



WORSHIP SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 4, at 8:00 p.m.
erev Rosh Hashanah Service

THURSDAY, Sept. 5, at 10:00 a.m.
Rosh Hashanah Service

FRIDAY, Sept. 6, at 6:00 p.m.
erev Shabbat-Tashlikh Service by
 the water (preceded by a 5:30 p.m.
 BYOD) at the home of Guy and
 Karol Appel (see page 4)

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

FRIDAY, Sept. 13, at 8:00 p.m.
Kol Nidrei Service

SATURDAY, Sept. 14, at 10:00 a.m.
Yom Kippur Service

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m.
erev Sukkot Service (see page 12);
 preceded by pizza dinner and
 refreshments at 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, Sept. 19, at 10:00 a.m.
Sukkot Service

FRIDAY, Sept. 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 our terrific Student Choir
7:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service and
 "Third-Friday" blessings at the ark
 to celebrate this month's birthdays
 and anniversaries

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HIGH HOLY DAYS CALENDAR 2013 - 5774

EVENT	DATE	TIME
<i>Selichot</i>	Saturday, August 31	9:00 p.m.
<i>erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	Wednesday, September 4	8:00 p.m.
<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	Thursday, September 5	
	- Adult Service	10:00 a.m.
	- Youth Service	10:00 a.m.
	- Children's-Family Service	2:00 p.m.
<i>erev Shabbat-Tashlikh</i>	Friday, September 6	6:00 p.m.
<i>Kol Nidrei*</i>	Friday, September 13	8:00 p.m.
<i>Yom Kippur</i>	Saturday, September 14	
	- Adult Service	10:00 a.m.
	- Youth Service	10:00 a.m.
	- Children's-Family Service	2:00 p.m.
	- Reflective Readings/Discussion	3:00 p.m.
	- Afternoon Service	3:45 p.m.
	- <i>Yizkor-Neilah</i> Service	5:30 p.m.

*Our *Kol Nidrei* service will begin at 8:00 p.m., as usual. However, the service will be preceded by meditative readings by the kindling of a *ner n'shamah*—a memorial candle—in the words of the text: "to give us strength and hope in these sacred hours of memory and healing." We pray in the names of those no longer with us as we commence *Yom Kippur*. Please arrive between 7:45-8:00 p.m. in silence so that everyone seated in the sanctuary will have quiet time to read the meditative offerings. As the service commences at 8:00 p.m., we will say the blessings over the *ner n'shamah* as well as the candles of *Shabbat* and *Yom Kippur*. ■



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SATURDAY, Sept. 21, at 10:00 a.m.

Adult *Bat Mitzvah* of
Bonnie Goldstein

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m.

Evening *Simchat Torah* Service with *Torahs*
aloft (see page 13); preceded by pizza
dinner and refreshments at 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, Sept. 26, at 10:00 a.m.

Simchat Torah-Yizkor Service

FRIDAY, Sept. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

Evening *Shabbat* Service

SATURDAY, Sept. 28, at 10:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Talia August
(see page 10)

FRIDAY, Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Evening *Shabbat* Service: A Time of
Gratitude for our Synagogue's Elected
Leaders – this evening we will gather
to thank David Hyman in particular
for his years of dedicated service as
president of our congregation over
the past two years, to express gratitude
to his Board peers who devote count-
less hours to our synagogue to ensure
our future, and to formally install
those who will join them on
our Board of Trustees

SATURDAY, Oct. 5

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

2:00 p.m. - Blessing of Pets (see
page 17)

5:30 p.m. - *Bat Mitzvah* of Rebecca
Langman ■

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences in
loving memory of:

Marian Finkle

mother of Jane Finkle (John Michel)

Harold Schutzberger

uncle of Judy (Howard) Miller

May their memories forever be bless-
ings in the midst of our People. ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As we enter the High Holy Days, I'd like you to join me in seeing this as a time to celebrate the blessings we receive and create, both individually and as a dynamic and intimate community. One of the things I have discovered about being President is that part of my role, a big part, is to reach out to members to ask for help since we are a congregation driven by the volunteer work of our members. Over the last few weeks, I have been struck by what wonderful things our members are doing both within and way beyond the boundaries of our synagogue—from fund-raising to board memberships, to mentoring and volunteering. There is so much *Tikun Olam* happening and this reinforces the feeling of blessing that we are to our community.

I've also been moved by members who have taken to heart the writing in *Mishkan T'filah* that we frequently read on *Shabbat* morning services, entitled "There are eight degrees in giving of *Tzedakah*..." The sixth level is described by Maimonides as "to give without making known one's identity." When a member was deeply moved to help another in our Kol Ami community, that member wanted the gift to be anonymous. It was an illustration of the wonders of giving and how it helps both the receiver and the giver.

Two years ago, Rabbi Holin introduced us to the concept of *Sh'lach'chaynee* or "send me," the idea that where there is a need, we step up and respond to the call to service. As I speak with more and more of our members, I am struck by how frequently they have, in their own ways, said "Send Me!" During these special days of Awe, have conversations with family and friends and learn more about how we each stand up and say, Send Me! And keep sending the Rabbi your cards for the *Sh'lach'chaynee* banner: it makes for such inspiring reading.

The High Holy Days are a time for reflection, repentance, and prayer; and as a result, also a time for commitment and action. This year, we will begin to experiment with a "beta version" of the new Central Conference of American Rabbis prayer book for the High Holy Days. As you will soon see, the new work keeps the reverence for traditional themes and brings new insights and questions that help us deepen our appreciation for this time of the year. Our approach to worship continues to evolve, and I encourage you to learn more and to contribute by joining the Worship Enhancement Committee.

We repair the world through many different avenues. Our Social Action Committee identifies places where our time, talent, and even money can do great things. Interfaith Relationship Dialogue creates a safe, intimate, and enriching space to discuss the blessings and challenges of interfaith life. *Shomrei Adamah*, the Environmental Stewardship Committee, helps to focus our varied interests in a more sustainable planet, including the great work of our CSA. The Caring Congregants group creatively finds new and meaningful ways of connecting with our members in both the good times and the more challenging times. Many of our committees help to repair the world by focusing on key aspects of our own community including Membership, Religious School, Religious School PTO, Continuing Jewish Education, and the Spiritual Growth Group. There will be a full listing of these critical groups/committees in the October bulletin, each with a short explanation of goals and the contact information. These are places of action, where you can join your fellow members, roll up your sleeves, and follow through on the commitments you make during the High Holy Days.

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

In our July-August bulletin, I shared excerpts from the draft copy of the Central Conference of American Rabbis' *Selichot* service that was held on Saturday evening, August 31, as the "gateway to the High Holy Days."

Now, in advance of our draft copy of the *Kol Nidrei* service on September 13, I am eager to introduce you to a "first look" at three new readings as a way of stimulating thought as the "Days of Awe" arrive.

May your New Year be one of health, happiness, and the joy of new discoveries on your travels beyond and within.

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



TRAVELING TO JERUSALEM ON A MOON NIGHT

"The window travels the clouds
travel I
travel the road travels the moon
travels the trees travel the pane
travels the moon travels the
passengers travel
the earth travels the mountains
travel the planet travels the
thoughts travel
the time travels
the light travels the glass travels
the galaxy travels the moon travels
and God
eternally
stands."

{Rachel Chalfi}

TWILIGHT PRAYER

"Day and night are Yours, Creative Spirit of the universe-
the muted colors of twilight, the radiance of dawn.
Yours are the spreading wings of light,
the deepening shadows of darkness, an ever-changing drama.

In the human heart, too, the struggle between darkness and light unfolds.
From sunlit heights of generosity,
the human heart sinks to the gloomy depths of selfishness.
Although we fall, You give us the strength to rise again.
You call on those who hurt through word or deed
to break free from wrongdoing and return to You.
All who hear Your call to goodness are embraced;
all who reject emptiness and evil find acceptance from You.

We come into Your presence, this night of *Kol Nidrei*,
aware that our shortcomings and weaknesses are many.
Yet, encouraged by Your promise of forgiveness,
we choose freely the path of repentance,
restoring wholeness to ours lives and holiness to the world."

LEST WE SERVE OTHER GODS...

"Something will have gone out of us as a people if we ever let the remaining wilderness be destroyed; if we permit the last virgin forests to be turned into comic books and plastic cigarette cases; if we drive the few remaining members of the wild species into zoos or to extinction; if we pollute the last clear air and dirty the last clean streams and push our paved roads through the last of the silence, so that never again will Americans be free in their own country from the noise, the exhausts, the stinks of human and automotive waste. And so that never again can we have the chance to see ourselves single, separate, vertical and individual in the world, part of the environment of trees and rocks and soil, brother to the other animals, part of the natural world and competent to belong to it. Without any remaining wilderness we are committed wholly, without chance for even momentary reflection and rest, to a headlong drive into our technological termite life, the Brave New World of a completely man-controlled environment.

We need wilderness preserved – as much of it as is still left, and as many kinds – because it was the challenge against which our character as a people was formed. The reminder and the reassurance that it is still there is good for our spiritual health even if we never once in ten years set foot in it. It is good for us when we are young, because of the incomparable sanity it can bring briefly, as vacation and rest, into our insane lives. It is important to us when we are old simply because it is there – important, that is, simply as an idea."

{Wallace Stegner} ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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As indicated, part of my role is to ask for your help and involvement: Take one more step to deepen your involvement in your Congregation. Join *Yediday* Kol Ami (Friends of Kol Ami), check out a committee or group, attend a Friday night or Saturday morning service, or help us find a new member who can share our blessings and contribute to them as you do. I look forward to seeing you to celebrate the many blessings we receive and that we create together.

Jeff Cohen

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president@kolamielkinspark.org ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

September 7 - Haazinu

Deuteronomy 32:1-2

Second Samuel 22:1-51

September 14 - Yom Kippur

Deuteronomy 29:9-14, 30:11-20

Isaiah 58:1-14

September 21 - chol ha'moed Sukkot

Numbers 29:17-22

September 28 - B'raysheet

Genesis 1:1-6:8, Isaiah 42:5-43 ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations Committee

Thursday, September 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Guy Appel, 215-938-9330, and Jeremy Wintroub, 215-906-9063

Social Action Committee

Tuesday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Chair: Ronit Sugar, 215-635-0390

Spiritual Growth Group

Monday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Co-chairs: Natalie Dyen, 215-657-4124, and Janet Falon, 215-635-1698

Worship Enhancement Committee

Sunday, September 15, at 9:30 a.m.

Co-chairs: Mindy Levy, 215-885-3672, and Bill Shapiro, 215-517-8666 ■

THE HIGH HOLY DAYS 2013 - 5774

ADULT SERVICES AND CHILDCARE

We will use the "Gates of Repentance" prayer book during adult services. We have 500 books available, but if you have the prayer book at home, please bring it with you so that the Kol Ami prayer books can derive the greatest possible use by other members and their families.

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

SELICHOT

Toward a Better Understanding of Its Meaning and Ourselves

Using the new draft of this service for the first time!

Saturday, August 31, at 9:00 p.m.; pre-service Oneg at 8:30 p.m.

The High Holy Day season is a time for self-reflection, enabling individuals to realign and reconnect with their inner essence. On this night of *Selichot*, we prepare for the High Holy Days by exploring various themes inherent to *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. Through study, discussion, and reflection, we will engage in a process of renewal; (*teshuvah*), empowering each of us to renew and transform our lives this New Year.



SWEET AS HONEY:

A ROSH HASHANAH FAMILY SERVICE

For families with kids in

Preschool to Grade 3

Thursday, September 5, at 2:00 p.m.

What's a sweet New Year without honey? We're going to show our kids how honey is made for *Rosh Hashanah* by bringing in professional beekeepers and their busy little friends. Join Kol Ami for a brand new family program, including music, prayer, and a taste of honey!

TASHLIKH SERVICE - THE BRIDGE TO YOM KIPPUR

Friday, September 6, at the home of Guy and Karol Appel (Meadowbrook)

Bring-Your-Own Dinner, Refreshments, and Blanket, along with a

Dessert to share

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 creating the fish were the first witnesses, hence the proximity to a natural body of water

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("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 Friday, September 13.



REFLECTIVE READING AND DISCUSSION ON YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON

Saturday, September 14, at 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.

We will be discussing a writing by Yehuda Amichai (1924-2000) titled "The Times My Father Died." If you plan to join Rabbi Holin at this discussion, he asks you to let him know so that he can send you the seven-page story well in advance of the service to ensure a meaningful discussion.

Please call our rabbi at 215-635-4182 to receive your copy of Amichai's story.

YIZKOR-NEILAH (MEMORIAL) SERVICE ON YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, September 14, at 5:30 p.m.

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 for the booklet, please send this information to Elaine Stevens (execdir@kolamielkinspark.org) by September 9. ■

MAZAL TOV

We'd like to take this time to congratulate the following Kol Ami members on their accomplishments:

- **Stewart Eisenberg** for being voted in as a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.
- Our **Recent High School Graduates** (listed below) and their families. We wish our graduates all the best in the future:

Graduate

College

Jacob Boise	University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware
Leah Cohen	George Washington Univ, Washington, DC
Matthew Fleck	University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware
Shira Johnston	University of Rochester, Rochester, New York
Katherine Streitwieser .	University of Rochester, Rochester, New York

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION'S MESSAGE

Shalom, Kol Ami! I'd like to tell you about some of the upgrades we've made to our Religious School program over the summer.

This fall, we'll launch our new Hebrew program, "Hebrew Quest," an adventure-themed, experiential approach to teaching Hebrew, aimed at motivating and inspiring our students to forge their own unique learning path. For our parents, we'll be offering a new continuing-education course entitled, "Hebrew for Parents," a six-session, introductory-level course designed to help parents further assist in their child's Hebrew education. If you never learned to read Hebrew, or if it's been so long that you're rusty—or just plain forgot how—this course might be for you.

We've also enhanced our holy day programming. By now, many of you may know about our new High Holy Day programming that will combine educational prayer services with fun, engaging programs for students on *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. For *Sukkot*, *Hanukkah*, and *Purim*, our school-wide *Maccabiah* will return, featuring an upgraded "I'm Gonna Get You," *Sukkah* program; American *Dreidel* Warrior II (with a brand-new obstacle course); and the all-new *Purim* Bowl, in which parents can win points for their child's *Maccabiah* team in a costume competition.

In addition to our school and three youth groups, our program will be offering over 20 field trips throughout the year, at least 10 of which are brand new, including a Confirmation Academy trip to Washington, DC, and a KATY trip to New York City. Our junior and senior youth groups will combine over the Martin Luther King,

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ALL NEW

High Holy Day Programming

ROSH HASHANAH - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 10:00 A.M.

TWO SIMULTANEOUS PROGRAM TRACKS:

GRADES 3-6

GRADES 7-9



Rosh Hashanah Service

Two separate, interactive, age-appropriate services. One for grades 3-6 and one for grades 7-9.



High Holy Day University for grades 3-6

Mazal tov students! You have been accepted to High Holy Day University, where students learn what the High Holy Days are all about. Exciting educational activities await our future graduates, engaging them in activities about compassion, forgiveness, and other High Holy Day themes.



Tashlich

Tashlich means "casting off" in Hebrew and involves symbolically casting off the sins of the previous year by tossing pieces of bread or another food into a body of water. Just as the water carries away the bits of bread, so too are sins symbolically carried away. In this program, our students will reflect on their transgressions and begin the New Year with a clean slate.



Tales of Teshuvah for grades 7-9

Did Darth Vader truly atone for his sins? *Teshuvah* means admitting our wrongdoings, asking forgiveness, and resolving not to repeat our mistakes. In *Tales of Teshuvah*, students will investigate the concept of *teshuvah* through the actions of numerous fictional characters and determine whether or not they have atoned according to the Jewish tradition.



The Knowledge Bowl

Come one, come all and test your knowledge of Judaism in this fun-filled trivia game about the Jewish year. Students will participate in teams for a chance to win some great prizes (and they may even learn a thing or two).

for Grades 3 through 9

YOM KIPPUR - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 10:00 A.M.

TWO SIMULTANEOUS PROGRAM TRACKS:

GRADES 3-6

GRADES 7-9



Yom Kippur Service

Two separate, interactive, age-appropriate services. One for grades 3-6 and one for grades 7-9.



Sho-far, Sho-Good!

Do you have what it takes to blow the shofar? It's not as easy as it looks. Come and learn the notes of the shofar and take your shot at sounding the big one: *Tekiah Gedolah*!



A Whale of a Time

Students will examine the mysterious story of Jonah and the Whale, traditionally read on *Yom Kippur*, and will determine its significance in the modern age.



High Holy Day Wax Museum

Calling all budding Michelangelos! Our students will create their very own masterpieces by positioning themselves and their friends in a variety of wax museum exhibits that express themes from the Jewish year.

Continuing Jewish Education

Genesis 22: Biblical Midrash / Piety or Public Relations - The Binding of Isaac

Instructor: Rabbi Howard Bogot
Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
September 26; October 3, 10 & 17 (4 Sessions)

This discussion will investigate Abraham's willingness (Genesis 22) to sacrifice his son Isaac in response to a Divine request. Is this a case study that profiles the need for ethics to be suspended or an allegory about the challenges of leadership? Is this reality or fantasy, history or drama ... and what about Sarah?

RSVP to the Synagogue Office by September 19.

Adult Torah Chanting Program

Instructor: Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz
Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Begins October 2 for 10 Sessions

Congregation Kol Ami is excited to offer *Torah* chanting (*trope*) classes for adults. Those who enroll in the program will learn how to read and identify trope signs and how to apply them. This will be fun, help with Hebrew proficiency, and allow you to participate in chanting *Torah* at the synagogue on *Shabbat* mornings if you choose. There will be a total of ten hour-long classes, and you must be able to read Hebrew. There will also be a special *Shabbat* morning service in the spring so chanters can celebrate together.

Jonah: Biblical Midrash - Scared to be Jewish

Instructor: Rabbi Howard Bogot
Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
October 23 & 30, November 6 & 13 (4 Sessions)

A storm-tossed ship on calm waters, a deep-sea tour-guiding whale, and a reluctant prophet seem destined to introduce readers to a lesson on Judaism as universalism. Participants in this study group will investigate Jonah as "every Jew" and assess a variety of contemporary as well as ancient commentaries.

RSVP to the Synagogue Office by October 16.

The Wisdom of "Pebbles of Wisdom" by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz (Part Two)



Instructor: Rabbi Elliot Holin
Tuesday evenings
from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
October 29; November 5, 12 & 19
(4 Sessions)

Born in Jerusalem in 1937, Steinsaltz studied mathematics, physics, and chemistry at Hebrew University in addition to rabbinic studies. An Orthodox rabbi, renowned as a teacher, philosopher, and spiritual guide, he has devoted his life to making the *Talmud* accessible to all Jews. This book is a collection of his "pebbles of wisdom" from more than 30 years of his lectures and writings about life, awareness, and faith.

The course discussion about Steinsaltz's writings will continue at the request of our recently concluded April class participants, though you need not have been with us before to join us now. We reflect on his thoughts that resonate in us, and talk about how they are manifest in our lives. We will explore topic headings: 'The Nature of *Torah*,' 'The *Mitzvot*: Understanding God's Commandments,' 'Kabbalah,' 'Struggles, Battles and Trials,' 'Suffering,' and 'Evil.'

Please acquire a copy of his book in advance of the course.

Hebrew 101

Instructor: Mr. David Monblatt
Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
November 7, 14 & 21; December 5, 12 & 19
(6 Sessions)

Hebrew 101 is a six-week beginner-level Hebrew course. If you never learned to read Hebrew or if it's been so long that you're rusty or just plain forgot how, this course might be for you! For religious-school parents, Hebrew 101 will offer a variety of learning methodologies, activities, and pointers to help you help your children. By the end of this course, students will be able to identify all Hebrew letters and vowels, recognize the sounds of all letters and vowels, and read with proficiency.

for Adults at Kol Ami



Ancestors and Ghosts, Spirit Guides, and Reincarnating Souls: Ancient Mystery and Contemporary Meaning of Afterlife in Jewish Traditions

Instructor: Rabbi Simcha Raphael
Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
November 25; December 2, 9 & 16 (4 Sessions)

This is an exploration of Jewish afterlife texts spanning three millennia of history. As travelers through time, we will enter the worlds of *Torah*, *Talmud*, *Midrash*, *Zohar*, and *Hasidic* tales investigating diverse ways Jews have understood the enigmatic mystery of death and the world beyond.

Searching for spiritual renewal of traditional teachings, we will use these texts for reflection and discussion, discovering practical guidelines for responding to the human encounter with death — personally, and in our families and communities.

Superheroes and Judaism

Instructor: Mr. David Monblatt
Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
February 6, 13, 20 & 27 (4 Sessions)

This fun and engaging course will explore the fantastical world of superheroes and what their stories have in common with Judaism. Over the years, the superhero genre has dealt with a vast array of topics, such as the nature

of evil, atonement, remembrance, and the importance of social justice. Superheroes and Judaism will examine both the DC and Marvel pantheons, focusing on some of the best-known heroes, including Batman, Wolverine, Iron Man, and, of course, The Man of Steel.

Hayyim Nahman Bialik (1873-1934): Israel's National Poet - His Words and Influence

Instructor: Rabbi Elliot Holin
Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
March 4, 11, 18 & 25 (4 Sessions)



Bialik was born in Ukraine and studied at the renowned Volozhin Yeshivah in Lithuania. His poem “Should You Wish to Know the Source” is fulsome praise for the synagogue as a house of prayer, study, and the embodiment of *mitzvot*. “Sabbath Queen” is a beautiful description of the gifts that the day of rest bestows on everyone who tastes its splendor. He eventually left the *yeshivah* to join the *Haskalah* (Jewish Enlightenment) movement.

In 1903, his epic poem “In the City of Slaughter” was a scream of anguish following the brutality of the Kishinev pogroms, precursor to the flames of the Holocaust that would be kindled thirty years later.

His poems urged a reawakening of the Jewish People in the face of anti-Semitism and in the name of national identity (Zionism) as well as poems that speak about intimate relationships found in love and friendship.

We will read and discuss each of the poems noted above, as well as the following poems: “Her Eyes” (1892), “When I Return” (1896), “In the City of Slaughter” (1903), “The Scroll of Fire” (1905), “I Knew in a Night of Fog” (1905), “Call for the Snakes” (1906), “Before the Book Closet” (1910), “Your Breath Passed upon My Face” (1916), and others.

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION'S MESSAGE

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Jr., holiday weekend for the spectacular Kol Ami Sleepover, featuring a trip to an indoor water park and a group *mitzvah* project.

We have new experiential programs in store for our students. The school year begins with "Who Wants to Be Jonah?" an educational program in which the biblical story of Jonah is performed by schoolteachers in a TV-game-show-like atmosphere, with student contestants selected to play the title character—without a script! Then there's "Biblical Celebrity Jeopardy," hosted by none other than Moses himself, in which contestants, Pharaoh, Isaac, and Noah will battle it out for trivia supremacy.

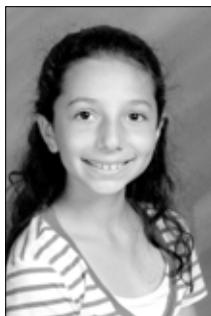
Our Confirmation Academy format is also changing, offering 18 new mini-courses that will challenge and engage our students throughout the year. Confirmation Academy will add a new program called "*Tikun* Trips," in which students will meet on six Sundays throughout the year for social-action-based learning field trips.

All of the above is coupled with, and implemented by, our fantastic staff and I.M. Wise students (who will offer our new *Madrichim* class to accompany their student teaching at Kol Ami).

With all of these upgrades to our program (and some surprises along the way), we're looking forward to a fantastic year of Jewish learning together!

L'Shana Tovah,
David Monblatt
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BAT MITZVAH OF TALIA AUGUST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, AT 10:00 A.M.



Talia is in the seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School. Her favorite subject is science. Last year, she did a Science Fair Project on whether Sign Language or Braille is faster to learn, and she learned a lot of science on a school trip to the Pocono Environmental Education Center.

She participates in various volunteer activities through her school, including her class bake sale to raise money for the bonobo, a species of monkeys formerly called the "pygmy chimpanzee." After reading the book "Endangered," her class decided to raise funds for the Jane Goodall Foundation. She has also participated in the Philadelphia AIDS Walk with her classmates. In religious school, Talia has helped pack food that was distributed to hungry people all around the world.

Her extracurricular activities at school this past year included Future Problem Solving, choir, and vocal ensemble for the sixth grade. Outside of school, she has played soccer for several years, and her teammates have become some of her closest friends.

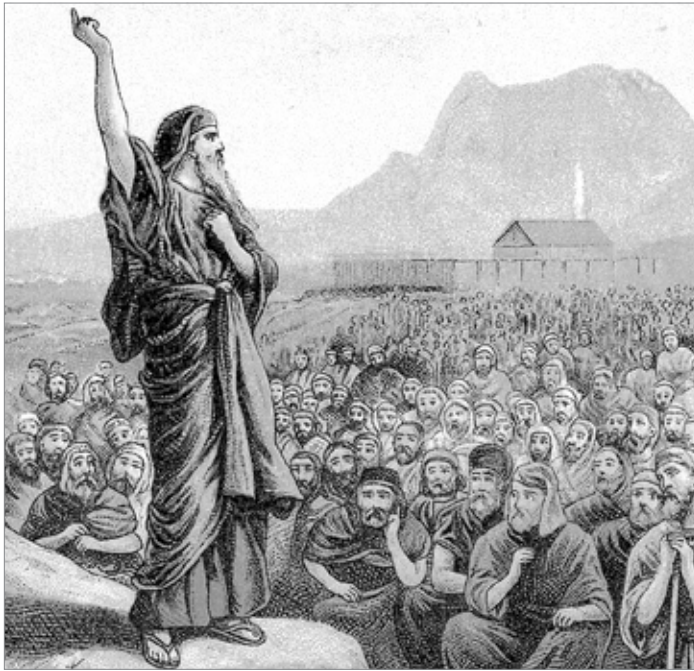
For her *Mitzvah* Project, she volunteered for the Special Olympics.

"My favorite Jewish holy day is *Rosh Hashanah* because it represents the start of the Jewish new year," she says. "We have the chance during the High Holy Days to ask for forgiveness, and even the chance to be forgiven makes me feel loved by those around me. I make resolutions about what I want the coming year to be like: whether I want to listen more to friends, or manage my time better, and looking over what I do can make it easier for me to be a better person in the coming year."

"A Jewish ritual that I find meaningful is lighting candles. I enjoy looking at the dancing light because it reminds me how lucky I am. On *Shabbat*, I see the two candles burning at the table and it brings a sense of coziness to the whole group of family and friends. The candles brings closer together generations of Jewish people and us. The *Shabbat* dinner would not be complete without candles, and their presence helps create the joy of *Shabbat*."

"A powerful Jewish experience for me occurred on the Dig for A Day program that my family and I participated in while in Israel. We got to dig up some old ruins of Jewish houses, and it made me feel really connected to the Jewish past. Even though all we found were pieces of pottery, it felt like we had a real inside look at how people used to live. When we left, we got to take a shard with us, our own piece of the past. This was meaningful because we got to discover a little history for ourselves, and that is not something you get to do every day."

We congratulate Talia's parents, Andy and Barbara, and her sister, Maddie, who celebrated her *Bat Mitzvah* at Kol Ami on May 5, 2012, and is a student in our Confirmation Academy. ■



Moses: From Existence as Slavery to Existence as Freedom - Mensch, Myth, Midrash

Instructor: Rabbi Howard Bogot

Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

March 5, 12, 19 & 26 (4 Sessions)

Moses is often embraced as a reflection of Jewish character; unique, goal-oriented, God-choosing, but always human. Was Moses real or the invention of the collective conscience of the Hebrew people? Is Moses a law-giver, teacher, or “union organizer”? Participants in this seminar will explore the Mosaic persona as well as the inability of this heroic leader to enter the Promised Land or be mentioned in a traditional *Pesach Haggadah*.

Leviticus 19

Instructor: Rabbi Howard Bogot

Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

April 3, 10, 17 & 24 (4 Sessions)

This discussion group will examine the one chapter in the *Torah* that could easily serve as the most user-friendly and concise definition of Judaism. Known as the “Holiness Code,” this summary of Jewish ethics and moral imperatives includes verses such as: “Neither curse the deaf nor place a stumbling block before the blind.” Participants will apply the concept of uniqueness to various selections. ■

THE INSTRUCTORS

RABBI PROF. HOWARD BOGOT is a graduate of Lewis University (formerly National College of Education) in Evanston, Illinois; the University of Cincinnati; and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. In addition to receiving his M.Ed. from the University of Cincinnati and graduate degrees from HUC-JIR, Rabbi Bogot has completed post-graduate course work in education and social work at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania and Hunter College in New York City. He has authored and coauthored many books, syllabi, and lesson plans, published by both the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Since 2001, Rabbi Bogot has served the Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education and the University of Pennsylvania’s Literacy Network as a Jewish studies facilitator for their Nurturing Excellence in Supplementary Jewish Schools project. In 2005, the University of Pennsylvania asked Rabbi Bogot to mentor 30 teachers at Cheltenham High School.

RABBI ELLIOT J. HOLIN, in addition to teaching in our Continuing Jewish Education program, also meets with members for personal *Torah* study as well as preparation for group or individual adult *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*.

DAVID MONBLATT is our congregation’s Director of Education. He has been in the field for over 19 years, specializing in school transformation for the last nine. Previously, he served as Director of Congregational Learning for Temple Sinai in Dresher as well as the Congregational School Specialist for the Bureau of Jewish Education of San Francisco. He also served as Director of Education for the Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation, a national nonprofit that produces films and a curriculum about the stories and life lessons of the Jewish partisans of World War II.

SIMCHA RAPHAEL, Ph.D., is Adjunct Associate Professor in Jewish Studies at Temple University and teaches courses on Jewish mysticism. He works as a psychotherapist and spiritual director affiliated with the Mount Airy Counseling Center in Philadelphia. He has had a longtime interest in the synthesis of contemporary psychology and Jewish mysticism in creating a spiritual path for life today. Ordained by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi as a Rabbinic Pastor, he is author of the book “Jewish Views of the Afterlife.” His website is www.simcharaphael.com.

REBECCA SCHWARTZ is our congregation’s Cantorial Soloist and specializes in worship experiences, engaging people in the power of prayer through music. She has produced two congregational CDs along with her adult and student choirs.

NON-MEMBER FEES

Please note the non-member fee is \$50 per course.

REGISTRATION

To register for a workshop, contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org. ■

Kol Ami Events

FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT



This month, Rabbi Holin will commence his support of **NATAL** (*nab'tahl*)—the Israel Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War, featured in our rabbi's May 2013 bulletin article—while continuing to support the Philadelphia Unemployment Office thru his **Phast for Philadelphia**.

NATAL 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. Forthcoming fast days on behalf of **NATAL** will be on **Tuesday, September 10**, and **Tuesday, October 8**.

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 health care needs, and pay electric bills. Forthcoming **Phast for Philadelphia** fast days will be on **Thursday, September 26**, and **Thursday, October 31**.

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

American Friends of NATAL

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

Unemployment Information Center

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

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



CELEBRATE AND REJOICE IN THE BLESSINGS OF THE GOOD EARTH AT OUR EREV SUKKOT OUTDOOR SERVICE UNDER THE SUKKAH

Wednesday, September 18,
from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.;
preceded by pizza and
refreshments at 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we gather under our outdoor *sukkah* to sing and sway with the *lulav* and *etrog*, praising The Holy One for our precious natural resources and the bounty of the land, as well as thanking farmers and workers who ensure that we might partake of such goodness.

THIRD-FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for September Birthday & Anniversary Blessings
Friday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m.

If you or someone in your family is celebrating a birthday or anniversary in September, please join us at our special *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*.

YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT OUR HIGH HOLY DAY NEW PRAYER TEXTS ARE DESIRED!

Sunday, September 22 & 29, from 11:00 a.m.-Noon



We are one of 300 congregations across the country to introduce draft copies of the *Selichot* (Saturday, August 31) and *Kol Nidrei* (Friday, September 13) services during the High Holy Days. Rabbi Holin and members of our Worship Enhancement Committee—co-chair Bill Shapiro as well as WEC member Joel Edelstein—would like to hear

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your responses to the new words of the draft texts at debriefings with the group.

At the request of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the publishing arm of the drafts, all participating congregations will share their reactions to the texts, and next year the final version of the new reform *Machzor* (High Holy Day prayer book) will be introduced to all congregations in the country. Your input will be important in this endeavor.

We will have copies of the *Selichot* and *Kol Nidrei* drafts available at these meetings and will proceed through each at a leisurely pace for the purpose of discussion and feedback. You are invited to participate in either or both meetings.

TORAHS ALOFT ON EREV SIMCHAT TORAH!

Wednesday, September 25, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.;
preceded by pizza and refreshments at 6:00 p.m.

In previous years, our young adults and adults read or chanted the “personal verses” that they celebrated at their *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvahs* years ago. We are eager to welcome more participants this year.

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

Please call Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182 by September 10 to let him know that you will help us feel uplifted when you read or chant “your verses” from the *Torah* on our “*Torahs Aloft*” evening.



HELP US CREATE A NEW HEALING SERVICE!

If you have a favorite writing or would like to submit a creative writing for our new healing service, please send it to Rabbi Holin by October 1.

Our healing service is intended to speak to those in mourning, in physical pain or emotional distress, on behalf of a loved one in the hospital or hospice, and to healers who themselves seek healing. This is a “service of the soul” and your words would be a welcome addition.

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LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP? TO LEND A HAND? TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP GEARS UP

Monday, September 23, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The Spiritual Growth Group has its first meeting scheduled, and they will continue their spiritual exploration with Carol Nemeroff, but you DID NOT have to have attended before to join them now.

In its monthly meetings, the SGG grapples with the concept of day-to-day spirituality: what it is, how to create it, and how to incorporate it into our lives. Don't be scared off by the word “spiritual”—and you don't have to be “religious” or have any special Jewish knowledge to participate.

As an incentive for checking us out—and getting a sense of how you might benefit by participating—anyone who comes to the SGG for the first time will receive a free copy of Janet Falon's “The Jewish Journaling Book.”

For more information about SSG, contact co-chairs Natalie Dyen at nat.dyen@verizon.net or Janet Falon at jfalon@english.upenn.edu.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU

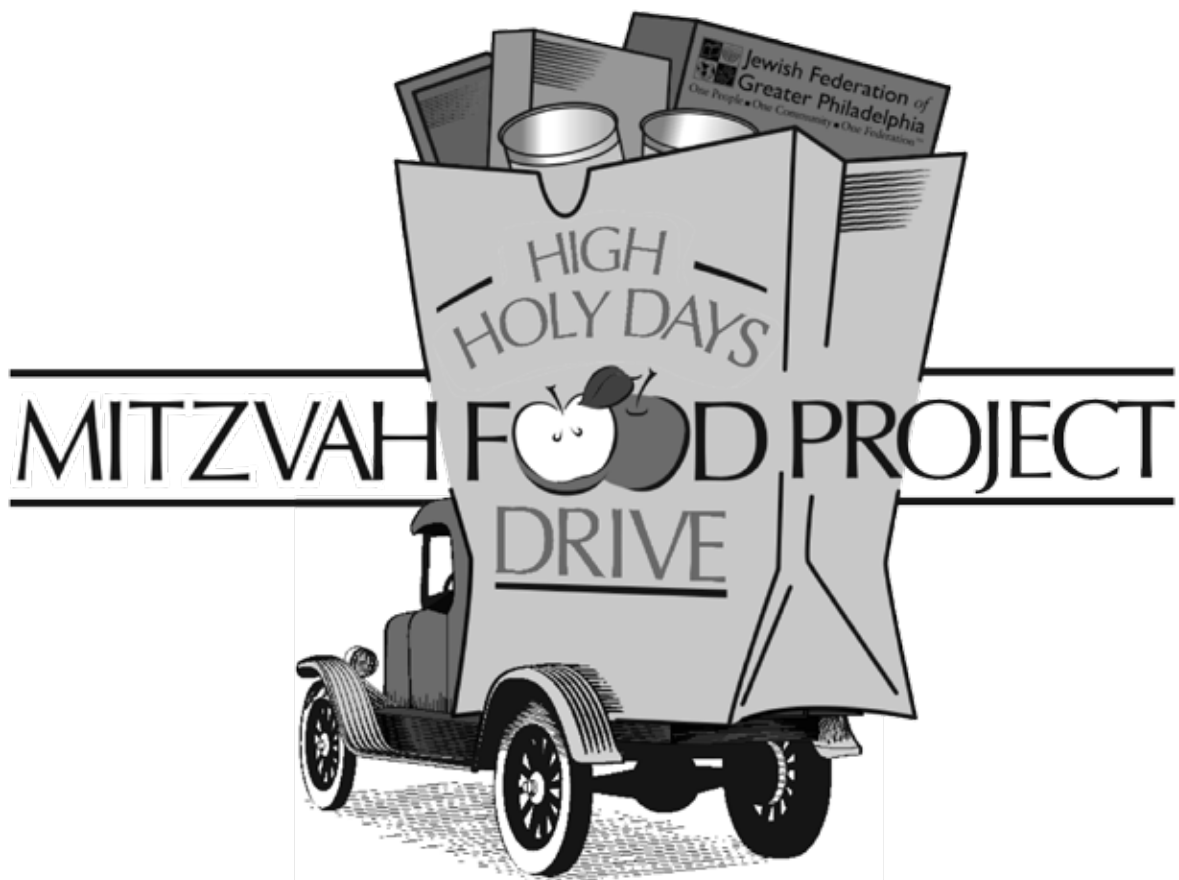
Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Shanah Tovah from the Social Action Committee! Please join them for their first meeting of 5744 to help discuss and plan programs and projects for the coming year. If you have any questions about the Committee and what it does, contact Ronit Sugar at 215-208-7027 or ronitsugar@gmail.com.

JOIN THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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

The Kol Ami Membership Committee is seeking new committee members with an interest in building the Kol Ami Community. Please join them for this meeting. ALL ARE WELCOME! RSVP to co-chairs Robin Warsaw (RKWarsaw@Comcast.net or 215-635-5839) or Julie Cohen (Julie@JulieCohenCoaching.com or 215-635-4716). ■



Congregation Kol Ami's High Holy Days Food Drive is from:
Wednesday, September 4, 2013 to Saturday, September 14, 2013
- to benefit food-insecure families in our community.

Our synagogue has chosen to collect:
**CANNED PROTEIN ITEMS (canned beans, canned fish,
nut butters - kosher, lower salt, lower sugar)**

Please bring in your donations of **CANNED PROTEIN ITEMS** to support those in need through the Mitzvah Food Project. Your participation will help us to make this year's food drive our most successful yet!

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ATTENTION ALL ADULTS AND STUDENTS!

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

1. Adult Choir: Meets Sunday mornings from 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. Students in grades 8 to 12 may also participate if they wish.
2. Student Choir: Meets Sunday afternoons from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. (after Religious School). Students in grades 2 to 6 may participate.

Choir members will receive dates of participation (one *Shabbat* service each month and possibly some community events) 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 complete the bottom portion of this form and return to the Religious School office as soon as possible or bring it to the first rehearsal.

Adult Choir starts on 9/8/13 and Student Choir starts on 9/15/13.

Questions? Please contact Rebecca Schwartz at rebeccasongs@verizon.net or 215-572-6094.



YES, I'D LOVE TO BE A CONGREGATION KOL AMI CHOIR MEMBER!

Name: _____ adult ____ student ____ grade ____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____ (If student, please include a parent's
e-mail as well) _____

Change of date for a family-friendly Sukkot experience



Sukkot Potluck Get Together at Kol Ami Tuesday, September 24, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Replacing *Sukkot in the Fields*, which had been scheduled for September 21.

Each of the last two years, Kol Ami and CSA members have journeyed to a farm that is part of the Lancaster Farm Fresh Cooperative (LFFC), which supplies the wonderful produce, fruit, eggs, and flowers to our Elkins Park *Hazon* Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). We need to change our plans this year due to a tragic accident involving Tyson Snader, LFFC's CSA Manager and a friend to many of us in the CSA and Kol Ami communities. While at an LFFC picnic this past month, Tyson was paralyzed after a swimming accident.

Our friends at LFFC have much to do to help support Tyson, his wife Lacey, and their two-year old son Hudson. So instead of asking our friends to work on finalizing logistics to meet at a farm in Lancaster County, we are asking Kol Ami and CSA members to gather at the *Kol Ami Sukkah* on Tuesday the 24th. There will be the normal CSA pickup from 5:00-7:00 p.m.; and during that time, we will come together as a community, share foods that folks care to bring, write cards for Tyson and his family, and discuss other ways we can be of help. Look for more information on the Kol Ami and CSA listservs.

If you wish to make a contribution to help Tyson and his family defray their already mounting medical bills, you can do so at <https://www.youcaring.com/tyson-snader>. You can follow Tyson's progress at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/tysonsnader>.

"By 'dwelling in the *sukkah*,' a temporary structure which offers imperfect shelter from the winds and rains of autumn, we call to mind the precariousness of life itself and the knowledge that we realize true joy only when we dedicate our lives to values that are eternal." - Mark Washofsky, *Jewish Living, A Guide to Contemporary Reform Practice*
Please join us on Tuesday evening to celebrate the harvest time, an occasion for both happiness and thanksgiving.

BLESSING OF PETS

Saturday, October 5, at 2:00 p.m.

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

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

“ISH” BEER TASTING

Saturday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. (location TBA)

Please bring a six-pack of your favorite brew and a snack to share and join the “ish” group. This group is a fun way for young-ish (young at heart, people with young children, and those of us who are fooling ourselves into believing we are still young) congregants to spend time together and create a social network with each other. Many synagogue activities revolve around families and their children; this group

organizes activities based on collective adult interests and provides opportunities to build relationships. Participants are diverse in life stages—some are married or in committed relationships, some have families, some are single. All are interested in building community within our congregation and growing together.

SAVE THE DATE!

MEET YOUR LOCAL LOCAS AT THE CHOCOLOCA CHOCOLARAMA

Sunday, October 20, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

at the home of Natalie Dyen

2250 Country Club Drive, Huntingdon Valley

Skip breakfast, skip lunch, and come hungry to the ChocoLOCA Tasting Party. Please plan to bring one of the following items:

- Your favorite gourmet chocolate (we’re not talking Hershey’s here), or
- Your best homemade chocolate creation (only the yummiest), or
- Cut up fruit or angel food cake for our chocolate fountain.

Space is limited, so RSVP no later than October 10 to Elaine Gershenson (215-887-3994 or gershlaw@comcast.net) and let her know what you’re bringing. ■



SAVE THE DATE

Kol Ami's Annual Social Event and Fundraiser Saturday, January 11, 2014.

Look for more information in upcoming copies of the Bulletin
and in letters you should receive in October.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact
Sharon Myers (sharonmyers381@gmail.com or 215-460-0602).



JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP SUPER SUKKAH PARTY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, FROM 1:30-3:00 P.M.
AT 539 BETHAN ROAD, ELKINS PARK

CALLING ALL FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADERS: Let's celebrate *Sukkot* together! Here's a great way to get to know each other, welcome the new year, and have fun. Join fifth-grade teacher Mrs. Rosalind Holtzman at her home for a *sukkah* party. We'll help build and decorate her *sukkah*, play games, sing a song or two, and enjoy some delicious autumn treats. Save the date and watch for a flyer coming home from religious school. ■

URJ BIENNIAL 2013

IN SAN DIEGO FROM DECEMBER 11-15

The Union for Reform Judaism is the congregational arm of Reform Judaism in North America, representing an estimated 1.5 million Jews and 900 congregations.

This year's URJ Biennial will welcome thousands of members of Reform synagogues to experience the joy of learning, sharing, and networking in ways that enable participants to return to their home congregations with new ideas and successful programs to enrich synagogue life.

Add to the mix the spirit of "*Shabbat* at Biennial" with voices raised in song and the special energy and excitement of being together with members of other Reform synagogues—the Biennial is the place to be!

President Jeff Cohen and his wife, Ellen Friedman, will lead our delegation. Please let Jeff know if you plan to attend by contacting him at president@kolamielkinspark.org or 215-635-3232. To learn more and to register, go to www.urj.org and sign up. ■

RABBI HOLIN AND PRESIDENT JEFF COHEN VISIT OUR CAMPERS AT CAMP HARLAM ON JULY 5.



MEET ADRIAN MARTINEZ: GALLERY ARTIST FROM SEPTEMBER 3 UNTIL OCTOBER 21



Adrian Martinez was born in Philadelphia, PA, but grew up in Washington, DC. He studied painting and printmaking and received degrees from the Maryland Institute of Art in Baltimore, MD (BFA), St. Martins School of Art in London, England (CS) and Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN (MA).

His work is in public and private collections all over the United States and Europe. President George W. and Mrs. Laura Bush commissioned him to paint not only two large landscapes commemorating the National Parks theme in 2007, but also the design for the 2001 White House Holiday Card, an 8-by-18-foot mural for the White House in 2003, and a series of drawings for Camp David in 2005.

In 2010, Adrian was invited to Ankara University in Turkey to the Artist in Residence Symposium and two of his paintings are now part of the Ankara University collection. Some of his other public works include an 8-by-16-foot mural installed at Marshall High School in Marshall, TX, and a 10-by-20-foot mural that depicts the history of the Waggoner Ranch in the Red River Valley Museum in Vernon, TX. Lastly, he was commissioned by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to commemorate St. John Neumann and St. Katharine Drexel with an etching in early 2000.

Adrian currently lives with his wife, Leah, their son, Sebastian, and three cats in Downingtown. He is a member of Downingtown Friends Meeting and is on the Board of Trustees for Old Caln Meetinghouse.

The Kol Ami gallery hours are Wednesday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If the religious school is closed on those days, the gallery is closed as well. Also, all of Adrian's works are for sale, and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the synagogue. See Elaine Stevens if interested in purchasing a piece. ■



SAVE-THE-DATE / REGISTER NOW

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2013
from 9:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Hazon, along with local leaders and partners including Congregation Kol Ami, is presenting a one-day food festival in Philadelphia to bring people across the local Jewish community together to explore the dynamic interplay of food, sustainability, Jewish traditions, and contemporary life as well as to celebrate Philadelphia's unique Jewish food culture.

The festival will include

- A full day of presenters; panels; and hands-on, DIY workshops for all ages
- A dynamic *shuk* (market)
- Delicious, kosher, vegetarian lunch

To register, visit www.hazon.org/programs/foodfestival/hazon-food-festival-philadelphia/

to be held at
**CONGREGATION
RODEPH SHALOM**
615 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA

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The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



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Congregation Kol Ami

**American Red Cross Blood Drive
Monday, October 28, 2013
from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

*TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU CANNOT GIVE BLOOD ELSEWHERE AFTER SEPTEMBER 2.
PLEASE SAVE YOUR BLOOD FOR US!*

8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027

To scheduled an appointment of if you have questions about it,
please contact Jean Ettinger at 215-635-3623
or jeanettinger@gmail.com

For further info call 1-800-RED-CROSS

1-800-GIVE-LIFE | RedCrossBlood.org

WHAT IS YEDIDAY KOL AMI ידידי קול עמי ?

Yediday Kol Ami (or Friends of Kol Ami) is your way of being part of something special, a way to enjoy the blessing of making a special contribution to the operations of our synagogue and to enjoy some unique programming.

As an example, this past June 17, about 30 “friends” found themselves in a special conference room at Citizen’s Bank Park with a private talk and Q&A session with Ruben

Amaro, Jr., the General Manager of the Philadelphia Phillies. In addition, earlier this past year, when we hosted Anita Diamont at Kol Ami, there was a special Saturday night party with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, enabling a unique and intimate experience.

While we can’t promise yet what might be in store this year, we welcome your participation. Simply complete the application included in the letter that was mailed to you in early August or reach out to Elaine Stevens. ■



Some dates to "pen" in your calendars...



**Welcome
to the *NEW*
Congregation Kol Ami
Children's Services →**

**"Fun for Kids
erev Shabbat Services"
appropriate for all ages
on Fridays at 6:00 p.m.**

*It's a happy half hour with lots of music
and our terrific Student Choir!*

September 20	February 21
October 18	March 14
November 22	April 25
January 31	May 9

**Healing Services
on Sundays at 1:00 p.m.**

November 17
February 9
April 6

**Martini Havdalah Services
on late Saturday afternoons
at 5:30 p.m.**

October 12
February 22
May 17

DATES ARE SET FOR...

CONGREGATION KOL AMI TRIPS TO ISRAEL IN 2014 WITH RABBI HOLIN FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND FRIENDS – IN AND BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

ISRAEL FAMILY TRIP 2014: Leave Philadelphia on Sunday, August 17; return on Thursday, August 28

(night flight from Philadelphia to Tel Aviv at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 17, arriving in Tel Aviv on Monday, August 18, at 3:30 p.m.; return night flight from Tel Aviv on Wednesday, August 27, at 11:30 p.m., arriving in Philadelphia on Thursday, August 28, at 5:15 a.m.)

Monday, August 18 – Tel Aviv (Carlton Hotel on the beach):

- Arrive in Israel mid-afternoon
- See Rabin Square
- Attend Welcome-to-Israel dinner

Tuesday, August 19 – Tel Aviv (Carlton Hotel on the beach):

- 'Experience' Israel's Declaration of Independence at Independence Hall
- Visit the Palmach Museum for a multi-media presentation about the years preceding the Declaration: stories of courage and struggle;
- Browse the open-air arts-and-crafts street fair of Nachalat Binyamin
- Enjoy free time to relax and swim in the Mediterranean
- Eat dinner at Blackout Restaurant served in a completely dark environment served by blind waiters, followed by theatre at *Na Laga'at* (Please Do Touch), a play performed by Israelis who are deaf and blind

Wednesday, August 20 – The Galilee (Kibbutz Hagoshrim Hotel):

- Visit Caesaria and its ancient Roman amphitheatre Beit Shearim: the remnants of a prosperous town from the era of King Herod
- Check out the mystical city and wonderful art galleries in Tzefat

Thursday, August 21 – The Galilee (Kibbutz Hagoshrim Hotel):

- Travel to the Golan Heights by jeep
- Tour the Kibbutz Ein Zavan's De Karina Chocolate Factory
- Take a kayak ride down the Jordan River
- Have dinner with soldiers of the IDF to hear their views about army life and life in Israel

Friday, August 22 – On our way to Jerusalem (Leonardo Plaza [former Sheraton] Hotel):

- Tour Tiberias and an ancient synagogue with a beautiful mosaic floor
- Take an agricultural bio-tour at Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu, pioneers in organic farming
- Ascend to Jerusalem

Saturday, August 23 – Jerusalem (Leonardo Plaza Hotel):

- Enjoy a *Shabbat* walking tour to the Tower of David Museum in the Old City of Jerusalem
- Travel through the Old City along the Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Arab Market and Jewish Quarter, Western Wall



Sunday, August 24 – Jerusalem (Leonardo Plaza Hotel):

- Visit Ammunition Hill, the jump-off point from which the IDF reunified Jerusalem in 1967 (new A/V presentation)
- Travel to the Old City and see its Southern Wall excavations
- Visit the Davidson Center for a computerized visualization of the ancient Temple
- Walk through Hezekiah's water tunnel and hear about its historic significance
- Take an evening walk through the *Kotel* (Western Wall) underground tunnels

Monday, August 25 – south of Jerusalem (Leonardo Plaza Hotel):

- Ascend Masada along its Snake Path or by cable car
- Hear about the history of Masada, Josephus and Eleazar ben Yair
- Attend a brief service of celebration with *Torah* verses read or chanted by adult travelers and *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* students and students-to-be!
- Take a camel ride through the desert, followed by a Bedouin lunch
- Float in the Dead Sea and have a mud bath

Tuesday, August 26 – Jerusalem (Leonardo Plaza Hotel):

- Visit *Yad Vashem*, the Holocaust Remembrance Museum and Children's Memorial—and *Har Herzl*—Israel's military cemetery and resting place for many of its political leaders or choose these alternatives for young children:
- Visit the Jerusalem Bird Conservatory visit the Shrine of the Book/Dead Sea Scrolls and Israel Museum
 - Visit in the play and create area

Wednesday, August 27 – from Jerusalem to America:

- Attend the "Can You Dig This?" archeological experience at Beit Guvrin and "cave crawl"
- Visit Latrun
- Return to the hotel to swim and pack

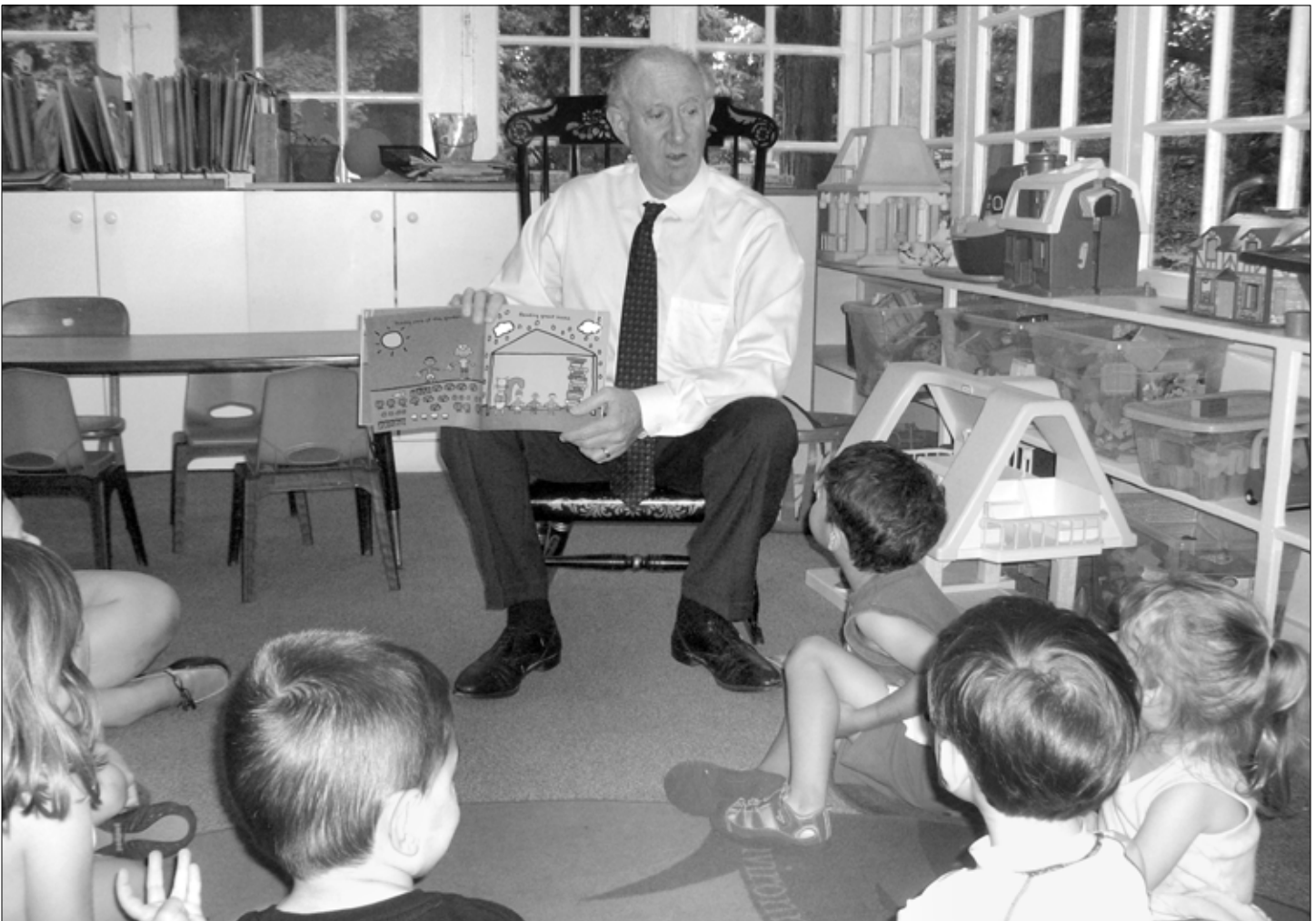
To receive a complete itinerary, pricing, and information about flights, hotels, and meals, please contact Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182.

ISRAEL ADULT TRIP 2014: Leave Philadelphia on Sunday, October 19; return on Thursday, October 30

(night flight from Philadelphia to Tel Aviv at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 19, arriving in Tel Aviv on Monday, October 20, at 3:30 p.m.; return night flight from Tel Aviv on Wednesday, October 29, at 11:30 p.m., arrive in Philadelphia on Thursday, October 30, at 5:15 a.m.)

Information about the Israel Adult Trip will appear in our October 2013 Bulletin. ■

Kol Ami Nursery: Tomato Harvest, Science Experiments & Fun Stories



KOL AMI SEPTEMBER 2013 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Opening Day of Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:15 a.m. - Grades K-7 Parent Orientation and Opening Program 12:00 p.m. - Barbeque Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m.	2	3 First Day of Nursery School 9:00 a.m.	4 Nursery School - Noon Dismissal erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00 p.m.	5 No Nursery School Rosh Hashanah 10:00 a.m.	6 No Nursery School erev Shabbat-Tashlikh Service 6:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - BYOD Home of Guy and Karol Appel, Meadowbrook	7 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
8 Opening Day of Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:15 a.m. - Grades K-7 Parent Orientation and Opening Program 12:00 p.m. - Barbeque Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m.	9	10 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m.	11 Nursery School Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. First Day of Religious School 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Academy Orientation for Parents and Students	12	13 Nursery School - Noon Dismissal Kol Nidrei 8:00 p.m.	14 Yom Kippur 10:00 a.m.

KOL AMI SEPTEMBER 2013 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

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15 Trope Class - 9:00 a.m. Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Junior Youth Group Sukkah Party - 1:30 p.m. Home of Rosalind Holtzman	16 Nursery School Music 9:30 a.m.	17 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m.	18 Religious School 4:00 p.m. No Confirmation Academy erev Sukkot Service 6:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - Pizza and Refreshments	19 No Nursery School Sukkot Service 10:00 a.m. Operations Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	20 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. "Fun for Kids" erev Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m. Student Choir Participation "Third Friday" erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	21 Adult Bat Mitzvah of Bonnie Goldstein 10:00 a.m.
22 Trope Class - 9:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Selichot and Kol Nidrei Discussion Groups 11:00 a.m.	23 Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff 7:00 p.m.	24 Nursery School Fitness 9:30 a.m. Sukkot Potluck Get-Together at Kol Ami 5:00-7:00 p.m. Social Action Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	25 Nursery School Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. No Confirmation Academy erev Simchat Torah Service 6:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - Pizza and Refreshments	26 No Nursery School Simchat Torah-Yizkor Service 10:00 a.m. Continuing Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Howard Bogot 7:30 p.m.	27 Nursery School erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	28 Bar Mitzvah of Talia August 10:00 a.m.
29 Trope Class - 9:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Selichot and Kol Nidrei Discussion Groups 11:00 a.m.	30 Nursery School Music 9:30 a.m.					

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Kol Ami Babysitting List Update Request



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- Name
- Age
- Address
- Phone number(s)
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