

October 2017

Tishri and Heshvan 5778

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# CONGREGATION Kol Ami VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

## WORSHIP SERVICES

**WEDNESDAY, Oct. 4, at 6:00 p.m.**  
*erev Sukkot* Celebration (see page 4)

**THURSDAY, Oct. 5, at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Sukkot* Service

**FRIDAY, Oct. 6, at 7:30 p.m.**  
“Coming-Out-Day” Commemorative Service with our Adult Choir and on “First-Friday” blessings under the *tallit* for everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month

**SATURDAY, Oct. 7, at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue

**WEDNESDAY, Oct. 11, from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m.**  
*erev Simchat Torah* – our “*Torahs Aloft*” Service; preceded by an adult study with Rabbi Holin from 4:00-4:45 p.m. (see page 6)

**THURSDAY, Oct. 12, at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Simchat Torah* – *Yizkor* Service (see page 6)

**FRIDAY, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m.**  
Board Installation *erev Shabbat* Service when we gather to express gratitude to your fellow members on our Board of Trustees who devote countless hours to our Synagogue to ensure its future, and to formally install those who have recently joined them on our Board

**SATURDAY, Oct. 14, at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue; the *dvar Torah* will be given by Judy Miller

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## Mark Your Calendars!



### *erev Sukkot*

Celebrate the good earth as we gather under our *sukkah* to sing and sway with the *lulav* and *etrog*

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6:00 p.m. - Pizza, refreshments and decorate the *sukkah*  
7:00 p.m. - Singing under the *sukkah*

### *erev Simchat Torah*

Everyone is invited to participate in our annual “*Torahs Aloft!*” service by carrying a *Torah*, reading or chanting from it, or applauding as others do so!

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4:00 p.m. - Adult learning with Rabbi Holin  
4:45 p.m. - *Torahs Aloft* Service, singing, grade-level skits



## WORSHIP SERVICES

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### FRIDAY, Oct. 20

**6:00 p.m.** - "Fun-for-Kids" *erev*

*Shabbat* Service appropriate for all ages! It's a happy half hour with lots of music and we will be joined by our K-2 students

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

### SATURDAY, Oct. 21

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

**5:30 p.m.** - *Simchat Mitzvah* of James Beatus (see page 6)

### FRIDAY, Oct. 27, at 7:00 p.m.

*erev Shabbat* Service with Grade 5 participation and the voices of our Student Choir; preceded by a 6:15 p.m. BYOD

### SATURDAY, Oct. 28, at 10:00 a.m.

*Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue

### SUNDAY, Oct. 29, at 1:00 p.m.

Healing Service (see page 8) ■

## TORAH & HAFTARAH

### October 7 – *Chol haMoed Sukkot*

Exodus 33:12-34:26

Numbers 29:17-25

Ezekiel 38:18-39:16

### October 14 – *Bereysheet*

Genesis 1:1-6:8

I Samuel 20:18-42

### October 21 – *Noah*

Genesis 6:9-11:32

Isaiah 66:1-24

### October 28 – *Lech Lecha*

Genesis 12:1-17:27

Isaiah 40:27-41:16 ■

## MAZAL TOV

Congratulations go to **Jonathan and Sheri Cutler** on the announcement of the marriage of their son, Jesse, to Rachel Green, on September 2, 2017. ■

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

### YOU NEVER KNOW

by Helen L. Marshall

You never know when someone  
May catch a dream from you  
You never know when a little word  
Or something you may do  
May open up the windows  
Of a mind that seals a light  
The way you love, may not matter at all  
But you never know it might.

And just in case it could be  
That another's life, through you  
Might possibly change for the better  
With a broader and brighter view  
It seems it might be worth a try  
At pointing the way to the right  
Of course it may not matter at all,  
But then again...it might.

The broad definition of volunteering is offering to do work for no compensation. When I see you, my fellow members, doing important volunteer work for Kol Ami and partner organizations, I see the sparkle of *tikun olam* in your eyes and the fullness of intention in your heart.

Yet the importance of volunteerism goes far beyond this. Volunteers are greatly needed at Kol Ami! We depend on YOU - and you don't let us down. You have passion in processes, spreadsheets, *dvars*, education, *tikun olam*, social justice, social media, phone calls, cooking, singing, inclusion, sustainability, mindfulness...the list goes on and on. And, believe me, your good work is noticed, possibly in more ways than any of us can imagine.

I'm proud to speak for the congregation leadership when I say we recognize your efforts and appreciate all of your hard work that strengthens our Jewish identity and community. You are the backbone of Kol Ami. I applaud your compassion and service; your inspiration and dedication make us special as a congregation and bond us as family. Your gift of time is priceless.

As we so often read on Friday night, "May this synagogue be, for all who enter, and especially for all who give of their time, talent, and energy, the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life."

Thank you for all that you do. Thank you for engaging in Congregation Kol Ami. Thank you for thinking beyond yourselves, for making time to provide the resources and support necessary to sustain and strengthen our community.

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# Study at the *Shul* for Adults

## My Yiddishe Mama: East European Jewish Families in America

Mondays; October 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon  
Instructor: Dr. Reena Sigman Friedman

Using music, film, and primary sources, the course explores the dynamics of immigrant Jewish family life in America. It focuses on the significant challenges posed to family solidarity in the late-19th and early-20th centuries, and the ways in which individual families, as well as Jewish organizations, strove to meet those challenges. RSVP by October 2.

## Star Trek & Judaism

Thursdays; November 2 & 9 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Instructor: David Monblatt



This course will boldly go where no Jew has gone before. Star Trek and Judaism will explore Jewish themes and subjects found in the Star Trek franchise (whether they were placed there intentionally or not). Star Trek has confronted such topics as the nature of evil, atonement, and remembrance, while spotlighting the value of education, the dignity of

the individual, and the importance of social justice. The course will examine episodes from the original television series: Next Generation, Star Trek Deep Space Nine, and selected scenes from films. RSVP by October 26.

## American Foreign Policy and Presidential Leadership

Tuesdays; November 14, 21 & 28 and December 5  
from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Ira Cooperman

Join a former intelligence officer as we chart the course of America's relations with other nations, including Israel, and focus on the leadership provided by different presidents. From wartime to peacetime, the class discussion will attempt to uncover sparks of leadership from such people as Washington, Teddy Roosevelt, FDR, Truman, Ike, and JFK. Knowledge of American history is not required. RSVP by November 7. ■



## CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving memory:

**Jonathan Ezekiel**  
*cousin of Rachel (Joel) Ezekiel-Fishbein*

**Bernard Foreman**  
*cousin of Joel (Betsy McKinstry) Edelstein*

**Mary Lou Ginsburg**  
*cousin of Morton (Marcia) Wolpert*

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

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Interfaith Relationship Dialogue**  
Tuesday, October 3, at 7:30 p.m.  
at the home of Chairs Joel Edelstein  
and Betsy McKinstry, 215-782-1704

**Religious School Committee**  
Monday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m.  
Chair: Tamara Sniad, 215-782-3848

**Shomrei Adamah (Environmental Stewardship) Committee**  
Thursday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m.  
Chair: Mark Kaplan, 215-635-2920

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

**Worship Enhancement Committee**  
Sunday, October 29, at 9:30 a.m.  
Chairs: Mindy Levy, 215-885-3672,  
and William Shapiro, 215-517-8666 ■

# Kol Ami Events

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## OUR 'EREV' SUKKOT OUTDOOR SERVICE UNDER THE SUKKAH AS WE CELEBRATE AND REJOICE IN THE BLESSINGS OF THE EARTH!

Wednesday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m. immediately after Religious School; pizza and refreshments around the *sukkah*

Join us at our all-Congregation, children-youth-adults celebration as we meet immediately after religious school for pizza and refreshments and then sing and sway with the *lulav* and *etrog* in and around the *sukkah*!

*Sukkot* is called *Chag ha'Asif* / "The Festival of Ingathering" since it is one of the three pilgrimage festivals – *Pesach* and *Shavuot* are the other two – when our People converged on the Temple in Jerusalem, bringing harvest gifts of gratitude to God. The great rabbinic commentator, Moses Maimonides, in his classic work entitled Guide for the Perplexed, said that the reason we went to Jerusalem and the Temple for these holy days was so that we could socialize, eat, and study together. The underlying reason for the Pilgrimage Festivals was to allow us to create and develop a sense of community. In an echo of High Holy Day liturgy, which begins with the words, "Knowingly or not..." we have been preparing for *Sukkot* since the commencement of the High Holy Days. One of its primary themes is "ingathering": As the Jewish community gathers as one to pray, each individual "turns in" to gather his or her own thoughts about the past year so as to do better during this new one

It is also called *Zman Simcha'taynu* / "The Time of Our Rejoicing." Rejoicing is different than celebrating: we celebrate positive moments of transition – birthdays, *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvahs*, graduations, weddings, births, anniversaries, promotions – but we rejoice whenever we are filled with a sense of gratitude for the blessings in our lives.

The *sukkah* is a simple reminder of life's basics. Over your head is the barest representation of a roof that will not even protect you from the lightest rainfall. Your gaze heavenward is a reminder from our ancestors – *avo'e'taynu v'emo'e'taynu* – who trusted in God's protection, guiding them to safety from the blazing desert to the Promised Land that beckoned them home.

Scholars tell us that it is highly unlikely that our ancestors dwelled in *sukkot* on their journey through the wilderness. It is more likely that nomads lived in goatskin tents, not in wooden huts, lean-tos with leafy roofs. So the booths cannot be connected to our wanderings in the desert, but are instead an echo of our agricultural past when harvesters lived in temporary huts in fields. Yet surely myth and history can merge! Most of us choose to believe that the *sukkah* symbolizes God's protection, be it in the desert or the field, in Biblical times or the contemporary age. The holy day of *Sukkot* brings its message that no matter how well we plan, no matter how great the strength of our hands and the will of our hearts, life brings the unexpected to our doorstep. How well we know it.

The challenge is how to carry the intrinsic meaning of *Sukkot* into this new year. How, on this holy day of "Ingathering," to continue to be introspective and to "gather in" fellow Jews who are looking for ways to make our faith speak to them as passionately as it does to us, and to offer support to those in need of it.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

*erev Shabbat*, Friday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m.



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

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

## HAZON CSA AT CONGREGATION KOL AMI'S ANNUAL SUKKOT FARM TRIP



### WHEN?

Saturday, October 7, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

### WHERE?

A Lancaster-area Amish Organic Farm TBD

### WHO?

Congregation Kol Ami members and members of our Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program.

### WHAT TO BRING?

A vegetarian potluck dish to share.

### WHAT YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO?

- An inspirational afternoon with our community and a wonderful farm family
- Delicious food
- New insights about the land, farming, and our teachings
- Ice cream
- A tour of the farm

### QUESTIONS OR RSVP?

E-mail by October 1 to Elaine Stevens at [execdir@kolami.info](mailto:execdir@kolami.info). Please let us know what type of food you will bring. We share a meal with our farm host family. Carpooling options are encouraged and available. ■

## The Kehillah of Old York Road announces a fundraising campaign to purchase a Magen David Adom ambulance in honor of Israel's 70th anniversary!



Every day, Israelis count on Magen David Adom — Israel's national ambulance, blood-services, and disaster-relief organization, serving as emergency medical first-responders for the state's more than 8.5 million people. This year, MDA needs 100 new ambulances to enhance its rapid world-class response, whether it's to a heart attack or terror attack.

As we prepare to celebrate Israel's 70th anniversary, join us all year long in making a difference in the health, welfare, and security of the people of Israel. Your support will save lives.

**For more information or to participate, visit [afmda.org/kehillah](http://afmda.org/kehillah) or call Sharon Schmidt at 215.947.7007.**

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## LADIES OF A CERTAIN AGE (LOCA) SCHEDULE FOR 2017-2018

Mark your calendars for the following LOCA events in the coming year. Stay tuned for further details.

- **Friday, October 6, at 5:30 p.m.** - Dinner at Marco Polo followed by *erev Shabbat* Services. LOCAs and MOCAs are welcome. Please RSVP to Joan Greenberg at [jgreenbe53@gmail.com](mailto:jgreenbe53@gmail.com) or 215-530-1166 so she can make dinner reservations.
- **November** - Movie night (Date TBD)
- **Friday, December 1** - Dinner at Marco Polo followed by *erev Shabbat* Services (LOCA/MOCA)
- **January or February** - Passover recipe exchange and potluck lunch. Time and Place TBD (LOCA)
- **Wednesday, January 24** - "Favorite Things" Cabaret at the Act II Playhouse in Ambler. "A glorious grab bag of sketches and songs, including routines from Burns and Allen, Nichols and May, and more. (LOCA/MOCA)
- **Sunday, March 3** - Afternoon Tea at the home of Natalie Dyen (LOCA)
- **Saturday, March 24** - Game night and potluck dinner. Trivial Pursuit and other fun games for adults at a member's home. (LOCA/MOCA)
- **Friday, April 13** - Dinner at Marco Polo followed by *erev Shabbat* Services (LOCA/MOCA)
- **Sunday, April 15** - *Rosh Hodesh* celebration and potluck lunch. Celebrate the beginning of the month on the Hebrew calendar with Carol Nemeroff. (LOCA/MOCA)
- **Late Spring** - Tour of Beth Shalom (Date TBD)
- **Late Spring** - Visit to the American Museum of Jewish History to see the Leonard Bernstein exhibit. (Date TBD)

## TORAHS ALOFT ON "EREV" SIMCHAT TORAH!

Wednesday, October 11, from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m.  
in our Sanctuary



Every year at this time, our young adults and adults gather around our *Torah* Scrolls to read or chant the verses that they celebrated at their *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvahs* recently or years ago. We are eager to welcome more participants this year!

Each scroll will have the honor of being read or chanted, and as each post-*Bar/Bat Mitzvah* person completes his or her three or four verses, the *yad* will be handed to the next person. Readings will be interspersed by class presentations that reflect upon the themes addressed in chosen verses.

Please call Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182 by October 6 to let him know that you will uplift us when you read or chant "your verses" from the *Torah* on our *Simchat Torah* - "Torahs Aloft" celebration.

## SIMCHAT TORAH – YIZKOR SERVICE

Thursday, October 12, at 10:00 a.m.

The *Yizkor*-Memorial service that immediately comes to mind occurs on *Yom Kippur*, and yet there are three other dates of observance on the Jewish calendar: *Simchat Torah*, *Pesach*, and *Shavuot*.

*Yizkor*, from the Hebrew verb "to remember" is observed throughout the first year following the death of a loved one, traditionally a parent, sibling, spouse, or child.

It is believed that *mitzvot* performed by loved ones help the souls of the departed on their way to the *olam ha'ba*, "the world to come." One *mitzvah* is committing *tzedakah* funds to help people in need, and since the *Torah* reading on the last day of the pilgrimage festivals mentions the importance of doing so, *Yizkor* was added to these holy day services as well.

## SIMCHAT MITZVAH OF JAMES BEATUS

Saturday, October 21, at 5:30 p.m.



James attends Cedarbrook Middle School and are in the seventh grade. Their favorite subjects are math and art, because they like painting and being creative, and they are good at figuring things out. Their extra-curricular activities include violin, guitar, and softball.

Their *Mitzvah* Project was making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for drug addicts who are homeless and need food. They made the sandwiches for an organization called Action in Motion. The sandwich bags included kind notes such as "Thinking of you" and "We hope you

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ONE DIVIDED NATION.  
 ONE UNITED CHOIR.  
 ONE COURAGEOUS  
 JOURNEY ACROSS  
 SOUTH AFRICA.

*WHEN*  
***Voices***  
***MEET***

**Sunday, October 22, at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Congregation Kol Ami**  
**8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA**

*Open to the community. Free admission.*

Tax deductible contributions to "Friends of the Peace Train" will be gladly accepted to support orphanages in South Africa.

## SIMCHAT MITZVAH OF JAMES BEATUS

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have a blessed day.” The sandwiches were placed in “blessing bags” that contained snacks, clothing, hygiene products, and information to obtain help. James really enjoyed making the sandwiches because they put them together with friends, and also because they helped people who needed food and who often feel alone. They learned that it is important to help people. As James says, “Every person has value.”

James was motivated to study for their *Simchat Mitzvah* because they are excited about the idea of growing up and becoming an adult. They learned that they can remember prayers better than they thought. They also really like the story that they studied to prepare for this special day.

They chose to chant the following verses from their *Torah* Portion – Genesis 6:11-13, 19-21 and 8:9-11, 22-9:2 – because they are interesting. He likes the story of Noah because it is easy for kids to understand, yet one can also look for deeper meanings in the story. The rain could represent God crying about the bad things in the world, like climate change today, and the rainbow could represent hope for change.

We congratulate James’ parents, Neal and Ann, and sister, Isabelle, who celebrated her *Bat Mitzvah* on November 8, 2014, and is a student in our Confirmation Academy.

## “Fun-for-Kids” erev Shabbat Services

This 6:00 p.m. service is appropriate for all ages. It’s a happy half-hour with lots of music and joy.

- Oct. 20
- Dec. 15
- Jan. 19
- Mar. 16
- Apr. 20 ■



## HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, October 29, at 1:00 p.m.

Our tradition offers moving and powerful prayers for loved ones in hospitals, recovering at home, or in hospice care, and for ourselves as well: healers who are in need of healing, and those in mourning. This brief worship service includes the *Mi'Shebbeirach* (“May the Holy One Who Blesses...”) prayer as well as the hope that we will find *menuchah* (“tranquility”) within ourselves during trying times.

## FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT



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

**NATAL** (nah'tahl) – the Israel's Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War – addresses Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

of combat veterans and former prisoners of war, as well as those who have lost loved ones in battle or suicide bombings, and anyone who suffers the sustained emotional and mental pressure of living with the fear and uncertainty that war and the threat of war bring. In addition, NATAL reaches out to families and relatives of victims and bereaved families through on-site counseling, a national hotline, and free or subsidized psychological assistance and treatment by highly trained professionals.

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

Forthcoming fast days to benefit **NATAL** will be on “first Wednesdays”: **October 4** and **November 1**.

**Phast for Philadelphia** is on behalf of unemployed workers in Philadelphia who are struggling to make ends meet by helping them pay their mortgages, address healthcare needs, and pay electric bills.

Forthcoming **Phast for Philadelphia** fast days will be on “fourth Thursdays”: **October 26** and **November 23**.

### American Friends of NATAL

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

### Unemployment Information Center

112 N. Broad Street, 11th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

(check payable to Unemployment Information Center with memo note “Philadelphia Unemployment Office”)



**Mommy & Me Series!**

**Wednesdays at 10 a.m.** | **November 1st, 8th, 15th & 29th**

 **Kol Ami**  
EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Register here: <http://bit.ly/2jtsXal>

**BOOK REVIEWER EXTRAORDINAIRE BEVERLY ROSEN WILL SPEAK ABOUT LAUREN BELFER'S MOST RECENT NOVEL, "AND AFTER THE FIRE"**

Friday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m.

How does a Johann Sebastian Bach manuscript, stolen in 1945, bring together the lives of two women, Susanna Kessler, living in NYC in 2010, and Sara Itzig Levy, a renowned Jewish musician living in Berlin in 1783? Discover the answer to this mystery as revealed in And After the Fire, an intriguing historical novel by Lauren Belfer. Traversing over 200 years of history and seamlessly melding together past and present, real and imagined, Belfer's novel poses questions about Anti-Semitism, the impact of art, and the nature of Jewish identity. And After The Fire is the recipient of the National Jewish Book Award's inaugural Book Club Award and this year's One Book, One Jewish Community's book selection. The author will discuss her novel on Sunday, December 10, at the OBOJC kick-off event. Stay tuned for details.



*Communities Coming Together*

**American Red Cross Blood Drive Congregation Kol Ami**

Sanctuary Portion  
8201 High School Road  
Elkins Park, PA 19027

**Monday, November 6, 2017  
2:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

Appointments are Preferred.  
For an appointment, please contact:  
Jean Ettinger at [jeanettinger@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettinger@gmail.com).  
To sign-up online, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
and enter sponsor code: Kol Ami Elkins Park  
Dial 1-800-RED CROSS  
for any additional information.

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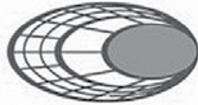
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**SAVE THESE DATES!**

Mark the following dates on your calendar and join us for celebratory services honoring Rabbi Holin:

- **November 3, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Founding members of Kol Ami
- **December 15, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Religious school graduates
- **March 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Adult B'Nai Mitzvah* classes
- **April 13, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Couples married by Rabbi Holin
- **April 29, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.**  
Interfaith couples and children (this will be a barbeque on the meadow, not a service)

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If you would like text reminders about:	Send the following text message to 81010
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"Fun-for-Kids" Shabbats	@kaffkids
Interfaith Relationship Dialogue	@kaird
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Membership Committee	@kamember
Programming Committee	@kaprogram
Religious School Committee	@karelsch
Religious School PTO	@kapto
Social Action Committee	@kasocact
Spiritual Growth Group	@kasgg
Worship Enhancement Committee	@kawec
Special Events	@kaspec
Guest Speakers	@kaguest

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#### How does Remind work?

First, we set up a "class" for each general interest area, which generates a unique code. The code for each area is shown at left. When you send a text message with the code, you will be "subscribed" to receive reminders about only that topic. You may sign up for as many different topics as you like, just make sure to send a text message to each code separately.

#### Is Remind Free?

The service is free, but standard messaging rates apply. So, if you do not have unlimited texting on your cell phone's data plan, you might be charged for each text message.

#### How do I opt out of receiving message if I no longer want to receive them?

To unsubscribe, simply reply to the text with the word "unsubscribe".

#### Do I have to have a Smartphone for Remind 101?

No, any phone that receives text messages will work with Remind. There is also a Remind app that is free.

#### Where can we find more information about Remind?

You can go to [www.remind.com](http://www.remind.com) for more information about the service!

## URJ BIENNIAL 2017

Join us on December 6 through 10  
at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston



**URJ BIENNIAL 2017**

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### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES...

Financial assistance is available for any family who wishes their child to participate in Religious-School-related activities and hesitates due to cost. For details, please contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110. Requests will be handled confidentially.

### MOVING TOO FAST?

For your safety and the safety of others, please drive slowly and cautiously through our parking lot.

# Slow Down



## ARTIST OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 24 THROUGH DECEMBER 18 CAROLE J. MEYERS



Carole J. Meyers, contemporary painter and printmaker, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts graduate, and President of American Color Print Society, has won prizes from Woodmere Art Museum, Cheltenham, Abington Art Centers (solo exhibit). In Philadelphia, she has won awards at the Plastic and Sketch Clubs, Main Line Chamber of Commerce, American Color Print Society, and Montgomery County Guild of Professional Artists. Her paintings and prints are in the permanent collections of Arco Chemical Company and Freeholders Association of Burlington County, NJ. She's exhibited in NYC and Seoul, Korea. In Philadelphia, Carole has shown her work at The Artists' House, Philadelphia Foundation, Esther Klein and Newman Galleries, and the Macllhenney House. Her watercolors painted on site in Florence, Italy, have been exhibited and purchased by collectors. Both her paintings and prints convey emotional issues and political observations. She exhibits and is associated with 705 West, a printmakers studio in Jenkintown, PA. Send all inquiries to [caroleline@verizon.net](mailto:caroleline@verizon.net). Please join us at Carole's open house on Sunday, October 29, at 1:00 p.m. ■

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

**PRESIDENT'S LETTER** (continued from page 2)

One way to get involved is through our committees (see page 14 in this issue). Through these committees, work is divided so that far more can be accomplished while keeping time commitments more reasonable for everyone. Committees provide organizational structure and help establish bonds between fellow members.

“Upon 3 things the world stands: On *Torah*, on divine service, and on deeds of loving kindness” (A quote from Simon the Just, *Pirke Avot*). The time to join our volunteer ranks is NOW!

*Todab rabah,*

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## **SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

**Volunteer Opportunities: High School Park Workdays at Montgomery Ave. and High School Rd., Elkins Park Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on 10/14, 10/15, 10/29, 11/11 & 11/12 All ages welcome!**

Long sleeves, pants, and boots recommended. Gloves and tools provided or bring your own. Just show up and meet at the shed in the meadow area where Kevin will greet and give instructions. Feel free to bring friends who are non-Kol Ami members. When you sign in, be sure to note that you are from Kol Ami.

The Friends of High School Park is a non-profit volunteer organization whose mission is to create, manage, and preserve a viable 11-plus-acre native ecosystem in High School Park for the community's enjoyment, in cooperation with Cheltenham Township. They are dedicated to inspiring the community to connect with others and the natural environment through service and learning connected with the park.

Kol Ami commits to 20 volunteer hours each year. Please help us meet or exceed this goal! For more information, contact Jody Long or Rocky Weinstock. ■



## **PLEASE WELCOME THE SOLOMONS TO CONGREGATION KOL AMI**



Kol Ami is happy to welcome new members Janis and Marc Solomon, and their daughters Olivia and Natalie. Olivia, who is 5 years old, is a graduate of our Early Learning Center, and her desire to begin attending the Religious School in the fall was an important factor in the Solomon family's decision to become members of Kol Ami.

Olivia is a sweet, caring child who already loves school, reading books, dancing, and arts and crafts. She is also patient with and loving toward her little sister, Natalie, who is 16 months old. Natalie already has an independent personality and enjoys being in charge of her baby dolls as well as playing with her big sister. Olivia and Natalie love to ride in their “power wheels princess carriage” and to go for walks together.

As for their parents, Marc grew up right in our neighborhood in Elkins Park, and Janis grew up in Philadelphia. They have lived in Huntingdon Valley for nine years. Marc works for his father's bakery, Kaplan's, and bread-distribution companies. Janis is a stay-at-home mom who formerly worked at a local bank as the operations administrator.

In their spare time, the Solomons like going to the Jersey shore, visiting the zoo, and doing lots of fun activities for the entire family.

It is a joy to officially welcome the Solomon family to our congregation! ■



# Hazon Seal of Sustainability Project Updates

## WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING



As part of our ongoing efforts to reduce waste, Congregation Kol Ami, over the past year, has transitioned away from purchasing Styrofoam to renewable and recyclable paper and plastic products. We have seen that many of these products are still being thrown into the trash rather than

being recycled. In the coming months, we aim to increase recycling and reuse at the Synagogue and at home.

We have placed blue recycling bins in all of our classrooms and in the social hall. Please place items for recycling – paper, cans, bottles, paper plates and paper cups (emptied of any liquids or food) – in the blue receptacles. Non-recyclable material, such as plastic bags, food items, and wet garbage, should be disposed of in the regular trash bins. Look for reminder signs throughout the building.

- Waste production multiplied tenfold over the last century and will likely double again by 2025. Half or less of that waste is generated at the household level. Though the mix varies widely from place to place, in high-income countries paper, plastic, glass, and metal comprise more than 50 percent of the waste stream— all prime candidates for recycling.
- Recycling can reduce emissions because producing new products from recovered materials often saves energy. Forging recycled aluminum products, for example, uses 95 percent less energy than creating them from virgin materials.
- IMPACT: With about 50 percent of recycled materials coming from households, if the average worldwide recycling rate increases to 65 percent of total recyclable waste, household recycling could avoid 2.8 gigatons of carbon dioxide emissions by 2050.

REF: Hawken, Paul (2017). Paul Hawken, ed. Drawdown: The most comprehensive plan ever proposed to reverse global warming. New York, NY: Penguin Books.

SAVE THE DATE FOR A  
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM!

## **“TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE”: HONEYBEES AND THE ENVIRONMENT - KEEPING THE HONEYBEE HIVES ALIVE!**

**Sunday, November 12, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
at Congregation Kol Ami**



We all know that honeybees are in trouble. Their problems are the subject of news reports, science programs, and bee-keeping associations everywhere. Research is being done to identify why they are in so much trouble, how to help them stay healthy, and advocate for them. They are so important for wellbeing of our planet and of all people.

We are pleased to present a talk by Vincent and Ellen Aloyo, both well-known bee experts in these parts and beyond, followed by Q & A. Vince is a master beekeeper, researcher and experienced teacher.

Vince and Ellen will talk about the importance of honeybees, how to help them, and recommend ways to advocate for their survival and growth in numbers. Vince and Ellen plan to bring some honey for tasting.

It will be a stimulating and educational afternoon! Hope to see you there! ■

# Engaging at Congregation Kol Ami

Contact any chairperson for questions or to get involved. Make a difference.

## Art and Design Committee

Defines the aesthetic goals of the Congregation and presents design options consistent with those goals. Monitors "The Gallery at Kol Ami," a six- or eight-week rotation of art by regional artists to grace our lobby walls, supervises installations, scheduling, and show openings. Chair: Karol Appel (215-938-9330, a1karol@comcast.net)

## Caring Congregants Committee

Connects with members in times of celebration, sympathy, life-cycle events, and transitions (births, birthdays, hospitalizations, death, or extraordinary needs) and develops activities to sustain a caring outreach.

Provides a consistent means for members to recognize, respond, and provide companionship to one another during key times in each other's lives. Chairs: Linda George (215-782-1413, lindasgeorge@gmail.com) and Elaine Gershenson (215-887-3994, gershlaw@comcast.net)

## Choir

Enjoy singing? Both Adult and Student Choirs meet every Sunday for rehearsals, and each choir sings at *erev Shabbat* services once a month. Includes opportunities to sing with other local choirs at community events. Our Student Choir is for children in grades 2 through 6.

Contact: Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz (215-572-6094, reccasongs@verizon.net)

## Finance Committee

Monitors the financial position of the synagogue. Processes include evaluation of financial statements, creation of the annual budget, monitoring performance versus budget, cost control, analysis of dues structure, insurance matters, and analysis of the fund accounts. Chairs: Nigel Blower (215-635-4719, nigel.blower@gmail.com) and Lisa Landau (215-620-5226, lisalandau537@gmail.com)

## Fund Development Committee

Works to create a culture of giving in Kol Ami and creates coherence and strategy for the Congregation's fund-raising efforts. Committee provides leadership for specific events. Chairs: David Hyman (215-496-7224, dhyman@kleinbard.com) and Jennifer Streitwieser (215-421-8270, jstreitwieser@comcast.net)

## Inclusion Committee - LGBTQ Initiative

Evaluates, develops, and recommends to the Board of Trustees policies and procedures concerning the inclusion and participation of people within the LGBTQ community, in all areas of Congregation Kol Ami religious and communal life. It is our goal to maintain a safe space in our Synagogue for all LGBTQ Jews and to provide education for those looking to learn and grow in regards to this community. Chair: Morgan Selkirk (914-671-3137, jackinabox08@gmail.com)

## Inclusion Committee - Special Needs

Evaluates, develops, and recommends to the Board of Trustees policies and procedures concerning the inclusion and participation of all people, regardless of physical, cognitive, emotional, or behavioral ability, in all areas of Kol Ami religious and communal life. Chairs: Barry Boise (215-635-9042, boiseb@pepperlaw.com) and Joel Fishbein (215-635-3615, fishbein@litchfieldcavo.com)

## Interfaith Relationship Dialogue (IRD)

Provides an inclusive and open environment to discuss challenges unique to interfaith relationships, provides programming to educate and address interfaith issues, and welcomes all interfaith couples/families to our Congregation. Chairs: Betsy McKinstry (215-782-1704, betsymckinstry@gmail.com) and Joel Edelstein (Dryankel@yahoo.com)

## Ladies of a Certain Age (LOCA)

Provides opportunities for women 50ish and older to spend time together and build relationships. Activities include cultural outings in and around Philadelphia and lots of opportunities to schmooze at food-centered events, such as themed potluck dinners and *Shabbat* dinners. Chairs: Natalie Dyen (215-657-4124, nat.dyen@gmail.com), Jean Ettinger (215-635-3623, jeanettinger@gmail.com), and Elaine Gershenson (215-887-3994, gershlaw@comcast.net)

## Marketing Committee

Develops, implements, and maintains a communication plan tailored with the principle goal of growing membership. While focused on direct-marketing opportunities that can generate membership interest, this committee also works to ensure there is consistent voice to prospective members through the Kol Ami website, the Bulletin, and social media platforms. The Committee is a resource for other committees within the Synagogue as they plan and implement their marketing strategies. Chair: Morgan Selkirk (914-671-3137, jackinabox08@gmail.com)

## Membership Committee

Encourages prospective members to join our dynamic and intimate community through maintaining contact, inviting participation, and sharing knowledge of the Synagogue. The committee also oversees programs designed to retain all members. Chair: Rachel Ezekiel-Fishbein (215-635-3615, makingheadlines1@comcast.net)

## Operations & Property Enhancement Committee

Develops and implements policies and procedures for operating a well-run facility. With principal focus on our building as well as its maintenance and improvement, this committee works with the Executive Director to maintain consistent, low-risk, and efficient operations of all facets of Synagogue life. Focuses on grounds management, beautification, and additional property usage for our physical spaces. Chairs: Guy Appel (215-938-9330, gappel@interphaseme.com) and Marshall Schafer (215-663-0228, mschafer21@comcast.net)

## Programming Committee

Establishes a set of program initiatives to market various segments of our membership and prospective members. Develops innovative programs that will fully engage membership; bring prospects in to experience Kol Ami *Tikun Olam*, adult education, family-centered activities, as well as leverage the campus. Contact: Shelley Chamberlain (215-635-1738, srchamberlain@comcast.net)

## Religious School Committee

Collaborates with David Monblatt, Director of Education, and Rabbi Holin, to guide the development of grade-level programs, provide ongoing dialogues between parents and committee, and support the Youth Groups and Family Education programs. The committee also proposes policies for the governance and operation of our school. Chairs: Tamara Sniad (215-782-3848, tamarasniad@gmail.com)

## Religious School PTO Committee

Supports the Religious School parents with activities within Religious School and assists with fund-raising events. Provides support for Bingo Night, bake sales, "Dine-arounds," and pancake breakfasts. Meetings are held during Religious School hours. Chair: Open at time of print. Scrip Sales Coordinator: Erica Douglas (215-803-4840, ejs145@comcast.net)

## Shomrei Adamah (Environmental Stewardship) Committee

Develops and provides educational, action, and advocacy programs on sustainability issues and topics, in liaison with other standing committees and in coalition with *Hazon*, the Jewish Climate Change Campaign, and other Jewish organizations. Recommends policies that promote efficient, economic, sustainable practices for Kol Ami. Chair: Mark Kaplan (215-635-2920, sustainability@kolamielkinspark.org)

## Social Action Committee

In the spirit of *Tikun Olam*, this committee organizes meaningful activities to address the needs of our surrounding community. Through direct service, advocacy, and action, the focus is on minimizing food insecurity and homelessness; improving the environment; mentoring; and resource sharing. Chairs: Jody Long (215-512-3636, jodyl321@comcast.net) and Rocky Weinstock (267-980-1408, emailrocky@lycos.com)

## Softball League

As a member of the Delaware Valley Synagogue Softball League, our team offers male and female members an opportunity to have a fun and competitive summer. The league requires players be at least 18 years of age. Captains: Eric Pelletier (215-855-3216, esppt1@gmail.com) and Jonathan Shandell (215-277-5511, jonathan.shandell@aya.yale.edu)

## Spiritual Growth Group

Encourages personal spiritual exploration through a variety of methods. The committee encourages members to find their own personal way to connect with Judaism, practices, and customs in ways that are personally meaningful. This exploration may include music, meditation, writing, art, movement, and spirited discussion provided in a safe and unthreatening environment for intimate personal exploration. You don't need to be well educated in Jewish matters, nor do you have to believe in a traditional God figure. Chairs: Janet Falon (215-635-1698, janetfalon@gmail.com) and Meryle Gurmankin (215-464-2466, meryleg1@gmail.com)

## Worship Enhancement Committee

Develops recommendations for our worship needs within the limits of the bylaws and in conjunction with the Rabbi's guidance. This committee is accountable for the ongoing development and quality of the worship experiences for *Shabbat*, High Holy Days, Healing, and *Havdalah*. This includes music/choirs, integration of our prayer books *Mishkan T'Filah* and *Mishkan Hanelesh*, exploring innovative options for "specialty services," ushering provisions, and attracting more congregants to worship. Chairs: Mindy Levy (215-885-3672, art4words@verizon.net) and William Shapiro (215-517-8666, wmschap@gmail.com) ■

# KOL AMI OCTOBER 2017 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Religious School CLOSED	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.  Interfaith Relationship Dialogue 7:30 p.m. Home of Joel Edelstein and Betsy McKinstry	<b>4</b> Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.  <i>erev Sukkot Service</i> 6:00 p.m.	<b>5</b> Early Learning Center CLOSED  <i>Sukkot Service</i> 10:00 a.m.	<b>6</b> Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m.  LOCA at Marco Polo 5:30 p.m.  "First-Friday" <i>erev</i> <i>Shabbat Service</i> with Adult Choir commemo- rating "National Coming Out Day" 7:30 p.m.	<b>7</b> <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah Dialogue</i> 10:00 a.m.  <i>Sukkot in the Field</i> 12:30 p.m.
<b>8</b> Religious School 10:00 a.m. – Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal  Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.	<b>9</b> Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.  "Study at the <i>Shul</i> " for Adults with Dr. Reena Friedman 10:30 a.m.	<b>10</b> Early Learning Center 9:30 a.m. - Fitness 5:30 p.m. - "Pizza in the Hut" with Music  Adult <i>B'Nai Mitzvah</i> Class 7:00 p.m.	<b>11</b> Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.  <i>erev Simchat Torah</i> Service 4:00 p.m. – Adult Study with Rabbi Holin 4:45 p.m. – <i>Torahs Aloft</i>	<b>12</b> Early Learning Center CLOSED  <i>Simchat Torah -</i> <i>Yizkor Service</i> 10:00 a.m.	<b>13</b> Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rabbi Elliot Holin 11:00 a.m.  Board Installation <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> 7:30 p.m.	<b>14</b> <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah Dialogue</i> with Judy Miller giving the <i>dvar Torah</i> 10:00 a.m.
<b>15</b> Religious School 10:00 a.m. – Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal  Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.	<b>16</b> "Study at the <i>Shul</i> " for Adults with Dr. Reena Friedman 10:30 a.m.  Spiritual Growth Group Meeting 7:00 p.m.  Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	<b>17</b> Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	<b>18</b> Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. 6:50 p.m. – Grade 10 Parent and Student Meeting and Dinner	<b>19</b> Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.  <i>Shomrei Adamah</i> (Environmental Stewardship) Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	<b>20</b> Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m.  "Fun-for-Kids" <i>erev</i> <i>Shabbat Service</i> with Grades K-2 participation 6:00 p.m.  <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> 7:30 p.m.	<b>21</b> <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah Dialogue</i> with Carol Nemeroff giving the <i>dvar Torah</i> 10:00 a.m.  <i>Simchat Mitzvah</i> of James Beatus 5:30 p.m.
<b>22</b> Religious School 10:00 a.m. – Noon  "When Voices Meet" Sharon Katz and Peace Train 10:00 a.m.	<b>23</b> Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.  "Study at the <i>Shul</i> " for Adults with Dr. Reena Friedman 10:30 a.m.	<b>24</b> Early Learning Center 9:30 a.m. - Fitness 7:00 p.m.- Parent Night  Adult <i>B'Nai Mitzvah</i> Class 7:00 p.m.	<b>25</b> Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rabbi Elliot Holin 11:00 a.m.  <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Student Choir and Grade 5 participation 7:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. - BYOD	<b>28</b> <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah Dialogue</i> 10:00 a.m.
<b>29</b> Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.  Religious School 10:00 a.m. – Noon 10:00 a.m. – Grades K-2 Family Education Program 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal  Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.  Healing Service 1:00 p.m.  Artist Open House Carole Meyers 1:00 p.m.	<b>30</b> Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.  "Study at the <i>Shul</i> " for Adults with Dr. Reena Friedman 10:30 a.m.	<b>31</b> Early Learning Center 9:30 a.m. - Fitness 10:00 a.m. - Fall Festival				

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