

# CONGREGATION **Kol Ami** VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### **FRIDAY, April 1, 7:30 p.m.**

*erev Shabbat* Service honoring this year's *Tikun Olam* Award recipient, Jewish Social Policy Action Network (JSPAN); Brian Gralnick, President of JSPAN, will address us this evening, plus First-Friday Birthday and Anniversary Blessings at this musical service with our Adult Choir

### **SATURDAY, April 2, 10:00 a.m.**

*Shabbat* Service where 10th-grade students **Jacob Boise, Leah Cohen, Shira Johnston, and Katherine Streitwieser** will share their thoughts and engage us in dialogue about the significance of *Shabbat*, the meaning of God, and importance of community

### **FRIDAY, April 8**

**6:00 p.m.** - Kids@Kol Ami  
*erev Shabbat* Service for children ages 2 to 5 and their families; our Student Choir will add their voices  
**7:30 p.m.** - *erev Shabbat* Service

### **SATURDAY, April 9**

**10:00 a.m.** - *Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue  
**4:00 p.m.** - Family *Hardalah* Service (see page 10)

### **SUNDAY, April 10, 1:00 p.m.**

Healing Service (see page 10)

### **FRIDAY, April 15, 7:30 p.m.**

*erev Shabbat* Service

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## **JEWISH SOCIAL POLICY ACTION NETWORK RECIPIENT OF CONGREGATION KOL AMI'S 2011 *TIKUN OLAM* AWARD**

**Friday, April 1, at our 7:30 p.m. *erev Shabbat* Service**

**Brian Gralnick, President of JSPAN, will address us this evening**



Every year at the time of our Passover observance, we present our congregation's *Tikun Olam* (fixing/healing the world) Award to an individual or organization in recognition of meritorious work done to build bridges of dialogue in our community or beyond.

We are delighted to announce that this year's honoree is the Jewish Social Policy Action Network (JSPAN). Founded in Philadelphia in 2003,

JSPAN is a vibrant agency for social justice. Its goals are to advance equality and opportunity for all women and men in our pluralistic democracy; to protect the Constitutional liberties and the civil rights of Jews, other minorities, and the weak in our society; to secure for ourselves and society the benefits of Jewish learning and culture; and to carry out the goal of *Tikun Olam*.

JSPAN's Policy Centers are at the core of what JSPAN does. Working with renowned experts in various fields—immigration, minimum wage, the right to choose, firearms policy, hunger and food security, ethnic and religious conflict, church and state issues, election law, education, and health care and bioethics—members are informed and then engaged in major issues of concern to the Jewish community.

Brian Gralnick, President of JSPAN, is also Director of the Center for Social Responsibility at Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. He is also Vice Chair of GenPhilly, a network of emerging professionals who inspire Philadelphians to connect with older adults through their work and personal lives. His work on behalf of older adults has included management of the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania's healthy aging agenda and the state Department of Aging. He has a Master of Science in Social Policy degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from the George Washington University. In college, he helped found and direct Students of Sensible Drug Policy, now an international student organization that mobilizes and empowers young people to participate in the political process. ■

## WORSHIP SERVICE

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### **SATURDAY, April 16, 10:00 a.m.**

*Shabbat* Service where 10th-grade students **Matthew Fleck, Kyle Meranus, and Emily Silverman** will share their thoughts and engage us in dialogue about the significance of *Shabbat*, the meaning of God, and importance of community

### **TUESDAY, April 19, 6:00 p.m.**

Join us at our congregation's annual Second *Seder* to celebrate the timelessness of Passover

### **FRIDAY, April 22, 7:30 p.m.**

*erev Shabbat* Service

### **SATURDAY, April 23, 10:00 a.m.**

*Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue

### **MONDAY, April 25, 10:00 a.m.**

Passover concluding service and recitation of names commemorating *Yizkor* of loved ones who have died since the High Holy Days

### **FRIDAY, April 29, 7:30 p.m.**

*erev Shabbat* Service

### **SATURDAY, April 30, 10:00 a.m.**

*Bar Mitzvah* of Jed Pancza

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## **TORAH & HAFTARAH**

### **April 2 - *Tazria***

Leviticus 12:1-13:59

Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

### **April 9 - *Metzora***

Leviticus 14:1-15:33

II Kings 7:3-20

### **April 16 - *Acharei Mote***

Leviticus 16:1-18:30

Malachi 3:4-24

### **April 23 - *Shabbat Chol haMoed Pesach***

Exodus 33:12-34:26

Ezekiel 37:1-14

### **April 30 - *Kedoshim***

Leviticus 19:1-20:27

Amos 9:7-15 ■

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Finally, spring is around the corner or, as you read this, has already arrived. Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal, a time when the color green never looked so good and when we no longer get up in the dark and come home in the dark. Let's have a collective cheer for sunshine.

Passover is fast approaching (late this year, but these holidays are never on time, are they?), closely followed by Mother's Day and Father's Day. As usual, Kol Ami will be bustling with activities to help us emerge from our winter cocoons.

On **April 5**, we will be hosting an evening at Dovetail Artisans, a fantastic gift shop/boutique in Glenside. We'll get to *schmooze*, sip a little wine, and nosh while we shop for our loved ones. It'll be a great way to get that gift-shopping for Mom and Dad out of the way or maybe to buy ourselves a little present. On **April 19** there's our Second *Seder*, a truly wonderful event with delicious catered, family-style food and, of course, the Passover story and songs.

Our Social Action Committee will also be running a birthday party for children of the Kirkbride Center, a shelter in West Philadelphia, on **Sunday, April 17**. It's an event that will warm everyone's hearts and will be a wonderful *mitzvah* for those who participate. I encourage everyone to do so—see page 20 for more information. Then we have our stupendous, fantastic "American Song" concert on Saturday evening, **May 21**. This concert is given by congregants Sherry Cohen and John Miles, who graciously donate their time and talent to offer us an evening of song. Don't miss it—they really are amazing.

As always, there is more to do than there is time to do, but let's all participate and reach out to each other. We'll make unbreakable bonds and come away with a full heart and a happy mind.

Ilene Schafer

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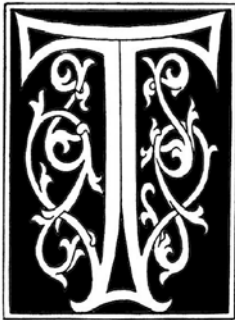
## WEB SITE UPDATE: 'MEMBERS ONLY' SECTION

by Rachel Ezekiel-Fishbein

Kol Ami is getting greener and more efficient and accessible each month. Last year, we launched our new Kol Ami Web site at [www.kolamielkinspark.org](http://www.kolamielkinspark.org). Just a few months ago, we took the monthly bulletin online—saving paper, printing, and postage costs—putting the bulletin at members' (and potential members') fingertips 24/7. In a just a few months, you can expect to receive notification that our new Members Only section of the Web site is up and running. This section will provide a breadth of important information to members in a secure, online setting. Through this section, members will be able to order High Holy Days tickets or book the social hall for a *simcha* with just a click of the mouse. Kids will be able to check their team's Color War standings in an instant. The Members Only section also will house: photos of goings-on in and around Kol Ami, a PDF version of our Member Directory, and even a *simcha* planning guide with references to favorite vendors and more. Keep your eyes open for the e-mail that tells you our Members Only section is online. ■

# FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin



he earth emits throaty growls, rumblings from the deep, and the world moves. Platelets grind and screech. The sounds are amazing and alarming. I have felt it and heard it firsthand on several occasions while growing up in San Francisco. I retain vivid memories of feelings that accompanied tremors, the prelude to earthquakes that jarred nerves and rattled teeth. The strongest one that I felt was in Northridge, California, in February 1971. It registered 6.7 on the Richter Scale. The quake struck at 6:01 on a weekday morning: buildings and freeway overpasses collapsed, and there were scores of deaths, but it would have been much worse had it hit during rush hour.

Asleep, I must have sensed the earth's wave motion because I instantly awoke and rolled out of bed just in time to avoid the descent of shelves laden with my stereo system, books, and other objects that crashed onto my bed. As the earth pitched, I fought for balance and made my way to the nearest doorway, grasping its frame to ride out the macabre dance. For months after that, I dreaded being caught in traffic under an overpass, preferring to take circuitous routes toward my destinations rather than run that risk.

On February 22, 2011, a quake that registered 6.3 hit Christchurch (New Zealand). One has but to see photos of mountainous roadways that skirt the area to realize the extent of the damage. Boulders are strewn haphazardly across the narrow, impassable lanes, like dice of chance encounters rolled down hills. The sight of the damaged city below is sobering. The once secure terrain is a checkerboard of homes that tilt precariously toward the earth, and some of them are 'pancaked' to their foundation. Those that remain relatively intact are too dangerous to dwell in, and so an exodus begins as people carry what they can to wherever food and shelter await. The community came together to dig out and help out, and the global community responded.

Then, on March 10, deep-sea earthquakes registering Richter readings of 9.0 triggered tsunamis that roared into Japan. Thinking back to Christchurch, a scant two weeks earlier, I said *Dayenu*, the refrain that we will recite later this month at our *Seders*. The destruction to prefectures in Japan is unfathomable, even as one watches real-time video streams that show cars, buses, boats, ships, houses and buildings tossed like toys on raging waters that consume cities and destroy lives. I see it and cannot believe it. I saw a video taken by residents of Kesennuma, Japan, from a high vantage point in a building in the midst of what would become a scene from Dante's circle of a watery hell: water pours through the arteries of the city, moving toward a parking lot surrounded by a fence five feet in height. In 90 seconds (90 seconds!) the lot is submerged, and the cars float away at odd angles, joining the flotsam that rushes by, a city being rapidly dismantled in nature's fury. It is a scene that is repeated in endless loops along Japan's coastline and inland. How does one remain sane in the midst of it?

Almost half a million people are living in shelters, many of them without food, water, or medicine. I write these words mid-March as the Fukushima nuclear power plant reels from core damage, cracks in containment walls, fires in plants, and radiation leaks. The 70,000 citizens living within 12 miles of the plant were forced to evacuate, and thousands of people within 20 miles were told to remain indoors. Citizens are being screened for radiation poisoning. One emotional tremor is replaced by another in unending waves of anxiety and grief.

Only 9,000 miles from Christchurch, New Zealand, and 6,500 miles from Kesennuma, Japan, the distance suddenly does not seem so great.

I say the *Mi'Shebbeirach* and shudder. I close my eyes and still see it all. I hug my wife, sons, and friends. The connection reminds me of the most precious people in my life. *L'chayim*. Yes, *l'chayim*.

*Shalom u'vrachah,*  
Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

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## **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

Please send articles by the 5th of the previous month (e.g., by April 5 for the May issue) to Debra Share, copy editor, at [debra\\_share@merck.com](mailto: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. ■

## **FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

### **PASSOVER IS COMING!**

This is it...the moment when one of the most important *mitzvot* ("and teach it to your children") is acted out in an elaborate (and long) ceremony. This moment in our year is all about transmitting our pivotal story from generation to generation. Perhaps as important as the Passover story are the memories we carry of our family's traditions. If those traditions include flipping pages like mad, listening to unintelligible Hebrew paragraphs one after another, and, of course, waiting for the food for hours, then perhaps we can create some more pleasant memories. Here are some ideas:

1. Create a family *haggadah*—use other *haggadot* to give you ideas—include your favorite songs and creative English translations of those long Hebrew parts!!
2. Begin your *seder* in the living room, relax on the couches as you read your *haggadot*, and snack on foods that you dip as soon as you get through the first few *brachot*!
3. Give each person at your *seder* a different *haggadah*—share as you go what the differences are—why do you think they emphasize different things? (Use a children's, a traditional, one with a theme, etc.)
4. Give each of your adult guests a different assignment ahead of time and have each prepare something to share at the table. Perhaps one can research different kosher wines, another can look into the traditions of a different culture, one can look at the history of parts of the *seder*, etc.

Good luck and *Chag Pesach Sameach*!

Rabbi Selilah Kalev ■

## **IM WISE STUDENT PROFILE: LINDSEY PASHKO**



Lindsey Pashko is in 11th grade at Abington High School. She enjoys reading, hanging out with her friends, and art.

Lindsey began Hebrew school at Kol Ami when she was 6 years old and was confirmed in 2010. She is in her first year of the Isaac Mayer Wise Program at Gratz College, where she is studying Hebrew, Reform Judaism, and Jewish Families in Film.

Lindsey is also the *Morah* (teacher) of the Chalom chapter of *B'Nai B'rith* Girls (BBG), in which she is responsible for recruiting and teaching new members. She also really loves working with Allison Savett and the sixth-grade class at Kol Ami. Lindsey is planning to major in graphic design after she graduates high school. She would also like to minor in Jewish studies. She aspires to become a graphic designer as well as a teacher at a Jewish religious school. ■



## BAR MITZVAH OF JED PANCZA

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, AT 10:00 AM



Jed is in the seventh grade at Abington Friends School. His favorite subjects are math and science. He wants to become a veterinarian when he grows up. He plays in the jazz band at school and is on the baseball and basketball teams. Jed also volunteers at the National Greyhound Adoption Program through his school, taking care of the dogs, walking them, and playing with them. He also works with Rescue Inc., which takes in stray and abused animals to a no-kill shelter, where they are cared for by former convicts. Jed has learned that people also deserve a second chance.

“My favorite things about being Jewish are the holy days and spending time with family. My favorite Jewish holy day is Passover, not just because it occurs around the time of my birthday, but because our whole family gets together. We all go up to my grandparents’ house in Martinsville, New Jersey, and have the family *Seder* there.

One of the things that I enjoy most about being Jewish is laughing at the stereotypes that people have about us, like ‘You must be rich’ or ‘You have a big nose.’ A lot of them, given that they are stereotypes, just aren’t true. I think the way that people hear stereotypes depends on who says it and how it is said. If a Jewish person says it, people tend to laugh. If a non-Jewish person says it in good humor with a sarcastic voice, then some people might laugh, but if it is said with a mean attitude, then people have their feelings hurt. People say stereotypical things about other people, but look next to you—that person may be the same religion as you, but a lot of things might be different.

The words that I will chant from the *Torah* (Leviticus 19:9-18 and 32-33) are part of what is called The Holiness Code: they guide us to do the right thing, such as not to create obstacles for the disabled or talk badly about someone who cannot hear what you are saying. We can apply this to our lives, not to be angels or perfect people, but to become better people. Even if we make ourselves just a tad better by listening to the words of my *Torah* Portion, it will make a difference.”

We congratulate Jed’s parents, Robin and Wayne. ■

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Adult Education Committee

Tuesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m.  
Co-chairs: Michael Chernoff, 215-677-8896, and Alan Gershenson, 215-887-3994

### Interfaith Relationship Dialogue

Tuesday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m.  
Home of Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen, 215-635-4716

### Worship Enhancement Committee

Sunday, April 3, at 11:00 a.m.  
Co-chairs: Jeffrey Cohen, 215-635-3232, and David Hyman, 248-1784 ■

## MAZAL TOV

Congratulations to **Ilene and Marshall Shafer** on the announcement of the engagement of their niece, Emily Oswald, to David Davis. ■



## CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences in loving memory of:

### Marilyn Baker

*mother of Amy (Les) Sabulsky*  
*grandmother of Joshua, Ava, and Emma*

May her memory forever be a blessing among our People. ■

# PLEASE JOIN US AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

## KOL AMI SECOND SEDER

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

6:00 p.m.  
Congregation Kol Ami

Delicious Kosher-Style Seder Dinner  
Songs and Passover Story

Tables of eight are available for family seating  
BYOB

Please return the right half of this form by **April 10, 2011**,  
with your check payable to Congregation Kol Ami to:

Barb Fink  
721 Meetinghouse Road  
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For additional information, call Barb Fink at 215-886-2297  
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### PLEASE RETURN THIS HALF OF THE FORM

I/we will attend the Kol Ami Second Seder on  
Tuesday, April 19, 2011.

Name of reservation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Member prices:

Number of adults age 13+ \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$36.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children age 6 - 12 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children age 5 & below \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of vegetarian meals \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$36.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Non-Member prices:

Number of adults age 13+ \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children age 6 - 12 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children age 5 & below \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of vegetarian meals \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL # PEOPLE** \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY:** I would like to help defray the Congregation's subsidy of  
the cost of this Seder meal by making a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Elijah's Plate.

If possible, please seat me with: \_\_\_\_\_

# Continuing Jewish Education

## THE BOOK OF PSALMS: A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION AND SOLACE

**Instructor: Rabbi Elliot J. Holin**

**Thursday, April 21 & 28, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Join Rabbi Holin as we discuss the meaning behind much-loved and oft-quoted words in our wisdom literature:

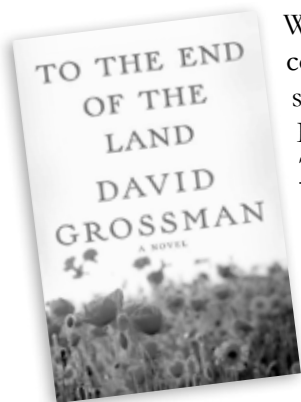
- “Who shall sojourn in Thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell on Thy holy mountain?” (Psalm 15)
- “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.” (Psalm 23)
- “Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy cometh in the morning.” (Psalm 30)
- “Cast me not off in the time of old age; when my strength faileth, forsake me not.” (Psalm 71)
- “How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land?” (Psalm 137)

Please RSVP by April 11 to Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182.

## CONTEMPORARY JEWISH WRITERS GROUP

**Facilitator: Lou Barrett**

**Sunday, May 1, at 11:00 a.m.**



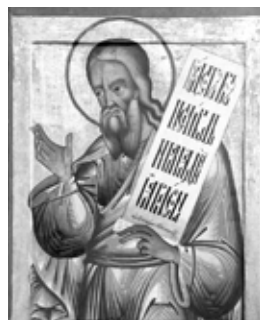
What is it like to raise a family in a country where “sirens and artillery shells are the music of the night”? In David Grossman’s scorching novel, To the End of the Land, a mother finds her life ruptured when her son, Ofer, re-enlists in the army and is sent to the front. The Israeli mother, Ora, unable to bear any bad news, sets out on the hike she and Ofer once planned together.

In her deeply imagined place, Ora decides she will, to protect herself, hike beyond reach of any news.

Ora’s journey brings back the men who most shape her life. She encounters her estranged best friend, Avram, who decides to accompany her on her walk. They reveal to each other their fears, intimacies, and alliances. Their conversations take them across generations and ethnicities. They share wounds of separation, love, history, and biology. Each

discovers something about the other and their people. At moments, the journey explodes with laughter; at others, the reader discerns the toll exacted from living and loving in a homeland of unending conflict. David Grossman, who lost his son in the last days of the Lebanon war, creates a narrative that receives its authority not only from his uncommon imagination and language, but from his heart. For Grossman, the determination to complete this novel was his “way of choosing life.”

## A PROPHETIC CALL TO CONSCIENCE ISAIAH—OUR MOST QUOTED PROPHET



**Instructor: Rabbi Elliot J. Holin**  
**Thursday, May 12 & 19**  
**from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Join Rabbi Holin as we define what made someone a Hebrew prophet, the historic context in which Isaiah spoke and, in particular, why his words resonate to this day in the name of social justice:

- “To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?” saith the Lord.” (1:11)
- “Learn to do well: seek justice, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.” (1:17)
- “How is the faithful city [Jerusalem] become a harlot!” (1:21)
- “It shall come to pass in the end of days that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it...for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.” (2:2-3)
- “The Lord of hosts takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah bread and water, the mighty man, and the man of war; the judge and the prophet...and I will give children to be their princes and babies shall rule over them.” (3:1-2,4)
- “The Lord of hosts is exalted through justice, and The Holy One is sanctified through righteousness.” (5:16)

Please RSVP by May 5 to Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182. ■



Congregation Kol Ami

## Sustainability & Green Committee

# Food for Thought: Vegan for a Week

by Daphne Price

Originally posted on the URJ "Let's Get Sustainable" blog post series—look for an environmentally themed post each Monday and learn more on the URJ Greening Reform Judaism Web portal—<http://urj.org/green>.

I am generally mindful of what I eat. As an observant Jew, I don't mix milk and meat, I don't eat pork or shellfish, and I choose certified-kosher food. As someone who is relatively health conscious, I try to maintain a balanced diet and make healthier food choices. And as an ethical consumer, I spend more time exploring local, organic, and other sustainable food options. When it comes to food, I often think about how I can do better.

So I was eager to hear Rabbi Yoffie deliver his 2009 Biennial Sermon, launching the URJ's Shulhan Yarak, Shulhan Tzedek (Green Table, Just Table) initiative. Rabbi Yoffie inspired a room of 3,000 Jews to think critically about how they eat, what foods they buy, and how these decisions impact our own health, the strength of our communities, and our global environment. There are valuable lessons to be learned from this initiative, and synagogues and individuals continue to explore the various changes they can incorporate into their lifestyles (Read Rabbi Yoffie's sermon and find out what leading synagogues, including Congregation Kol Ami, are up to on the Green Table, Just Table Web page (<http://urj.org/life/food>)).

Then, a couple of weeks ago, Oprah Winfrey caught my attention when she challenged her 378-person staff to embrace a vegan diet for a whole week. Rabbi Yoffie had encouraged us to reduce our red meat intake, but Oprah was going further—no meat, chicken, fish, eggs, or dairy. Her staff took the challenge, and the testimonials about their vegan-week experiences were entertaining, encouraging, and inspiring. The next day, I mentioned to Rabbi David Saperstein how interested I was in the show. As I was describing the episode, I thought that experimenting with a vegan diet could be an interesting way to bring together all of my dietary requirements—kosher, healthy, and ethical. So he and I decided to challenge ourselves and become vegans for one week too.

Initially, I found myself stressing over what the next week might look like with my limited food choices. So I decided to think about food a little more creatively and made the conscious decision to eat as many whole, non-processed foods as possible. I pureed my own hummus, made vegetable-based soups, and baked enough chocolate, fudgy brownies to hold me through the week. And, I carried lots of nuts, fruits, and vegetables for snacks.

To my surprise, I felt pretty good! I wasn't hungry for a moment, probably because I was better prepared for meals than usual. I felt cleansed...healthy. I discovered which fruits and vegetables worked for me and which worked against me (note to self: it's never a good idea to eat a pound of baby carrots in a single sitting). And as an added bonus, at the end of the week I discovered that I lost four pounds.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not looking to become vegan. This week-long experiment may have worked, but it wasn't easy. I avoided restaurants so I wouldn't be tempted by meat. I missed having milk in my cereal and in my coffee (neither soy nor almond milk did the trick for me). I missed sharing a pizza with my kids. I missed eating chili on Super Bowl Sunday. I missed nibbling on the milk chocolate kisses that sit on my desk. Even so, after eating vegan for a week, I am giving serious thought to changing some of my eating habits for the long-term—maybe taking on a "Meatless Monday" and/or a "Tofu Tuesday."

I have a newfound understanding of vegans and veganism as well as the challenges of a restricted diet and the rewards for being more thoughtful and intentional about my food choices. I'll carry this week-long lesson with me for a long time to come. How about you? What changes have you considered making to your dietary lifestyle, and what motivates those changes? ■

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Daphne Price is executive assistant to Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC).



## SHARE THE VISION OF PROMOTING A HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM AT KOL AMI

A wonderful way to regularly receive freshly harvested, seasonal organic produce and at the same time help to sustain family farmers and preserve regional farmland is to join the Elkins Park *Hazon* Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) program at Congregation Kol Ami. CSA is now signing up members for the 2011 season, May-October, at [ElkinsParkHazonCSA.com](http://ElkinsParkHazonCSA.com). ■

## KOL AMI NOW A HOST SITE FOR LFFC'S FOUR SEASON HARVEST BUYING CLUB

If it's too much for you to commit to a full CSA share, try this alternative way to support our farmers at Lancaster Farm Fresh Organic Farmers Cooperative (LFFC) and still select what you want from them by joining their Four Season Harvest Buying Club, now hosted at Kol Ami. Sign up for free directly with LFFC, shop online when you want, and pick up your items at Kol Ami via weekly deliveries. Products include seasonal organic vegetables, organic eggs from pastured hens, organic and sustainable meat and dairy products. Go to [LancasterFarmFresh.com](http://LancasterFarmFresh.com) to sign up and then click on Four Season Harvest tab. ■

## THE END OF THE LINE

**Documentary Film about Sustainable Seafood**  
**Wednesday, April 6, 6:30 p.m. at Congregation Kol Ami**

Humans have long regarded the world's oceans as vast and inexhaustible. Now, we have learned otherwise. Based on the critically acclaimed book by Charles Clover, *The End of the Line* charts the devastating ecological impact of overfishing, including the imminent extinction of the blue-fin tuna, and illuminates how our modern fishing capacities far outstrip the survival abilities of any ocean species. Scientists explain how this depletion has slipped under the public radar and outline the catastrophic future that awaits us—an ocean without fish by 2048 if we do not adjust our fishing and consumption practices.

An alarming call to action that is already changing the world, the film narrates an escalating global crisis that can only be avoided by recovering and sustaining the incredible vitality of the sea. Beyond detailing the issues at hand, *The End of the Line* outlines the solutions, motivating supermarkets, restaurants, and individuals to take the necessary steps to save the ocean. Now you can join them.

Amanda Broussard, founder of Otolith Sustainable Seafood, will be on hand to discuss supporting environmental sustainability when choosing to buy fish. ■

## The last of the 2011 sustainability series...

The Elkins Park *Hazon* CSA at Kol Ami is proud to sponsor, in conjunction with Pennypack Farm and Education Center, a night at the movies, followed by discussion groups led by panels of experts. The cost is \$10 each. Tickets also now on sale at [www.amblertheater.org/pennypack](http://www.amblertheater.org/pennypack) or at the box office.



### APRIL 12 (ONE NIGHT, TWO MOVIES)

#### GHANA: DIGITAL DUMPING GROUND & BAG-IT

"Ghana: Digital Dumping Ground" is a documentary that presents the dirty secret of the digital age—the dumping and dangerous recycling of hundreds of millions of pounds of electronic waste. And, "Bag-it" is an entertaining, yet disturbing look at what happens to those ubiquitous plastic bags and the mountains of other single-use plastic containers. Both are sure to open your eyes and mind for solutions. ■

# Kol Ami Events

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## **FIRST-FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT SERVICE** for April Birthday & Anniversary Blessings Friday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m.

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

## **FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT**



Rabbi Holin’s **Fast for Darfur**—which supports rescue efforts in Darfur—and **Nothing But Nets** fast—which supports URJ’s project to purchase, distribute, and educate about the proper use of insecticide-treated family bed nets to prevent the spread of malaria in Africa—will be on **Thursday, April 21, and Wednesday, May 25.**

His **Phast for Philadelphia**—which is on behalf of unemployed workers in Philadelphia who are struggling to make ends meet by helping them pay their mortgages, address health care needs, and pay electric bills—will be on **Monday, April 11, and Tuesday, May 10.**

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

### **Commission on Social Action**

Union for Reform Judaism  
633 Third Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10017  
(make check payable to the URJ with a memo note ‘Nothing But Nets’)

### **Save Darfur Coalition**

3246 Solutions Center, Lockbox #773246  
Chicago, IL 60677

## **Unemployment Information Center**

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

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

## **SUPPORT KOL AMI @ DOVETAIL ARTISANS**

**Tuesday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m.**

**105 East Glenside Avenue, Glenside, PA**

Come out to “Kol Ami Shopping Night” and enjoy some refreshments. Up to 15 percent of all sales goes to Kol Ami.

## **JOIN US AT OUR FAMILY HAVDALAH SERVICE**

**Saturday, April 9, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**



This is a wonderful time for all of us to be together: a gathering of children, young adults, and adults to rejoice in the celebration of *Havdalah*.

4:00-4:45 p.m. - *Schmooze* and graze

4:45-5:15 p.m. - Sing-along

5:15-5:30 p.m. - *Havdalah* Service

## **HEALING SERVICE**

**Sunday, April 10, at 1:00 p.m.**

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

## **ANNUAL SECOND SEDER**

**Tuesday, April 19, at 6:00 p.m.**

Make plans now to join us for our annual second *Seder*. This wonderful event is open to the community and is a family friendly *Seder*. Join us for a catered, family style meal and singing led by Rabbi Holin and our Cantorial Soloist, Rebecca Schwartz. See page 6 for the *Seder* RSVP and meal order form. Contact Barbara Fink at 215-886-2297 or [bfink3@gmail.com](mailto:bfink3@gmail.com) for more information.

## CELEBRATE THE END OF PASSOVER

Tuesday, April 26, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Luigi's Pizzarama, 417 Township Line Rd, Elkins Park

Bring a copy of the flyer that is in our religious school office and 20 percent of the cost of your "regular menu" order goes back to Kol Ami.

## MASTERING MAH JONGG

Wednesday evenings, beginning April 27, at 7:00 p.m.

Have you always wanted to learn how to play Mah Jongg but were afraid to ask? Well, now's your chance! Congregant Robin Shane and her friend, Kate Forest, will teach a four-week class at Kol Ami on Wednesday nights, beginning in April. For more information, contact Irene Levy Baker at 215-782-2253 or [spotlightpr@comcast.net](mailto:spotlightpr@comcast.net).

## LOCA (LADIES OF A CERTAIN AGE) OUTING

Friday, April 29, Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ

Please join us for a fun day outdoors. We will be carpooling and leaving the synagogue at 8:30 a.m. and returning about 4:30 p.m. Lunch is TBA. The admission fee is \$12 and \$10 for seniors over 65. Contact Jean Ettinger at [jeanettinger@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettinger@gmail.com) or 215-635-3623

## OLE! ISH CELEBRATES SPRING WITH CINCO DE MAYO!

Saturday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Location TBA

Please bring a Mexican-inspired snack to share, BYOB. All (adults) welcome! Please RSVP to Sherry Cohen at 215-885-2436 or [shcohen361@verizon.net](mailto:shcohen361@verizon.net).



## KOL AMI BENEFIT CONCERT

Saturday, May 21, at 8:00 p.m.

Join us at this spectacular musical event with Sheryl Heather Cohen and John David Miles as they sing an All-American Program at their Third Annual Benefit Concert for Congregation Kol Ami. You won't want to miss a minute of it! See the event flyer on page 12.

## SAVE-THE-DATE: DANCE, DANCE, DANCE

Saturday, June 4, from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

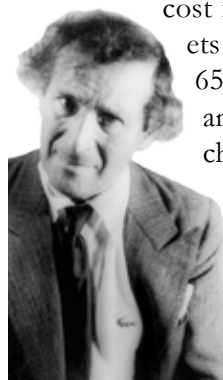
The Kol Ami Religious School Activities Working Group is pleased to announce another evening of dancing and dessert when Greg Brown's band "Gil Brewster" will be playing until our feet fall off. Hold the date and get the babysitters lined up now. The cost is \$25/couple in advance; \$30 at the door and \$12.50 for a single in advance, \$15 at the door.

## LOCA GUIDED TOUR OF CHAGALL EXHIBIT

Sunday, June 5, at 10:00 a.m.

Perelman Building, Philadelphia Art Museum

LOCAs are invited to join a docent-led tour of Paris through the Window, Marc Chagall and His Circle. This is the first tour of the day, and the museum won't be crowded, which will make the experience even better. The cost for admission to the Perelman and tickets to the exhibit is \$16 (\$15 for seniors 65+). The tour will take about an hour, and there will be a separate admission charge for those who also wish to visit the Art Museum. Space is limited, so book early. Send your check to Congregation Kol Ami with "Chagall Exhibit" on the memo line by May 1. Contact Natalie Dyen at 215-657-4124 or [nat.dyen@verizon.net](mailto:nat.dyen@verizon.net).



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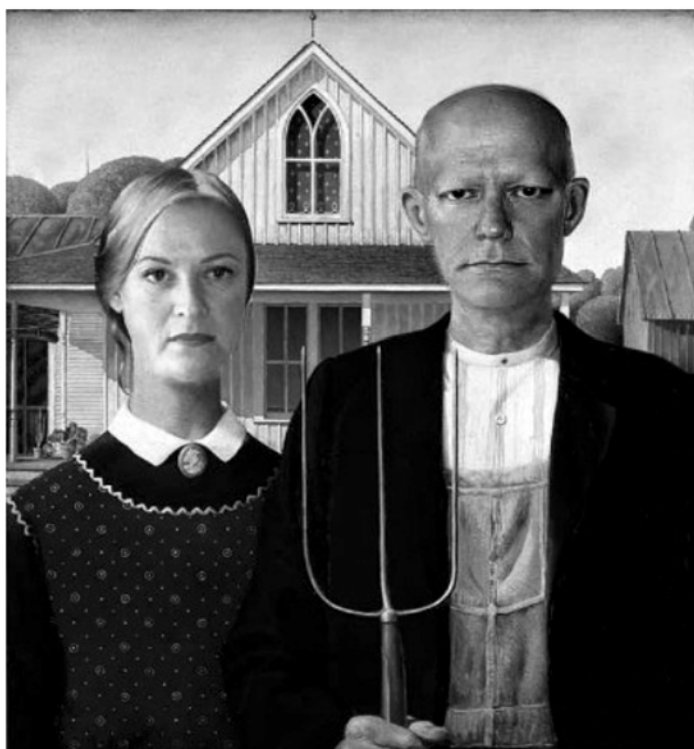
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# AMERICAN SONG

**Sheryl Heather Cohen, Soprano**

**John David Miles, Baritone**

**Michele Scanlon, Piano**



**Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.**

**Congregation Kol Ami קול עמי**

**8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA**

**Tickets \$20**

**For more information, call 215-635-3110.**

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**Elkins Park, PA 19027**

To schedule an appointment contact:  
Sharon Myers - 215-938-7435  
Jean Ettinger - 215-635-3623

For further info call 1-800-RED-CROSS

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## MARTIAL ARTS IS COMING TO KOL AMI !

**Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

The class will include warm-ups, basics (stances, block and counters, kicking), forms, conditioning, limited releases and limited *chanbara* (padded weapons). Belt tests will be conducted periodically based on individual progress. The class will be taught by Sensei Scott Elkins. Sensei Elkins has been studying martial arts for 25 years and teaching in the area for 22 years. The cost per class is \$5.00 for members; \$7.00 for non-members. Contact Scott at 267-205-0216. ■

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ETHICAL CHOICES WHEN MEDICINE CAN'T SAVE YOUR LIFE

**Thursday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m.**

**presented by JSPAN at the Mainline Reform Temple**

Some day, each of us will likely need to offer advice or make decisions dealing with terminal illness and end-of-life dilemmas. We should all be equipped to confront these perplexing issues well before the time of need. This program is intended for religious and medical professionals and counselors and all interested individuals in synagogues and throughout the community.

The evening will commence with a video reenactment of typical conversations between patient and doctor discussing end-of-life care options and issues. Then the following panel of experts will explore the challenges and respond to our questions:

- **Dr. Arthur Caplan**, the noted expert on bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania will moderate the discussion
- **Dr. Michael Levy**, chair of the Ethics Committee at Fox Chase Cancer Center and a founder of the field of Palliative Care
- **Dr. Susan Denman**, gerontologist and hospice expert
- **Rabbi Richard Address**, director of the Department of Jewish Family Concerns, Union for Reform Judaism
- **Barry Furrow**, attorney and director of the Health Law Program at the Earle Mack School of Law, Drexel University, and one of the founders of the field of Health Law

Rabbi Holin is on the planning team for the conference. If you have any questions or would like to join him at the program, call him at 215-635-4182.

## SPRING CHORISTERS CONCERT

**Saturday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m.**

**Upper Dublin Lutheran Church, Ambler, PA**

Kol Ami congregant John Miles will be performing as bass soloist with The Choristers in Dvorak's *Stabat Mater*. The cost for adults is \$20, Seniors \$15, and Students \$10. For more information, visit [TheChoristers.org](http://TheChoristers.org).

## BE PART OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE REFORM MOVEMENT'S RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER

**at the National Consultation on Conscience**

**May 1 to 3 in Washington, DC**

This is Reform Judaism's flagship social justice and public policy conference that brings together Jewish and public policy decision makers for three days of social action and advocacy sessions.

Be part of the discussion that will shape the 112th Congress and that are at the core of our efforts to bring Jewish values to the public policy process: economic justice, poverty issues, environmental and sustainability issues, reproductive choice, immigration, health care, Israel, church-state and first amendment issues, and more. The opportunity for meaningful dialogue with elected officials, congregational social action leaders, and other community activists will energize you!

Receive early bird registration rates at [rac.org/consultation](http://rac.org/consultation), and please let Rabbi Holin know if you plan to go.

## ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Sunday, May 15, 2:00 p.m., on the Kol Ami Meadow**

Kol Ami will celebrate Israel Independence Day in a collaborative program with Temple Melrose B'nai Israel, partially funded and made possible by a grant received from the Kehillah of Old York Road.

Our celebration will be family-centered and will include music and Israeli dancing featuring Rak-Dan Entertainment, games for children, face-painting by teens from both congregations, and as typical of Kol Ami, lots of Israeli and Kosher food! The program will begin after Religious School ends, and continue until approximately 2:00 p.m.

Members of both congregations have been working collaboratively since December to bring this celebration to fruition, and we are pleased that the Kehillah has chosen to recognize this effort with a significant grant. It is our hope that in 2012, we will be able to hold another Israel Independence Day celebration, again with the assistance and support of the Old York Road Kehillah. ■

## ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

Melissa Tevere and Karen Hunter-McLaughlin

**ROOTED: Paintings Inspired by Nature - April 27 through June 16**



**KAREN HUNTER-MCLAUGHLIN (LEFT)** has worked representationally, abstractly, and digitally. Her work mostly references the elusive, yet powerful influence of memory. Childhood memories, dreams, and the nature of how these influence our well-being all figure prominently. Karen often uses nature as a metaphor to illustrate these themes. A lifelong Philadelphian and Tyler School of Art alum, Karen uses the city parks she grew up in and the disappearing natural landscape of her neighborhood as a reference point in this recent work.

Visit [www.karen-hunter-mclaughlin.com](http://www.karen-hunter-mclaughlin.com) for additional work information and portfolio samples.

**Please join us on Sunday, May 1, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. for the artists' open house. ■**

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*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 Executive Office. The gallery hours are Wednesday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If the religious school is closed on those days, the gallery is closed as well.*

**MELISSA TEVERE (RIGHT):** Primarily a landscape/portrait painter and art educator, Melissa Tevere graduated from Tyler School of Art with her BFA in painting. She teaches art to children at the Abington Art Center and from her home studio in Glenside. In 2005, she founded MamaCita, a cooperative that provides support, encouragement, and exhibition opportunities for women in the arts. Recent exhibitions have included “(w)holons” at the Abington Art Center (December 2010) and “A Landscape LOVE Affair” at the Fairmount Park Welcome Center (February 2011).

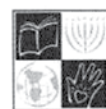
Melissa is also the founder of the Buy Original Art (BOA) Initiative, a grassroots movement dedicated to raising public awareness regarding the value of buying original art as opposed to reproductions.

To see Melissa's work, visit [www.mamacitaarts.com](http://www.mamacitaarts.com), or visit [www.buyoriginalart.wordpress.com](http://www.buyoriginalart.wordpress.com) to read more about the BOA Initiative.





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## Mitzvah Mania

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It's never too early to think "spring." Community organizations and individuals are urged to plan on participating in this 4th annual effort to renovate homes, replenish the environment, rejuvenate spirits and realize true social action.

Locations and logistics are being finalized, but here's a sneak preview of some of our signature projects:

- ▶ A "Block Build" with Rebuilding Together Philadelphia
- ▶ A grand-scale environmental project with Fairmount Park
- ▶ A cosmetic make-over of the Klein JCC
- ▶ Friendly visiting project with the Albert Einstein Healthcare Network at Moss Rehab/Elkins Park Hospital
- ▶ Assemble Passover baskets at the Kaiserman JCC

Sunday, May 1, 2011 • 1:00 pm

## Philadelphia's Annual Memorial Ceremony for the Six Million Jewish Martyrs Monument to the Six Million Jewish Martyrs 16th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Dorothy Freedman Memorial Conversation with a Survivor Program  
A special program for middle and high school students beginning at 10:00 am.  
For more information: 215.832.0536



Sunday, May 22, 2011 ISRAEL IN OUR HEARTS



ISRAEL63  
יום העצמאות Independence Day

Join the Philadelphia Jewish community as we celebrate the 63rd anniversary of the State of Israel! Shop at an Israeli marketplace, enjoy a wide variety of foods and special children's activities, and browse booths highlighting the programs and activities of many local community organizations.

For more information ▶ 215.832.0536





# KOL AMI APRIL 2011 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> <b>Religious School Staff Meeting</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>Trope Class</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b> 9:50 a.m. <b>Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon</b> 10:00 a.m. - Color War <i>Torah Bowl</i> 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal <b>Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting</b> 11:00 a.m.	<b>4</b> <b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Yoga <b>Adult Yoga Class</b> 6:45 p.m.	<b>5</b> <b>Nursery School</b> 9:00 a.m. - Fitness <b>Dovetail Artisans in Glenside</b> 5:30 p.m. <b>Interfaith Relationship Dialogue</b> 7:30 p.m. Home of Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen	<b>6</b> <b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Program Specialist <b>Religious School</b> 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. <b>Documentary Film</b> "The End of the Line" 6:30 p.m.	<b>7</b> <b>Zumba Class</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>8</b> <b>Nursery School</b> <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> with Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. <b>Kids@Kol Ami</b> <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 6:00 p.m. Student Choir Participation <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>9</b> <b>Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Family Havdalah Service</b> 4:00 p.m.
					<b>1</b> <b>Nursery School</b> <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>First-Friday</b> <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Participation Presentation of <i>Tikun Olam</i> Award to JSPAN	<b>2</b> <b>Shabbat Service</b> 10:00 a.m. with Grade 10 Students' shared writings / discussion

# KOL AMI **APRIL 2011** AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

KOL AMI <b>APRIL 2011</b> AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>10</b> <b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b> 9:50 a.m.  <b>Religious School</b> <b>10:00 a.m. to Noon</b> 10:30 a.m. - JFCS Presentation, "Cyber-Bullying" for Gr 6 & 7 and their parents 11:40 a.m. - Gr K-7 T'filah 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal  <b>Knit 'N Nosh</b> 10:00 a.m.  <b>Healing Service</b> 1:00 p.m.	<b>11</b> <b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Yoga  <b>Adult Yoga Class</b> 6:45 p.m.	<b>12</b> <b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Fitness	<b>13</b> <b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Program Specialist  <b>Religious School</b> 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - Grade 7 "Cook for a Friend" Program	<b>14</b>
<b>17</b> <b>No Religious School Passover</b>	<b>18</b> <b>No Nursery School Spring Break</b>	<b>19</b> <b>No Nursery School Spring Break</b>  <b>Congregation Second Seder</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>20</b> <b>No Nursery School Spring Break</b>  <b>No Religious School Passover</b>	<b>21</b> <b>No Nursery School Spring Break</b>  <b>Zumba Class</b> 6:00 p.m.  <b>Continuing Adult Education</b> 7:30 p.m. "The Book of Psalms: A Source of Inspiration and Solace" with Rabbi Holin
<b>16</b> <b>Shabbat Service</b> 10:00 a.m. with Grade 10 Students' shared writings / discussion	<b>15</b> <b>Nursery School Seder</b> 11:00 a.m.  <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>22</b> <b>No Nursery School Spring Break</b>  <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>23</b> <b>Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>30</b> <b>Bar Mitzvah of Jed Pancer</b> 10:00 a.m.
<b>24</b> <b>No Religious School Passover</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Concluding day of Passover- Yizkor Service</b> 10:00 a.m.  <b>Adult Yoga Class</b> 6:45 p.m.	<b>26</b> <b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Fitness  <b>Adult Education Committee Meeting</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>27</b> <b>Nursery School</b> 9:30 a.m. - Jewish Programming  <b>Religious School</b> 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.  <b>Mah Jongg Class</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>28</b> <b>Continuing Adult Education</b> 7:30 p.m. "The Book of Psalms: A Source of Inspiration and Solace" with Rabbi Holin
<b>29</b> <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>29</b> <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>29</b> <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>29</b> <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>29</b> <b>erev Shabbat Service</b> 7:30 p.m.

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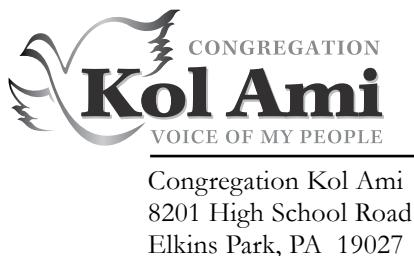
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## **SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE PARTNERSHIP WITH RUBY'S KIDS**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17, FROM 12:00 TO 3:30 PM**

Congregation Kol Ami will launch its Social Action Committee partnership with Ruby's Kids on April 17, when it will host a birthday party for about 60 children (ages 4 to 12) who live at the Kirkbride Shelter in Philadelphia. Ruby's Kids is a Jenkintown-based, non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the social, emotional, and educational welfare of underprivileged children in Philadelphia. It operates year-round, throwing birthday parties, providing study centers and libraries for children in homeless shelters, stuffing backpacks with school supplies, and hosting the annual holiday party for the neediest young children from Philly's inner-city schools.

The evolution of Ruby's Kids shows how one person can make a difference. Ruby Caesar, a former North Philadelphia resident, hosted a small holiday party at her home for several children in her neighborhood, where each child was given a gift of a hat and gloves. Then, Ruby's daughter became very ill and died, leaving Ruby to care for her two young granddaughters. This new responsibility left Ruby without the time and money necessary to host her traditional Christmas party.

At that same time, Roz and her husband, Dr. Don Weiss, were looking to connect with an organization dedicated to bringing joy to needy children by hosting a party with gifts, a warm meal, and entertainment. Roz and Ruby "found" each other at this exact time, and in 1994, they jointly organized their first party. Roz and Ruby brought together their friends and family who gathered food and toys for 75 children. Dr. Don dressed as Santa, and his office staff became elves for a day.

Ruby and Roz decided to make the party a yearly tradition; however, in February 1995, Roz received a call that Ruby had been rushed to the hospital, where she died. So, in honor of Ruby, Roz called the second annual party, "Ruby's Kids Holiday Party" and the event continued. With the help of 200 volunteers, the 2010 holiday party hosted 500 children from 12 elementary schools and 3 homeless shelters.

**Kol Ami members and youth over 16, please plan to give us a hand on April 17.** RSVP to Ellen Fischer at [efischer@fischerlawoffice.com](mailto:efischer@fischerlawoffice.com). For more information on Ruby's Kids, visit [www.RubysKids.org](http://www.RubysKids.org). ■