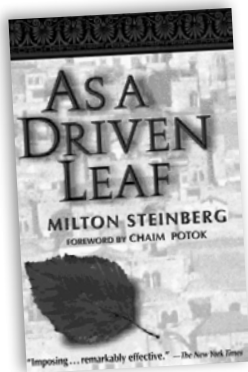
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As a Driven Leaf: Script as Text

Instructor: Prof. Howard I. Bogot, Rabbi

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October 25; November 1, 8 & 15 (4 sessions)



Faith as confidence and Job-like suffering “inspire” the doubt, enemy collaboration, and ultimate embarrassment of a Jewish sage. This play-reading will provide the dramatis personae (seminar participants) with a living-theater experience through which to discover the “secret” of Jewish survival, the dynamics of Jewish group loyalty,

and the challenge of critical thinking.

Please RSVP to the synagogue office by October 18.

The Life and Words of Reb Nachman of Breslov

Instructor: Carol Nemeroff

Monday, October 29, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

We welcome Ms. Nemeroff, under the auspices of our congregation’s Spiritual Growth Group, to speak about Reb Nachman, a great grandson of the Baal Shem Tov and founder of the Breslov Hasidic movement.

Ms. Nemeroff studied at the Lev Shomea program in Jewish spiritual direction. She has shared similar programs of study at Congregation Beit Tikvah in Baltimore. She has been a special education teacher as well as a principal of a Jewish day school and elementary and middle public schools. She also spent a year as an AmeriCorps volunteer and as a consultant in Washington, DC, schools.

Join us to learn about a Hasidic master as Ms. Nemeroff shares his writings and discusses their relevance today.

Please RSVP to the synagogue office for the Reb Nachman session by October 22.

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

Instructor: Rabbi Patrice Heller

Monday, November 5, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.



If we want our intimate relationships to bring meaningful connection to our lives, the ground rules of “*derech aretz*” can help us. We will explore how *derech aretz* offers a path that teaches the impor-

tance of small and large acts of kindness and respect, as well as the necessity of mindful and caring interaction. We will review some current research about emotional attunement, focusing on effective ways to enhance relationships as well as avoiding behaviors and attitudes that create negativity and distance. This material will be interactively presented with plenty of time for questions and group discussion.

Please RSVP to the synagogue office by October 28.

Registration Instructions

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

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

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

Kol Ami Events

COMMUNITY YOGA WITH AMY QUIGLEY AT CONGREGATION KOL AMI

Beginning Tuesday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m.

This all-level vinyasa-style yoga class will involve a variety of yoga postures and sun/moon salutations. Breath awareness and movement 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 welcomed and will be offered individual modifications. Prices: Ten-class card: \$70, five-class card: \$40, drop-in rate: \$10. For more information, visit www.yogawithamyq.com or e-mail yogawithamyq@gmail.com.

FIRST-FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT SERVICE for October Birthday and Anniversary Blessings Friday, October 5, 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 *erev Shabbat* service. Rabbi Holin will bless everyone with October *simchas* under a *tallit* in front of the ark. Watch for your invitation for this special *Shabbat simcha*.

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

SECOND ANNUAL SUKKOT IN THE FIELDS Saturday, October 6, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.



You are invited to join us in celebration of the harvest and the holiday of *Sukkot*, in a very special way. All of our members are invited to journey to Sunrise Ridge Organics in Kirkwood, PA, a short one-and-a-half-hour drive to spend the afternoon on the farm. Sunrise Ridge Organics is an Amish farm that is part of our farm partnership with the Lancaster Farm Fresh Cooperative.

This surely will be a rewarding experience, nourishing our communal and culinary spirit. We will build a *sukkah*, engage in hands-on learning about where our food comes from, learn about the lives of the farmers and their families, as well as our Jewish values and the specific teachings of *Sukkot*. Here's what past participants had to say about last year's event:

“This was a day of inspiration filled with connections to God, the earth, music, lessons, wonderful people, and fabulous food.” —*Karin Schnoll*

“I loved spending time with the Amish family, learning about each other's culture, customs, and way of life. While there were so many differences in our fundamental way of life, it was a fascinating process to share each other's life lens.” —*Karin Kaplan*

“*Sukkot* has taken on a whole new meaning for me! I can't wait to do it again!” —*Shelley Chamberlain*

“To have offered prayers in the *Sukkah* that Jeff Cohen and Mark Kaplan constructed on the farmer's land spoke to us about our mutual desire to sustain faith and the environment. It was a wonderful way to celebrate *Shabbat*, making us keenly aware that “The earth is the Lord's” (Psalm 24:1).” —*Rabbi Holin*

Six years ago, congregation members Mark Kaplan, Robin Rifkin, and Shelley Chamberlain started a pioneering effort with Hazon (www.hazon.org) to establish a Community Sponsored Agriculture (CSA) group based right here at Kol Ami. The CSA uses its member-contributed dues to support the Lancaster Farm Fresh Cooperative of over 70 organic or transitioning-to-organic farms just a short drive away. These farmers cherish our support, and we cherish the incredible vegetables, fruits, flowers, and eggs we get from May through December. With over 85 families participating from the Elkins Park area, the CSA has become a key part of the Jewish community, helping to tie us together around Jewish values and that part of Jewish culture that we all know and love—food: growing, cooking, eating, and sharing.

SUKKOT IN THE FIELDS (continued from previous page)

As part of the program, we will include a *Tikun Olam* project to provide financial support to the Fresh Food Fund, described in the footnote below. The program will be especially wonderful and memorable for our children of all ages. Sign up with Elaine Stevens today.

Lancaster Farm Fresh Cooperative Mission: LFFC, through Community-Supported Agriculture, is dedicated to improving the economic viability of local farmers, and to the protection of the environment, by supporting sustainable, certified-organic agricultural practices. In doing so, our purpose is to strengthen the health and well-being of our CSA shareholders and their families, and to provide them with education and enrichment. By creating beneficial and lasting change in our local food system, we ensure a strong foundation for the future of the communities that we serve. The Fresh Food Fund is a part of LFFC's continued commitment to widening the accessibility of fresh, certified-organic produce within these communities.

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH – TORAHS ALOFT!

Sunday, October 7, from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.
preceded by pizza and refreshments at 5:30 p.m.



Last year, we inaugurated a very special *erev Simchat Torah* service as our young adults and adults read or chanted the “personal verses” that they celebrated at their *Bar or Bat Mitzvahs* years ago! We are eager to welcome more participants this year.

Join us as our three *Torah* Scrolls are carried around the sanctuary to the sound of joyful singing and held aloft to be read or chanted. As each person completes his or her verses, the *yad* will be handed to the next person.

KIDS@KOL AMI EREV SHABBAT 'TOUCH-TORAH' SERVICE

The *Torah* up close and personal for
children ages 2 to 5 and their families!
Friday, October 12, at 6:00 p.m.
Our Student Choir will add their voices to the service

This is a very special service for our youngest children and their families. Join Rabbi Holin and Rebecca for our brief ‘service in song’ as the *Torah* Scroll is opened and rolled over the outstretched legs of the children as Rabbi Holin reads from it and explains the meaning of the *Torah* story to the children. This is a wonderful way for children to get up-close and personal with the *Torah* as they see the Hebrew words on the parchment.



FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT

Rabbi Holin's **Nothing But Nets** fast this month—which supports URJ's project to purchase, distribute, and educate about the proper use of insecticide-treated family bed nets to prevent the spread of malaria in Africa—will be on **Monday, October 15,** and **Wednesday, November 21.**

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 **Thursday, October 25,** and **Friday, November 9.**

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
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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’)

AN EVENING TO HONOR THE MEMORIES OF BYRON AND GAY SCHADER

as we dedicate our *Torah* Reader's Table in their names
Friday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Byron and Gay Schader, of blessed memory, joined our congregation as soon as it was founded in 1994, and through the years, they were steadfast and significant supporters of our synagogue. They presented us with our first *Torah* Scroll, complete with crowns, breastplate, and *yad*. They gifted us with a beautiful *Kiddush* cup for our *erev Shabbat* services. Gay died in 2008, and Byron commissioned our

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KOL AMI EVENTS (continued from page 13)

stunning *Torah* Reader's Table in her memory. Byron died last year, and this evening, we will honor this marvelous couple who meant so much to our congregation and to so many of us. We cherished their presence as we do their memories.

JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS

Saturday, October 27, at 2:00 p.m.
on the Meadow

The previous week, on *Shabbat* Noah (ark! ark! the gang's all here!), we read these words: "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).

Now, a week later, in keeping with the words of this week's *Torah* Portion *Lech Lecha* ("Go forth!"), the animals have made their way from Mount Ararat to the Meadow at Congregation Kol Ami. Those creatures and your pets that fly, slither, crawl, walk, and swim are invited to join Rabbi Holin and Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz on the Meadow as we sing and bless our pets.

CONTEMPORARY JEWISH WRITERS GROUP BOOK REVIEW WITH LOU BARRETT

"Crossing the Borders of Time" by
Leslie Maitland
Sunday, October 28, at 11:00 a.m.

"Investigative reporter Leslie Maitland grew up enthralled by her mother's accounts of forbidden romance and harrowing flight in 1942 from the

Nazis. Her book is both a journalist's vivid depiction of a world at war and a daughter's pursuit of a haunting question: what had become of the handsome Frenchman whose picture her mother continued to treasure almost fifty years after they parted? It is a tale of memory that reporting made real and a story of undying love that crosses the borders of time."

HEALING SERVICE

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

Our tradition offers moving and powerful prayers for healing as we gather to say the *Mi'Shebbeirach* ("May The Holy One Who blesses...") prayer for a loved

one in a hospital, recovering at home, or in hospice care, and for ourselves as well: healers who are in need of healing.

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

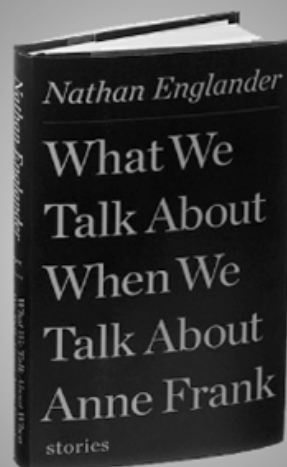
Monday, November 12
from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Taught by Janet Falon, writer/
writing teacher and co-chair of the
Spiritual Growth Group

At heart, a prayer is a conversation between yourself and God, however you perceive of God or God energy. As a "regular" person, you are not only allowed to write prayers, but you're encouraged to write them, especially



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SAVE THE DATE

Kick Off Conversation with Nathan Englander
Sunday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m.
Main Line Reform Temple
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those that articulate your own needs and desires, both large and small.

NO WRITING EXPERIENCE OR EXPERTISE IS NECESSARY. At this hands-on writing workshop sponsored by the Spiritual Growth Group, you will learn more about how and why to write a prayer. You will do some writing exercises to help you clarify the values and issues that are sufficiently important for you to include in a prayer, and then you will write a prayer—or more! This is a wonderful way to create or enhance your relationship with God and to foster mindfulness and gratitude. Please sign up with Elaine Stevens or Janet Falon (jfalon@english.upenn.edu or 215-635-1698).

SAVE THE DATE

KOL AMI ADULT MEMBERS ART SHOW

November 27 through January 7

We invite you to display your framed “ready-to-hang” artwork in Kol Ami’s Art Lobby Gallery. Find your favorite piece of artwork, drop it off at the office of Elaine Stevens by November 20, and the Art Committee will exhibit your work. All work can be picked up after January 7, 2013. These pieces can range from your favorite travel photograph to one that you created in your studio. We encourage you to share your unique talents with us! ■



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Also, please feel free to join us for a potluck lunch at our next Caring Congregants Committee meeting on Sunday, October 7, at 12:30 p.m. in the synagogue. If you have any questions, contact Linda (215-782-1413) or Elaine Gershenson (215-887-3994). Hope to see you there! ■

MOBILE MITZVAH MAKER

If you can help drive congregants to errands or to Friday-night services, please contact Linda George (215-782-1413 or LindaSGeorge@gmail.com) or Elaine Gershenson (215-887-3994 or gershlaw@comcast.net).

MITZVAH FOOD PROJECT

Interested in volunteering with a food pantry?

The *Mitzvah* Food Project is in need of volunteers at their pantry at Beth Shalom Congregation in Elkins Park. They are looking for volunteer delivery drivers to deliver food packages in the Elkins Park/greater Northeast Philadelphia area on the first and third Thursday of the month. Routes generally take between 30 to 60 minutes. Also needed are backup delivery drivers who they can contact in advance when regular drivers are unavailable. If you are interested or would like more information, please e-mail foodproject@jfgp.org or call 215-832-0831. ■

BABYSITTING LIST

We would like to update the Kol Ami babysitting list. If you were on the original list that was compiled in the Fall, please send any updates—grade, driving status, rate change, etc.—to Janet Falon at jfalon@english.upenn.edu.



If you'd like to be on the list, or if you'd like a copy of the babysitting list, please write to Janet as well. ■



SAVE THE DATE

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

Committee Members Needed

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

ARTIST OF THE MONTH



TRINA BRAND will be showing her recent paintings, entitled "Energy in Art," at Congregation Kol Ami from October 15 through November 26.

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

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

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

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

There will be an opening reception for Trina at Kol Ami on **Sunday, October 28, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.** And you can learn more about Trina at Trinabrand.com. ■

KOL AMI OCTOBER 2012 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Nursery School Closed Sukkot Sukkot Service 10:00 a.m.	2 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m. Adult Bnai Mitzvah Class 7:00 p.m.	3 Nursery School Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Craft Show Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	4 Nursery School - Apple Press Program	5 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. "First-Friday" erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir participation	6 Bat Mitzvah of Shaina Perry 10:00 a.m. Sukkot in the Fields 12:30 p.m. Bird-in-Hand, PA
7 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 11:15 a.m. - Consecration Service 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Religious School PTO Meeting - 10:00 a.m. Caring Congregants Committee Meeting 12:00 p.m. erev Simchat Torah Service 6:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - Pizza and Refreshments	8 Nursery School Closed Simchat Torah Simchat Torah-Yizkor Service 10:00 a.m.	9 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m. Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	10 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Casino Night Committee Meeting 5:00 p.m.	11 Operations Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	12 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. Kids @ Kol Ami erev Shabbat "Touch-Torah" Service 6:00 p.m. Student Choir participation erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	13 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. The Craft & Fine Arts Show @ Kol Ami 6:30-10:00 p.m.

KOL AMI OCTOBER 2012 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 No Religious School The Craft & Fine Arts Show @ Kol Ami 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	15 Nursery School Music 9:30 a.m. Social Action Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m. Adult Bnai Mitzvah Class 7:00 p.m.	17 Nursery School Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	18	19 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Honoring the memories of Byron and Gay Schader	20 Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Brown 10:00 a.m.
21 Trope Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:50 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 12:00 a.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Interfaith Roller Coaster Symposium - 1:00 p.m.	22 Nursery School Yoga 9:30 a.m. Nursery School Parent Night 7:00 p.m.	23 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m.	24 Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	25 Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Howard Bogot 7:30 p.m.	26 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Grade 6-7 Participation 6:45 p.m. - BYOD	27 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Pets 2:00 p.m.
28 BAKE SALE Trope Class 9:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. - Gr 4 Parent Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting 11:00 a.m. - Gr 6 Family Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Contemporary Jewish Writers Book Review with Lou Barrett 11:00 a.m. Artist Open House Trina Brand- 1:30 p.m.	29 Nursery School Music 9:30 a.m. Spiritual Growth Group Meeting 7:00 p.m. Guest Speaker: Carol Nemeroff	30 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m. Adult Bnai Mitzvah Class 7:00 p.m.	31 Nursery School Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.			

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ADULT EDUCATION FUND: Enables us to invite scholars, authors, and artists to speak about: Jewish history and contemporary issues; their motivation for writing about specific themes; and their interpretation through art and music about Jewish life in the past and present.

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BAR/BAT MITZVAH AND CONFIRMATION FUND: Enables us to provide appropriate gifts (books, *kiddush* cups, and *Shabbat* candlesticks) when our young adults celebrate their *Bar/Bat Mitzvahs* and Confirmations.

'DISCOVER ISRAEL' FUND: Enables us to provide scholarships to enable children of our members to participate in approved peer-group trips to Israel.

FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND FUND: Enables us to underwrite the cost of Family Camp Weekend programs and to welcome specialists on a "weekend away" to explore a Jewish theme with our rabbi.

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LIBRARY FUND: Enables us to purchase books for the education and enjoyment of our children, youth, and adults.

ONEG SHABBAT FUND: Enables us to provide refreshments following *Shabbat* services.

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