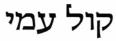
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AND DYNAMIC COMMUNITY



### **WORSHIP** SERVICES

### FRIDAY, September 3

First-Friday erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 5:45 p.m. - BYOD and blankets or comfortable chairs **6:30 p.m.** - Brief service under the trees and sky

### **SATURDAY**, September 4

9:30 p.m. - Oneg with chai-ly delicious refreshments 10:00 p.m. - Selichot Service with Late-Night Thoughts and Resolutions (see page 6)

### **WEDNESDAY**, September 8

8:00 p.m. - erev Rosh Hashanah

### **THURSDAY**, September 9

10:00 a.m. - Rosh Hashanah 2:00 p.m. - Children's-Family Service

### FRIDAY, September 10

at High School Park (Upper Level) 5:30 p.m. - BYOD 6:00 p.m. - Tashlikh-Shabbat Shuvah Service

### **SATURDAY**, September 11

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

### FRIDAY, September 17

8:00 p.m. - Kol Nidrei

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### BRINGING YOUR ADULT CHILDREN TO KOL AMI FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS?



IMAGE FROM BUILT BY ANGELS BY MARK PODWAL

If they're are under 30, they can take advantage of our new reduced dues and not only join you for the High Holy Days, but also all year long for just a little more! If your children live locally and are not in graduate school or financially dependent on you, High Holy Day tickets are \$100 per person. If they're under 30, you can start the New Year by getting them membership to Kol Ami for not much more. Our new reduced membership dues for singles under 30 is \$180; \$360 for couples, plus security and Union of Reform Judaism fees. If they decide to join after the High Holy Days, the price of the ticket can be applied to their membership dues.

With membership, they'll automatically get tickets to the High Holy Days, as well as everything else the synagogue has to offer-from Shabbat Services to softball, from ISH social events to Adult Education. Interested? Contact Irene Levy Baker, membership chair for Kol Ami at 215/782-2253 or spotlightpr@comcast.net ■

### **MAZAL TOV TO OUR HIGH-SCHOOL GRADUATES!**

We congratulate the following students and their families and wish our graduates all the best in their future:

Nicholas Auerbach Trinity College, Hartford, CT Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY Samuel Denitz Zoe Fuhrman Franklin & Marshall, Lancaster, PA University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA Kate Goldenberg University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA Celia Gonzalez Temple University, Philadelphia, PA Joshua Greenberg American University, Washington, DC Lindsey Newman Jeffrey Schwartz Cornell University College of Engineering, Ithaca, NY

Eli Silverman The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ Georgetown University, Washington, DC Samuel Streitwieser

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

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**SATURDAY**, September 18 10:00 a.m. - *Yom Kippur* 

**WEDNESDAY**, September 22

7:00 p.m. - erev Sukkot Service

THURSDAY, September 23

10:00 a.m. - Sukkot Service

FRIDAY, September 24

7:30 p.m. - erev Shabbat Service

**SATURDAY**, September 25

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

WEDNESDAY, September 29

**7:00 p.m. -** *erev Simchat Torah -* Consecration Service

**THURSDAY**, September 30

**10:00 a.m. -** *Simchat Torah -Yizkor -* Memorial Service

### FRIDAY, October 1

**7:30 p.m.** - *erev Shabbat* First-Friday Birthday and Anniversary Blessings; our Adult choir will add their voices to enhance our worship

**SATURDAY**, October 2

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

### TORAH & HAFTARAH

**September 4** - Netzavim-Vayelech Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20 Isaiah 61:10-63:9

**September 11** - *Ha'azinu* Deuteronomy 32:1-52 Hosea 14:2-10

**September 18** - *Yom Kippur* Leviticus 16:1-34

Isaiah 57:14-58:14

**September 25** - *chol ha'Moed Sukkot* Exodus 33:12-34:26 Ezekiel 38:18-39:16 ■

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Shalom. I hope your summer was fun-filled and relaxing. I know it was certainly warm, but isn't that what summer is all about?

As we start the new school year and gear up our oh-so-numerous activities, I wanted to remind everyone that whether the day is 95 degrees and humid, rainy and cold, or even snowy, each and every one of these days should be appreciated and acknowledged as the gift it is.

One day this summer, I was given a personal reminder of the value of each day. Moments after I traversed the sidewalk in front of my downtown office building, a large piece of the building's façade fell, narrowly missing me. After my initial reaction of "WOW, that was close!" I continued on my way to court. Upon my return, the police officer who had witnessed the incident asked me how I could possibly have just continued on as if nothing had happened. His expectation was that I would be distressed and unable to continue my daily activities as a result of this near miss. I, however, felt that I had been given a gift. I thought about how lucky and blessed I was that day, and I found myself smiling nonstop when thinking about it.

Regardless of whether you believe God controls these types of events, the reminder not to take any moment for granted is never wasted. How often do we all get so busy or overwhelmed that we forget this simple notion? Now that the fall is upon us with school, meetings, work, and the myriad of activities that seem to kick in this time of year, let's all try to take a moment each day to look around, take a deep breath, tell our loved ones that we love them, and smile. We have much to smile about.

Have a wonderful month.

Ilene Schafer

215-663-0228, president@kolamielkinspark.org

Selichot	Saturday, September 4	10:00 p.m.
erev Rosh Hashanah	Wednesday, September 8	8:00 p.m.
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Tashlikh-Shabbat Shuvah	Friday, September 10	6:00 p.m.
Kol Nidrei	Friday, September 17 8:00 p	
Yom Kippur	Saturday, September 18 - Adult Service - Youth Service (Grades 3-6) - Children's-Family Service - Selected Readings/Discussion - Afternoon Service - Yizkor-Neilah Service	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m.

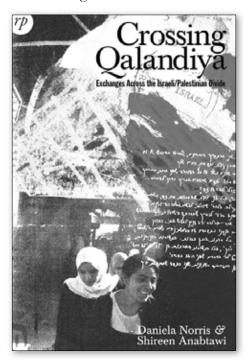
### FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

iven the storm and fury that swirled around the construction of an Islamic community center a few blocks from the World Trade Center site, I think it timely to recommend a book to you: Crossing Qalandiya: Exchanges Across the Israeli/Palestinian Divide. It is a heartfelt, honest, wrenching, and loving yearlong exchange of letters between Daniela Norris in Tel Aviv and Shireen Anabtawi in Ramallah. The letters commenced eight months before the war in Gaza began and continue to August 23, 2009, at the book's conclusion.

The first letter, dated April 18, 2008, was written by Ms. Norris upon her return from Geneva, where she had been working for the Geneva Times. She previously worked for the Israeli Foreign Service and later was an adviser to the Permanent Mission of Israel at the UN in Geneva before she decided to devote all of her time to writing. Her correspondent, Ms. Anabtawi, is a former Director of Public Relations at the Palestinian Investment Agency in Ramallah and currently works for the Palestinian Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva.

The women—both married and with young children of similar ages-met in Geneva in March 2008 and returned to their respective homes a month later. In her first letter, Daniela writes to Shireen that ever since meeting her, she reads and listens to the news differently and wonders what life is like in Ramallah, what she is thinking, and what she thinks about Israelis. She asks, "Do you remember our encounter sympathetically, as I do?" She also recalls Shireen saying that while it was easy for the two of them to talk in Geneva, it would be more difficult once they returned home. The ensuing letters are delicate literary dances in the hope of maintaining their relationship and drawing closer: sharing childhood memories, how they met their husbands; and updates about their children; discussing how they balance professional needs and family time; exchanging recipes; writing about Jewish and Muslim holy days; and sharing the rush of emotion, charges, and countercharges that define the Israeli-



Palestinian divide. Underlying it all is the quest for understanding.

Daniela acknowledges that since the flurry of suicide bombings, there is not a real will to try to understand "the other side." She writes about heightened security at malls and suspicious packages left unattended at bus stops. She wonders how the mothers of suicide bombers can rejoice that their sons did something so horrendous. She asks how Israel is supposed to achieve peace when generations of Palestinian children learn to hate Jews and Israelis. She apologizes at times for being direct and reminds Shireen that it was the Palestinians and Arab countries who did not agree with the UN resolution to create a state for the Jewish people and a state for the Palestinian people. She agrees that Palestinians have to have their own state, but is despairing of the leadership of Hamas and the situation in Gaza.

Shireen does not flinch from the questions and statements. Having just returned from Geneva as well, she writes: "I have a dream, not a very significant one, but a dream nonetheless. I dream of driving in fourth gear." It is a powerful turn of phrase that addresses the lack of roads in Ramallah comparable to those in Europe and also the presence of checkpoints that slow life down and make it difficult. She acknowledges the horrors of the Holocaust, but asks why those who came from all over the world have more of a right to the land than those born on it. She asks Daniela to try to understand what it means to say that her children are afraid of Israelis because the only Israelis they know are soldiers, and yet she writes, "Before I met you and your family, I always thought of all Israelis as enemies. Now it's different. Now that I see you as simply people, I regard you in a much more humane way."

The issues are tough, but their hearts are not. Daniela writes, "Maybe one day we'll have played a small part in facilitating the understanding and exchange between our peoples. Or do you think this is only a dream?" She invites Shireen and her family to come to Tel Aviv and celebrate Passover with them, and Shireen responds with delight, reciprocating with the invitation to come with her husband and children to visit her and her family in Ramallah.

The women feel the urge to transcend the bonds that have been strengthened through letters. Shireen writes, "The nearest and most convenient checkpoint to meet would be at Qalandiya, between Jerusalem and Ramallah. If we fail to cross at Qalandiya, at least we'll be able to wave to each other from afar. And the children will be able to see each other from either side." This is where the book ends.

At this time of year in particular, hope lives. Where would we be without it?

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

### **MAZAL** TOV

Congratulations to:

**Norka Kagel**, born in Peru, who became a citizen of the United States on October 8.

Henry and Eileen Kuller on the occasion of the Hebrew Naming Ceremony of their granddaughter, Anna Georgia Loev, daughter of Stefanie and Scott, on July 17.

Elaine Lotto and Mark Tino on the announcement of the marriage of their daughter, Sarah, to Vincent Joyce on July 4.

**Toni and Russ Montague** on the announcement of the birth of their grandson, Isaac David Cohen, son of Erik and Diana, born on July 15. ■

### **CONDOLENCES**

We extend our heartfelt condolences in loving memory of:

Pamela Hope Friedman-Vazquez cousin of Shelley (David) Chamberlain

### Morris Gershenson

father of Alan (Elaine) Gershenson grandfather of Eric and Melissa

### Sara Leibowitz

cousin of Shari (Andy) Johnson

### David Maravankin

uncle of Gabriel (Orly) Maravankin

### M. Alan Sickles

brother of Elaine Wit uncle of Carol Wit and Steven Wit

May their memories forever be blessings among our People. ■

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **Craft Show Committee Meeting**

Monday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m. Chair: Ellen Matz, 215-635-5426

### Spiritual Growth Group

Monday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. Co-chairs: Natalie Dyen, 215-657-4124, and Janet Falon, 215-635-1698

### Worship Enhancement Committee

Sunday, September 26, at 10:45 a.m. Co-chairs: Jeff Cohen, 215-635-3232, and David Hyman, 215-236-0872 ■

### FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

### SAVE THE DATES!

September 26 at 10:00 a.m. - First Day of Religious School and Parent Open House September 29 at 7:00 p.m. - School-wide *Simchat Torah* Celebration

eptember brings with it some of the holiest days of our year and, of course, the beginning of religious school. At this time, many families consider whether to begin their kindergartner in our program or whether to wait another year. They ask, "How much school is really necessary?"

Rather than answer that question, I propose what might be a more relevant question: "Why do we send our children to religious school?" A form of this question is usually asked by a parent who tells me that his or her son or daughter doesn't like coming to religious school and is asking why he or she has to come.

So why do we send our children to religious school? Is it because we were sent to religious school when we were children? In other words, we did it, so they must too. Following that reasoning, however, one could ask whether our children should have to watch black-and-white TV because that's how we did it as kids. Maybe our reason for sending our children is to continue the tradition that our people have followed for thousands of years. But again, this reasoning has some holes. Is honoring tradition a valid reason for spending two to six hours a week, year after year, studying? Perhaps, but then shouldn't we spend even more time studying? And wouldn't this mean that what's really important is not the present but, rather, the past?

I'd like to propose a different answer for why we send our children to religious school: Because God told us to. But this creates another question: "Why does God want us to?" I think the answer to this is that as loving and thoughtful parents, we choose to send our children to religious school because we believe that it will enable them to live the richest and most meaningful life possible. After all, why else would we do it?

Our children are precious, and it is our job to try and give them as many tools as we can. We send them to school to learn reading, writing, and math. We have them join a sports team to learn the value physical fitness, teamwork, and excellence. We arrange playdates to teach sharing. We take them on trips around the country or around the world to teach understanding, tolerance, and appreciation. We know that all that they are learning will carry them into adulthood.

We send our children to religious school to teach them compassion, connection, and confidence. We nurture the seedlings of love and passion through a tradition that looks at the whole person, family, and community. Those of us who choose to live life Jewishly choose so because it is something we value. We share this with our kids because we hope that by doing so, they too can find value. So, to sum it all up:

- 1. It is never too early (and often not early enough) to share tools for a better life with our children. The earlier we begin, the more comfortable and connected we and our children are with our Jewish traditions and community.
- 2. We send our children to religious school because we believe it will help them to live a better and richer life.
- It is our job as parents to help our children gain the tools they'll need in adulthood. Though it may occasionally be challenging or boring, we hope most times the acquisition is fun and stimulating and always worthwhile.

With the beginning of the religious school year, I hope that together we can remember why we are here. Let's work to create an environment in which our children need not ask why they "have to come" to religious school. Rather, they will look forward to it.

Shanah Tovah, Rabbi Selilah Kalev

### KATY (Grades 9-12) and Senior Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

Last year, we got off to a great start, but that was nothing compared to what we have in store for this year! We have rock climbing, scavenger hunts, overnights, and much, much more.

I want to take this opportunity to thank **Michelle Kalev** for helping us to establish our KATY board and for introducing us to incredible programming. She has been a great leader for our teens. I also want to congratulate her on her new job working for the Events Department at The Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia. We wish her all success in her future endeavors.

Please join me in welcoming our new KATY and Senior Youth Group Advisor, **Alison Savett** (don't worry, she is still teaching sixth grade). Alison and the KATY board have spent the last few weeks working hard to create an exciting year of programming, which is shown on the school calendar—please check it out. And don't miss these upcoming dates:

Sept. 15: KATY Board Elections & Pizza Night (Grades 9-12) at 7:00 p.m. Sept. 26: Senior Youth Group Opening Pizza Lunch (Grades 6-8) at 12:00 p.m.

### Junior Youth Group (Grades 4-5)

### Apple Picking at Solebury Orchards Sunday, September 12 - Meet at Mrs. Rosalind Holtzman's home at 3:30 p.m.



Autumn means *Rosh Hashanah*, and that means apples! Join us at Solebury Orchards in Bucks County (near Peddler's Village) for pick-your-own apples and autumn fun. Our afternoon will include a wagon ride out to the orchard, a bag of apples to take home, and a special treat of fresh apple cider and doughnuts. Look for more details to come, or contact Mrs. Rosalind Holtzman at 215-635-0667

or three\_cats3@yahoo.com. Parent volunteers to drive and help out will be both needed and welcome. This is a beautiful place that you'll love visiting.

### Sukkah Party at Mrs. Rosalind Holtzman's home in Elkins Park Sunday, September 26, from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Come decorate and enjoy the Holtzman-Gonzalez backyard *sukkah*! We'll make *sukkah* decorations, sing songs, play games, and enjoy yummy autumn treats in honor of this harvest holiday. Look for a flyer and permission slip to arrive via e-mail and RSVP to Mrs. Holtzman at 215-635-0667 or three\_cats3@yahoo.com.

**IMPORTANT:** If you are allergic to cats, you need to know that Mrs. Holtzman has several. (Other youth group events will be held in non-cat locations.)

**P.S.** Have you ever seen a *sukkah* with pink flamingo and chili pepper lights on it? If not, now's your chance! ■

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### **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

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

# High Holy Day Happenings

### THE HIGH HOLY DAYS 2010 - 5771 Youth, Children's Services, and Child Care

Our <u>Rosh Hashanah</u> and <u>Yom Kippur</u> morning services for students in <u>Grades 3-6</u> will be under the direction of our congregation's IMWise students and song leaders Ellie Kaplan and Zoe Long. Our young adults will be using <u>Gates of Repentance for Young People</u> as their prayer book.

As in previous years, we will have a special service for children in Grades K-2 on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur afternoons for our Children's-Family Service to ensure a meaningful, interactive experience using a special prayer book specifically for this age group.

Child care is available during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning services through Laurie Langman at 215-654-9717 or laurierobin@verizon.net.

SELICHOT - THE GATEWAY TO ROSH HASHANAH:

LATE-NIGHT THOUGHTS AND RESOLUTIONS Saturday, Sept. 4, at 10:00 p.m. in the Chapel Pre-service Oneg at 9:30 p.m.

What are your most fervent hopes as you prepare to welcome *Rosh Hashanah*? What resolutions will you make that might help ensure a more meaningful New Year for you?

Our *Selichot* prayer booklet will prepare our entry to the High Holy Days, which begin on September 8, and our Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz, will inspire us through melodies associated with this holiest time of the year.

TASHLIKH SERVICE:
THE BRIDGE TO YOM KIPPUR
Friday, Sept. 10, High School Park (Upper Level)
Bring Your Own Dinner, Refreshments & Blanket
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Tashlikh Service at 6:00 p.m.

Tashlikh, from the Hebrew word meaning "to send forth," is a service of readings and reflections from Psalms and Prophetic writings. Traditionally held on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and dating back to the Middle Ages, the

Tashlikh service is a tribute to the Creator to whose work of creation the fish were the first witnesses, hence the proximity to a natural body of water ("Let waters bring forth swarms of living creatures"). We will symbolically cast our transgressions across the water to be carried away, preparing us for the Day of Atonement just a week later, at *Kol Nidrei* on Sunday, September 17.



### A REFLECTIVE READING AND DISCUSSION ON YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON Saturday, Sept. 18, 3:00 p.m.

Our High Holy Day Reflective Reading Service provides a pleasant and meaningful interlude between the Children's-Family Service and the Afternoon Service, a way for us to continue to pray together with readings culled from different sources as well as those written by our own members.

We invite you to submit creative or favorite writings by September 8 to Spiritual Growth Group chairpersons Natalie Dyen (215-657-4124) or Janet Falon (215-635-1698) for inclusion in the service.

### YIZKOR (MEMORIAL) SERVICE ON YOM KIPPUR

The *Yizkor* service will be held at 5:30 p.m., and a booklet listing the names of loved ones to be remembered has been provided by you on your membership forms. If you wish to make any additions or corrections to the booklet, please send this information to Elaine Stevens, Executive Director, by September 10.

### **HIGH HOLY DAY 2010 FOOD DRIVE**

Like last year, Federation introduced new and exciting improvements for the food drive. Each synagogue will collect one type of food and the Old York Road Corridor synagogues have been asked to collect canned vegetables, with a preference by the *Mitzvah* Food Pantry for kosher; lower-salt canned vegetables. We are also going green—no bags will be distributed. Bring your canned vegetables and place them in the bins in our lobby during all of our High Holy Day services.

# Kol Ami Events

# FIRST-FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT SERVICE ON THE MEADOW

for September Birthday and Anniversary Blessings Friday, September 3, at 6:30 p.m.



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

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

### THIRD TUESDAYS WITH RABBI HOLIN

West Avenue Grille in Jenkintown commencing on September 21 at 8:30 a.m.

Join Rabbi Holin and other members of the congregation at this delightfully informal hour-long breakfast as we chat about current events in the Jewish and secular world, new movies or books, or transitions in our lives. Call Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182 by September 16 to reserve your seat at the table for our 'first breakfast schmooze' of the New Year.

<u>Future dates</u>: October 19, November 16, December 21, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 12, and May 17.

### ISH FALL BEER-TASTING EVENING

Saturday, September 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sherry Cohen and John Miles

Please join us for an evening of sharing your favorite beer (and snacks). We will have plenty of cups for samples and maybe even some awards to give out! RSVP to Sherry and John at shcohen361@verizon.net or 215-885-2436.

# CSA SUKKOT-FEST ECLECTIC GOODS-AND-SERVICES FAIR

Monday, September 27, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. (Rain Date: Thursday, October 7)

This fair coincides with the weekly produce pick-up and is open to Kol Ami members and the community. It will consist of the following:

- An ECOLOGY fair to share information about green goods and services;
- A JEWISH fair to feature Jewish products and/or services;
- A FOOD fair to offer with healthful items; and
- A YARD SALE (the ultimate recycling), where you can sell, barter, and pick up some good deals.

If you have an appropriate product or service that has to do with ecology, Judaism, or healthful food or if you want to use the fair as your yard sale venue and want to set up a table—or if you know someone who would be a good fit—please contact fair chairperson Janet Falon at 215-635-1698. There will be no charge for having a table, but you must bring your own table.

### LADIES OF A CERTAIN AGE (LOCA) LUNCH

Friday, October 1, from 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Rain Date: Friday, October 8) at the Grounds for Sculpture, Trenton, NJ

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

### LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI HOLIN

"Mishnah and More"

commending on Tuesday, October 12, 12:30-1:30 p.m. BYOL plus 'Jewish Nutrition' at the Synagogue



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

how they speak to us now.

Refreshments will be provided. Please call Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182 by October 1 so that he can send you the material that will be discussed in advance of the October 12 Lunch and Learn.

Future dates: On Tuesdays—November 16, January 11, February 15, April 12, and May 10. ■

### **CONTINUING JEWISH EDUCATION AT KOL AMI**

### **Jewish Journaling Workshop**

Monday, September 20, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Instructor: Janet Ruth Falon, MLA



Did you know that keeping a journal (aka diary) has long been a Jewish activity, especially at certain times of the year? Come to this experiential workshop to learn techniques for writing a vibrant,

expansive Jewish journal, and learn how to overcome some of the myths and misconceptions of journal-keeping. No writing experience or particular Jewish knowledge is necessary; teens are welcome, as are adults. Please bring something to write on and to write with.

Janet Ruth Falon, MLA, an award-winning writer and writing teacher—also a member of Congregation Kol Ami and the co-chair of the Spiritual Growth Group—is the author of The Jewish Journaling Book (Jewish Lights, 2004). For over 25 years, she has taught secular journal-writing skills at the University of Pennsylvania and in various organizations, and Jewish journaling at many synagogues and Jewish organizations. Janet has kept her own journal for more than 47 years.

RSVP by September 15 to 215-635-3110.

### Reflections

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

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

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

RSVP by September 27 to 215-635-3110. Free to members; non-member registration is \$50.

# Tradition and Change: Reform Movements in Judaism

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

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

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

RSVP <u>by September 30</u> to 215-635-3110. Free to members; non-member registration is \$50.

# Thinking, Talking, and Writing About Your Jewish Autobiography

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



Don't be scared off by this title: you don't have to be excessively Jewish, whatever that means, nor do you have to be a good writer, whatever that is, to participate. This workshop, which could become ongoing if there's enough interest, is a place where you'll start to think about the big picture of

your Jewish identity, mostly by responding in writing and/ or conversation to some core, thought-provoking questions. You don't need to be spiritual or learned to participate. And in addition to the delights of self-awareness, you may leave the workshop with the intention of writing out some of your Jewish autobiographical stories for your family, descendants, or posterity!

Kol Ami member Janet Ruth Falon, MLA, an awardwinning writer and writing teacher is the author of many articles, essays, and a book all of which spring from her own Jewish identity and journey.

Please RSVP by September 30 to 215-635-3110.

### **CONTINUING JEWISH EDUCATION AT KOL AMI**

### Do You Love to Read?

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



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

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

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

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

# Exploring Four Significant Torah Narratives through Midrash and Jewish Mysticism



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

We will discuss the text and context of four significant *Torah* narratives and study interpretations of them through

the words of rabbinic commentary, *Midrash*, and mystical writings found in the *Zohar*:

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

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

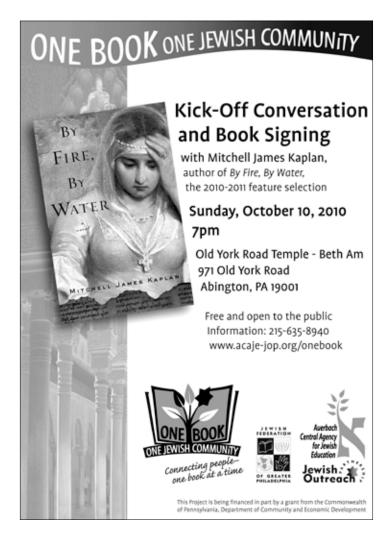
This is a wonderful opportunity to delve into familiar texts in different ways as we peel away layers of literary interpretation and discuss what we find meaningful.

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

### **Look for More Classes in 2011**

Details for our 2011 Continuing Jewish Education classes and courses will be listed in a future Bulletin.

If you have a topic of interest or know of an instructor with relevant courses, please let us know so that we can consider it for upcoming offerings. Contact Elaine Stevens, at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org.





# Taglit-Birthright Israel Registration Opens September 14. Applicants Referred by URJ Professionals Receive Priority Status

Registration for the Winter/Spring 2010-11 season of Taglit-Birthright Israel trips with URJ Kesher opens on September 14, 2010 at http://www.kesherbirthright.org.

### Share the Gift of Israel with Eligible 18-26 Year Olds

If a member of your community is eligible for the Taglit-Birthright Israel program, we will make sure that their application is handled with priority status so long as they sign-up with URJ Kesher. Eligibility criteria are: Jewish, 18-26, and first time in Israel on a peer program.

Winter/Spring trips will be offered in December, January, February and March, and we expect that registration will be closing very, very early this seasonmost probably within 24-48 hours of opening on September 14. Accordingly, it is critical that applicants plan ahead to register on time.

### How to Refer a Member of Your Community

Email us at info@kesherbirthright.org and let us know the name of the person for whom we should be on the lookout. Please make sure that the applicant knows to select URJ's Kesher trip by starting the application process at www.kesherbirthright.org.

Applicants can also sign-up now for an "Early Update List" in order to learn more about the registration process in advance of September 14.



# Race for the Cure around the walls of Old Jerusalem when Hadassah and Susan G. Komen for the Cure® take the fight against breast cancer to Israel.

Hadassah, Komen for the Cure, and the municipality of Jerusalem present the First-ever Israel Race for the Cure<sup>®</sup>—a highlight of the October 25-29 Israel Mission Delegation to help ignite the breast cancer movement in Israel.

Our team is the HADASSAH HEELERS, and we're running for our lives. Ashkenazi Jews are ten times more likely than non-Jews to carry the BRCA gene—a risk factor for developing breast cancer at some point.

Go to www.hadassah.org/komen to find out more and register for the race (in person or virtually), for a mission, or to be a sponsor. Be sure to register as a HADASSAH HEELER; sub-teams have been set up. Travel packages are available.

### Have time for a little exercise for your mind?



Attend Klein JCC Lifelong Learning Classes in the Old York Road Corridor at Congregation Kol Ami in Elkins Park, PA All Are Welcome!

Fall semester runs eight weeks beginning
October 4, 2010. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday and
Thursday. Topics include Opera, World Affairs, Short
Stories, Current Movies and more! Try any class the
first week for free (except Tuesday Afternoon Movies)
Classes are held in a friendly, accessible environment
at very reasonable rates. All are welcome.

For information call 215-877-8496 and press prompt 2 or email jbeck@kleinjcc.org - brochure request must include your name and address.

# "So What is this Spirituality Stuff?"

by Janet Falon, Spiritual Growth Group co-chair

aybe the word "spiritual" makes you nervous. Maybe you think it's synonymous with "religious," that it means you have to say all sorts of prayers and keep kosher and attend synagogue weekly. Not.

Maybe "spiritual" makes you think of weird New-Age practices with candles and incense and diehard Raw Food eaters who say OM a lot. Again, not.

And even if you look up "spiritual" in a dictionary, you'll get amorphous definitions like "relating to the soul or spirit, usually in contrast to material things" (as if to be spiritual you have to renounce your large-screen television), or "relating to religious or sacred things rather than worldly things" (making it sound like you've got to read the *Torah*—in Hebrew, without the vowels—regularly.)

(You'll also see that "spiritual" refers to those wonderful songs, many from African-American culture, like Go Down Moses or Swing Low, Sweet Chariot, which, frankly, can make me feel pretty darn spiritual, especially if I'm singing them.)

You don't even have to know what God means to you to be spiritual. You can even say you don't believe.

So what the heck is this thing called "spirituality"? How do you achieve it—actually, why would you want it in your life at all? Do you have to be spiritual to be a "real" Jew?

These are the basic questions that the Spiritual Growth Group (SGG) addresses in its monthly meetings. Begun in Kol Ami's first year (1994-95), the SGG talks, reads, journals, writes poetry, listens to music, makes art, talks some more—and is receptive to other modes of exploration that might lead to a greater understanding of spirituality. (We haven't eaten our way to spirituality yet, but if it has anything to do with chocolate, bring it on.)

Several of the SGG members have some notion about what spirituality means to them; for some, it has to do with nature, or the arts, or some deep personal connection. But most of us are just bumbling along, trying to figure out why and how we want spirituality in our life.



For me, spirituality feels closely related to the currently popular concept called "mindfulness." Both seem to be about being in the present, about being in touch with yourself, and about being in touch with something other, something bigger, than yourself. It also feels like it's about gratitude. I feel spiritual when I listen to Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings or Let It Be; when I have a big "aha" moment in conversation with a close friend; when I read books like Finding God, by Soncino and Syme (which we're currently discussing) or anything by Arthur Waskow; or when my daughter and I are having a madly-in-love-witheach-other moment and she gives me one of those smiles.

Even writing this is making me feel pretty spiritual. So what about you?

Our next meeting is on **Monday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m.** Please join us. And if you'd like to find out more about the SGG, please contact Rabbi Holin, or co-chairs Natalie Dyen (215-657-4124 or nat.dyen@verizon.net) or Janet Falon (215-635-1698 or jfalon@english.upenn.edu).

### WHO CARES? YOU DO!

If you want to become involved with our Caring Congregants, to reach out or write notes to fellow members at times of celebration or commiseration, join us on **Sunday, October 17, at 12:15 p.m.** Questions? Contact: Mindy Levy (215-885-3672 or artb4words@verizon.net) or Debra Share (215-635-2183 or debra\_share@merck.com). ■

### **NEW MEMBER PROFILE**

by Cory Newman



**LINDA AND DAN GEORGE**: Let us all give a hearty welcome to these new members and empty-nesters who have lived in Elkins Park for the past 26 years after moving from Boston. Linda grew up in Margate, NJ, and went to college in Boston where she met Dan, a Worcester, MA, native.

Linda and Dan are an interfaith couple who wanted to connect to an organization founded on spiritual growth. In describing their experience in being drawn to Kol Ami, Linda said, "At the first service we attended last summer on the synagogue's beautiful grounds, something magical happened—a combination of the picnic, Rebecca's beautiful voice, the ark, the stars, the congregation's involvement, the Rabbi's sermon, and the prayer book's wording. We started attending a few interfaith meetings, where we felt totally welcomed by Rabbi Holin and other congregants. It was, in a sense, a wonderful warm-up. In seeking a place of spiritual connection—a place where we will grow individually, as a couple, and with our community—we feel quite blessed to belong to Kol Ami."

Linda is a writing coach, who specializes in helping students with college applications. Dan provides support for content management applications for an engineering company in Princeton. He is also a certified spinning and stability ball fitness instructor. Linda enjoys yoga, walking with friends, and spending time doing mosaic art. Dan, a bona fide fitness maven, does long-distance bicycling. Together, Linda and Dan love seeing art films, touring offbeat museums, and attending concerts at the Kimmel Center.

Linda and Dan have two adult children—Andrew, 29, a lawyer who lives with his wife in the DC area; and Cara, 25, who is serving in Guatemala with the Peace Corps. They also have a 5-year-old dog, Toro, who is quite rambunctious.

We are very happy to have the Georges join the Kol Ami community! ■

### ARTIST OF THE MONTH

### **ELEANOR DAY: SEPTEMBER 1-OCTOBER 21**

Eleanor Day grew up the seventh of eight children in Philadelphia, avidly pursuing her inclination for creative artwork. On the basis of her portfolio, she was accepted at the city's High School for the Arts, where she first acquired skills for oil painting and more intensive figure study. Eleanor's education continued at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, where she was awarded a full four-year merit scholarship.

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

Eleanor's open house will be held on Sunday, September 12, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The open house is open to all members of the congregation and community. ■

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



# KOL AMI SEPTEMBER 2010 AT A GLANCE

Saturday 4 Selichot Service 10:00 p.m Oneg Shabbat 9:30 p.m	11 Shabbat Shuvah Service 10:00 a.m.	Yom Kippur 10:00 a.m Adult Service 10:00 a.m Grade 3-6 Service 2:00 p.m Children's-Family Service 3:00 p.m Selected Readings and Discussion 3:45 p.m Afternoon Service 5:30 p.m Yizkor-Neilah
Friday  First-Friday  erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m BYOD	10 No Nursery School Tashlikh Service High School Park (Upper Level) 6:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m BYOD	Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. Noon Dismissal Kol Nidrei 8:00 p.m.
Thursday 2 CSA Food Distribution 5:00 p.m.	9 No Nursery School - Rosh Hashanah 10:00 a.m Adult service 10:00 a.m Grades 3-6 Service 2:00 p.m Children's- Family Service	CSA Food Distribution 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1	8 Nursery School – Noon Dismissal erev Rosh Hashanah erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00 p.m.	Nursery School 9:30 a.m Jewish Programming Lifetime Portraits 2:30 p.m. Religious School Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. IMWise Student Orientation 6:00 p.m. KATY Board Elections and Pizza Night (Grades 9-12) 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	7 Nursery School – First Day 9:00 a.m. CSA Food Distribution 5:00 p.m.	14  Nursery School 9:30 a.m Fitness Lifetime Portraits 2:30 p.m. Religious School Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Monday	9	<b>13</b> Nursery School 9:30 a.m Yoga
Sunday	2	Artist's Open House - Eleanor Day 3:00 p.m. Junior Youth Group (Grades 4-5) Apple Picking at Solebury Orchards 3:30 p.m.

### Home of John Miles and Sherry Cohen ISH Beer Tasting Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 25 KOL AMI SEPTEMBER 2010 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED) erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. 24 No Religious School -Thursday No Nursery School -Sukkot Service Simchat Torah 10:00 a.m. Sukkot 23 No Religious School -Consecration Service 7:00 p.m. erev Simchat Torah -Wednesday erev Sukkot Service Lifetouch Portraits 9:30 a.m. - Jewish 9:30 a.m. - Jewish **Nursery School Nursery School** Simchat Torah Programming Programming 7:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 22 Third Tuesday with West Avenue Grille Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - Fitness 9:30 a.m. - Fitness **Nursery School Nursery School** Rabbi Holin Jenkintown 8:30 a.m. 21 Spiritual Growth Group **Craft Show Committee CSA Food Distribution** with Food Distribution 5:00 p.m. CSA Sukkot Fest and Fair in Conjunction and Jewish Journal Monday 9:30 a.m. - Yoga 9:30 a.m. - Yoga **Nursery School Nursery School** Workshop with Janet Falon 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m. 27 teachers in classrooms 11:30 a.m. - Gr K-7 Tfilah Worship Enhancement Adult Choir Rehearsal First Day of Religious Opening Pizza Lunch 11:30 a.m. - Meet with 11:00 a.m. - Meet with Senior Youth Group Junior Youth Group Committee Meeting Parent Open House Sunday 0:00 a.m. to Noon Sukkah Party (Grades 4 & 5) Grades 6-8) 12:00 p.m. 10:45 a.m. 9:50 a.m.

PAGE 14 CONGREGATION KOL AMI SEPTEMBER 2010

# Congregation Kol Ami Annual <u>Fun-Raiser</u>: GOLF & TENNIS OUTING

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

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11:00 AM Registration &

**Driving Range Open** 

11:15 AM Buffet Lunch

12:15 PM Golf Tournament

Instructions

12:30 PM Shotgun Golf Start

3:00 PM Round Robin Tennis

5:30 PM Gala Cocktail Party

with Open Bar, Dinner

Buffet & start of the

Silent Auction

6:30 PM Tom Madorno Trophy

Presentation, Auction

Winners, Awards &

50/50 Raffle Winner

### **Event co-chairs:**

Jeff Cohen—215-635-3232 jeffcohen.performanceleaders@verizon.net

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

### **Silent Auction Chair:**

Eric Pelletier - 215-855-3216

esppt@verizon.net

### **WE NEED YOU!**

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

Gala Reception/Dinner

\$100 per couple / \$50 for one

Tennis Participant—\$100

Tennis entry, reception/dinner

Golf Participant—\$225

Golf entry, buffet lunch and reception/dinner

Golf Hole Sponsor—\$300

Sign at a tee and acknowledgement in our bulletin

Tennis Foursome Sponsor—\$450

4 tennis entries, buffet lunches, reception/dinners, bulletin acknowledgement

Beverage Table Sponsor—\$500

2 for reception/dinner and sponsor sign

Golf Twosome Sponsor-\$550

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Golf Foursome Sponsor—\$1,000

4 golf entries, buffet lunches and reception/dinner, sponsor sign on a tee, bulletin acknowledgement

Cocktail Party Sponsor—\$1,000

signage at reception and 1/4 page bulletin ad

Corporate Sponsor—\$3,000

4 golf entries, buffet lunches, reception/dinner, exclusive sponsor sign on a tee, I/2 page bulletin ad

Event Sponsor—\$5,000

8 golf entries, buffet lunches, reception/dinner, exclusive 1/2 page ad in our bulletin, exclusive sponsor sign on first tee

# Attention All Adults and Students!



# Do you enjoy singing? Then Congregation Kol Ami's Adult or Student Choir is for you!

**Adult Choir**: Meets Sunday mornings from 9:50-10:50 a.m. If you're dropping children, please arrive no later than 9:55 a.m. Students in Grades 7-12 may also participate if they wish.

**Student Choir**: Meets Sunday afternoons from 12:00-12:30 p.m. (after Religious School). Students in Grades 2-6 may participate.

Choir members will receive dates of participation and constant updates via e-mail. In order to remain active, attendance at rehearsals and services is very important. All rehearsals are held in Room 101. This commitment benefits our Kol Ami community, and choir members have a lot of fun! If you're interested, please contact Rebecca Schwartz at rebeccasongs@verizon.net or 215-572-6094

Adult Choir starts on September 26 and Student Choir starts on October 3.



Are your closets bursting with pants, jackets, shoes, and boots that are just begging for a new home? Do you want to be part of the magic that will turn your unwanted jeans, T-shirts, and suits into peas, pasta, and cereal? On Sunday, October 3, the JRA Warehouse will be transformed into a giant, one-day clothing sale. The sale will provide area families with an opportunity to purchase quality clothing at unbelievable prices. All proceeds will go to JRA's food program and will allow us to meet the increasing demand for support.

**To donate items**: Bring your unwanted items to the JRA distributions before our big sale! Tax receipts are available at the warehouse or on our web site at www.jewishrelief.org.

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

**To attend the sale**: Everyone is welcome to shop 'till you drop from an awesome selection of kids', women's, and men's clothing and shoes.

### **SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS**

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- Catered Gourmet Lite Fare from Joshua's of Jenkintown, along with wine and beverages
- Free raffle ticket for a chance to win a stunning piece created by one of our artisans

### SHOW DAY

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

Tickets: \$5 at the door only

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# Kol Ami Scrip Program

### Kol Ami Scrip is Back!

Help raise money for Kol Ami with No Selling and No Pain!

Scrip is fund-raising while you shop, where you shop! Kol Ami families simply do their regular weekly shopping with scrip/gift cards from America's favorite retailers purchased for Kol Ami. There are over 600 retailers and services available. Cards may be used personally or given as gifts.

Kol Ami buys the scrip gift cards at a discount. The discount is an instant rebate retained by Kol Ami as revenue. Additionally, with each purchase, Kol Ami earns cash rebates that can quickly add up to thousands of dollars a year.

Kol Ami receives a percentage (from 2 to 15 percent) back from each purchase made with a scrip card. Each retailer has various valued scrip cards available and has allocated a percentage that we will receive from ordered cards.

Kol Ami's Scrip program is for everyone in the congregation. If you buy food, clothes, music, jewelry, etc., this is for you!

### The Steps are Simple

- 1. Select the retailers from which you wish to order scrip cards.
- 2. Fill out the Kol Ami Scrip form. Order forms will be available in the religious school office and from Elaine Stevens during the week.



- 3. Forms will be collected each week on Sunday in the religious school or may be dropped off to Elaine Stevens during the week.
- 4. Orders will be processed and scrip cards can be picked up the following week. It's easy and a great way to help Kol Ami from the convenience of your own shopping cart.

Any questions can be directed to Elaine Stevens (215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org) or to the Religious School Activities Committee co-chairs Kenny Moss (215-277-5335 or glatter.moss@comcast.net) or Heather Pelletier (215-855-3216 or hfppt1@gmail.com). ■



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# Kol Ami Softball 2010

The Kol Ami softball team completed its 2010 season the same way it began—winning a close game against a muchimproved Germantown Jewish Centre squad. The final game victory gave the team a 3-13 record for the season. The three wins was an improvement over the 2009 campaign and provided proof

of the efforts put forth by all team members in improving their skills. The team appreciated the support of family and friends by attending their games. In celebration, the team met up for a much-deserved wrap-up session and awards presentation. Awards and recipients were as follows:



Most Improved Player: John Miles has continued to apply practice skills to his game and has shown much better hitting distance, power, and average as well as a greater knowledge of defensive positioning and situations.

Rookie of the Year: Jonathan Shandell was an integral piece of the outfield corps, turning in one of the best catches seen in years.

<u>Captain's Award</u>: Jason Nejberger received this well-deserved award for displaying an upbeat attitude, keeping everyone engaged in the play, and providing the captain with good feedback.

Lifetime Achievement Award: For his 10+ years of outstanding captainship, Hal Katz was presented with a framed, signed jersey and softball to admire during his retirement.

Although these 4 team members were recognized, all 22 players demonstrated improved skill and ability. We look forward to the 2011 campaign! ■