



WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

“Celebration and Continuity” *erev*

Shabbat Service: Members who joined our Synagogue in 1994, our first year of existence, are invited to attend this service in their honor on a night of “First-Friday” blessings under the *tallit* for everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month

SATURDAY, Nov. 4, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue; the *dvar Torah* will be given by Carol Nemeroff

FRIDAY, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service with book reviewer extraordinaire Beverly Rosen who will review Lauren Belfer’s recent novel, And After the Fire (see page 8)

SATURDAY, Nov. 11, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue with our Grade 8 and 9 students who will share their thoughts about their current topics of study in our Confirmation Academy and we will have the opportunity to engage in discussions with them

FRIDAY, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

“Transgender Day of Remembrance” *erev Shabbat* Service with guest speaker Phoenix Schneider, MSW; Director, LGBTQ Initiative Jewish Family and Children’s Service of Greater Philadelphia (see page 9)

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LIGHTING THE CANDLES AND SAYING THE BLESSINGS OVER THE HANUKKIAH

FIRST NIGHT OF HANUKKAH (TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12)

The *shamash*, or serving candle, is lit first and is used to light the other candles every evening. The *shamash* is noticeable because it is situated higher than, or in front of, the other candles. Each night of *Hanukkah*, the candles are placed in the *hanukkiah* from right to left (the same way in which Hebrew is read) but are lit from left to right.

ON THE FIRST NIGHT ONLY, the *Sheh’beh’chyanu* is recited or sung:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha’olam

Sheh’beh’chyanu v’ki’y’manu v’hig’yanu

laz’mahn hazeh

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
Who has given us life, sustained us, and brought us to this time.

ON EACH NIGHT, the following blessings are recited or sung:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha’olam

asher kid’shanu b’mitzvotav v’tzi’vanu l’hadlik neir

shel Hanukkah

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
Who sanctifies us through *mitzvot* and commands us to kindle
the candles of *Hanukkah*.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha’olam

Sheh’asah neisim l’avo’taynu ba’yameem ha’hame

bahz’mahn hazeh

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
Who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days,
as at this time. ■

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SATURDAY, Nov. 18, at 10:00 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Elad Shoham

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FRIDAY, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, Nov. 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Cantor Leon Sher joins us once again at our *erev Shabbat* Service that will be led by male-identified members of our Congregation on an evening that will also be enhanced by the voices of our Adult Choir

SATURDAY, Dec. 2, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue; the *dvar Torah* will be given by Barry Steinbrecher

FRIDAY, Dec. 8, at 7:00 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service with the voices of our Student Choir

SATURDAY, Dec. 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Cameron Pelletier (see page 12)

FRIDAY, Dec. 15

6:00 p.m. - "Fun-for-Kids" *erev Shabbat* Service appropriate for all ages! It's a happy half hour with lots of music.

7:30 p.m. - "Celebration and Continuity" *erev Shabbat* Service: All current and former Kol Ami students who celebrated their *Bar/Bat Mitzvahs*, Confirmation Services, or I.M. Wise Program and LAMED graduations are invited to attend this service in their honor on an evening of "Third-Friday" blessings under the *tallit* for everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

Throughout the year, we will be rejoicing at significant services called "Celebration and Continuity," the theme of this year of transition. The services will be an opportunity for us to welcome different cohorts within our congregation, members young and older, with whom I have celebrated significant life-cycle events as well as transcendent moments at our synagogue and elsewhere.

On **November 3**, members who joined Kol Ami in 1994 during our first year of existence will celebrate with us on *erev Shabbat* as we reflect upon our first steps and beyond as a congregation. The words in our first synagogue bulletin (December 1994) capture the essence of why we created our synagogue:

"Many of us have yearned for a spiritual home where we feel our presence matters: a place where we are greeted by name, and where people will hear our voices ("The Voice of My People"), respond to our needs, and celebrate our joys. Kol Ami is the discovery of the community we have long sought...

We must always strive to remember what it was that brought us together: the opportunity to create a congregation that is truly a community of caring people; the eagerness to develop enriching programs and enjoyable activities; the delight of voices joined in song at services; the belief that here we have found a spiritual home that will help us live our faith, rich in meaning and purpose, and to discover some important things about ourselves in the process.

This has been one of the most creative, exciting, enriching times of my life. Together we are creating something very special."

An affirmation of what we have achieved through our devotion to *dor l'dor* will be acknowledged on *erev Shabbat*, **December 15**, when current and former students who rejoiced at their *Bar/Bat Mitzvahs* and Confirmations, graduated from the I.M. Wise Program at Gratz College, and more recently from our congregation's esteemed LAMED program of continued Jewish study, will gather to celebrate more than two decades of devotion to learning and *mitzvot*.

In the midst of these two incredibly significant *Shabbat* services, *Hanukkah* arrives on **December 12**, the festival of rededication. What perfect timing at this point in our congregation's history!

B'avavah, tikvah v'emunah,
Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

L'DOR VA'DOR

Over the course of his 24 years of service to Congregation Kol Ami, Rabbi Elliot Holin has had an immeasurable impact on all of us. From those he's married, to those he has supported in their Jewish education, from those he worked with to convert to Judaism, to those interfaith families he has welcomed to our community.

We are taking the opportunity to celebrate these life-cycle events by holding six very special *Shabbat* services over the course of the next few months, culminating in a celebration for Rabbi Holin at the National Museum of American Jewish History on May 12. We would like to invite all current and past members to join us at these services and events:

NOVEMBER 3 AT 7:30 P.M. - FOUNDING MEMBERS

Join the founding members of Kol Ami for services and a celebratory *Oneg* with champagne toast. Hear memories of those who were there at the very beginning.

DECEMBER 15 AT 7:30 P.M. - RELIGIOUS STUDENTS

Join our Religious School students – past and present – to celebrate their relationship with Rabbi Holin and their ongoing connection to Judaism.

MARCH 9 AT 7:30 P.M. - CELEBRATION AND CONTINUITY: CHOOSING JUDAISM ON SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

Join us on *Shabbat Across America* as we celebrate those in our community who have chosen to convert to Judaism. Join us at this celebratory *Shabbat* to hear from those members and the Rabbi about their service of conversion and how that decision has added meaning to their life.

MARCH 17 AT 10:00 A.M. - ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH

Hear from Rabbi Holin and those who chose to celebrate their *B'Nai Mitzvah* later in life and what this meant to them.

APRIL 13 AT 7:30 P.M. - COUPLES MARRIED BY THE RABBI

Rabbi Holin has married many couples over the last 24 years. Come join us for a discussion of what those services meant to Rabbi Holin and from the families who he supported through this most important milestone in their lives.

APRIL 29 AT 4:00 P.M. - INTERFAITH FAMILIES

Many who come to Kol Ami have chosen to do so because of our commitment to interfaith families. Join Kol Ami's interfaith families for a celebratory BBQ on the meadow.

MAY 12 AT 6:00 P.M. - EVENING OF CELEBRATION AT THE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY

Mark your calendars now for this celebration of Kol Ami, Rabbi Holin, and our wonderful community. Look for more information over the next few months on this special event and other ways to honor our wonderful Rabbi.

"Our congregation has been sustained and nurtured through the commitment of so many people who believe in one another, in the creative power of change, and in our pledge to ensure Jewish continuity through the examples of our lives and the education of our children—the next generation." — Rabbi Holin ■

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SATURDAY, Dec. 16, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue; the *dvar Torah* will be given by Carol Nemeroff

FRIDAY, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, Dec. 23, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, Dec. 29, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, Dec. 30, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue ■



CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving memory of:

Peter Denitz

husband of Beth

father of Hannah and Sam

Anita Katz

mother of David (Carol Ventura)

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

TORAH & HAFTARAH

November 4 – *Vayera*

Genesis 18:1-22:24, II Kings 4:1-37

November 11 – *Chayei Sarah*

Genesis 23:1-25:18, I Kings 1:1-31

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TORAH & HAFTARAH

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November 18 – *Toledote*

Genesis 25:19-28:9, I Samuel 20:18-42

November 25 – *Vayetzei*

Genesis 28:10-32:3, Hosea 12:13-14:10

December 2 – *Vayishlach*

Genesis 32:4-36:43, Obadiah 1:1-21

December 9 – *Vayeshev*

Genesis 37:1-40:23, Amos 2:6-3:8

December 16 – *Miketz*

Genesis 41:1-44:17, Zechariah 2:14-4:7

December 23 – *Vayigash*

Genesis 44:18-47:27, Ezekiel 37:15-28

December 30 – *Vayehi*

Genesis 47:28-50:26, I Kings 21:1-12 ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Caring Congregants Committee

Thursday, November 16, at 6:00 p.m.
Chairs: Linda George, 215-782-1413,
and Elaine Gershenson, 215-887-3994

Inclusion – LGBTQ Initiative

Sunday, November 19, at 9:30 a.m.
Chair: Morgan Selkirk, 267-287-2555

Membership Committee

Sunday, November 12, at 10:00 a.m.
Chair: Rachel Ezekiel-Fishbein,
215-635-3675

Shomrei Adamah (Environmental Stewardship) Committee

Thursday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m.
Chair: Mark Kaplan, 215-635-2920

Social Action Committee

Monday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m.
Chairs: Jody Long, 215-635-4751, and
Rocky Weinstock, 215-782-3848

Spiritual Growth Group

Monday, November 20 and
December 18, at 7:00 p.m.
Chairs: Janet Falon, 215-635-1698, and
Meryle Gurmankin, 215-464-2466 ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The most precious and intangible quality of leadership is trust—the confidence that the one who leads will act in the best interest of those who follow and the assurance that they will serve the group without sacrificing the rights of individuals. This quality describes both of our outgoing board members, **Robin Warsaw** and **Phyllis Harrison**.

As past chair of the Membership Committee, Robin provided unending energy, warmth, enthusiasm, and caring to ensure that prospective and new members were welcomed and engaged in congregational life. She advocated for Religious School curriculum and continues to be active on the committee. Robin's commitment as a board member and her presence at programs and events were and continue to be appreciated.

Phyllis Harrison's passion, kind heart, and deep devotion to Kol Ami are also commendable. As an active member of Caring Congregants, she reliably connected with members, on our behalf, for special birthdays and anniversaries. In addition, she exemplified audacious hospitality by devoting countless hours and love into our community.

On behalf of the congregation, I recently had the honor of presenting Robin and Phyllis with *tzedakah* boxes created by Gary Rosenthal. The inscription aptly reads: "Given in Gratitude for Your Devotion and Dedication."

This year we proudly welcome five new board of trustees.

- **Nigel Blower**, our "international member," raised in England, has a strong sense of community, shared values, and inclusive qualities central to Kol Ami. He is currently co-chair of the Finance Committee with Lisa Landau and, with his Information Technology background, a huge help with strategic planning. Over the years, Nigel and Julie have hosted more Kol Ami events at their house than can readily be counted.
- **Justin Krik** brings a diverse set of interests and skill sets to our Board, as well as a personal tradition of community service. And as we learned during the High Holidays, he has a very strong lung capacity and literally "blew us" away with the *shofar*—adding to the beauty and meaning of the service.
- **Tamara Sniad** got involved last year as a member of the Programming Committee, taking on the responsibility for a very successful and creative family-focused trip to the National Liberty Museum. When Tamara sees a need, she responds and this is how "REMIND" got started at Kol Ami—enabling us to get updates and reminders for meetings and activities on our cell phones. Tamara will use her creativity, insight, and organizational skills to support the Religious School Committee as its new chair.
- We also welcome back **David Hyman** and **Barry Boise** to our board. These two individuals have been involved in congregation life, adding wisdom and strength to so many programs. Their deep and long-standing commitment to Kol Ami is simply awesome.

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HIGH HOLY DAY 2017 POEMS WRITTEN BY OUR CONGREGANTS

INDESTRUCTIBLE

by Natalie Zellat Dyen (read on *Rosh Hashanah*)

What grounds us when the earth shakes
And foundations crack
And buildings tumble
And the music dies
And the center doesn't hold
And lies become truths?

What unites us when ties no longer bind
And freedom isn't free
And words give way to bullets
And crowds give way to mobs
And anger floods the streets?

The answer lies in our shared humanity
Our hunger to repair the world.
For as long as we have voices to speak out
And legs to stand our ground
And arms to embrace
And hearts to disarm the haters
With the indestructible power of our love,
We will not be broken.

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN: "EVERYBODY'S GOT A HUNGRY HEART"

by Janet Falon (read on *Yom Kippur*)

I don't fast well.
Around early afternoon, my stomach gets hot and growly
My head gets woozy, my breath gets wonky, and the rest of me feels weak.
I have a hard time thinking about much else than when I'll eat that bagel and
schmear, and some too-salty fish.

So this year
Instead of focusing on the emptiness of my stomach
I'm trying to think about the fullness of my heart
How I can tap into it – like spigoting a sugar maple in March –
More quickly, more completely, and with less provocation.

At this point in my life, I don't need *Yom Kippur* to tell me, in its grandfather-
gruff voice, to shape up.
I know that already. I know that every day, maybe some days way too much.
But what's the use of acknowledging my shortcomings –

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We continue to be blessed by extraordinary lay leaders – from our outstanding team of executive officers, some who have taken on additional years to serve with me, others who have come back to help lead us through transition – to a very talented and diverse board, dedicated to our community every step of the way. With the deep and long-standing commitment to Kol Ami, our board works through challenges and provides leadership. And this year, in particular, I feel certain that they will lead us from strength to strength in the coming months and years ahead.

We all have the opportunity to share the reward of a strong purposeful Jewish community that comes with **giving, evolving, and expanding.** Let's do this together. Please join us in continuing to create and sustain our intimate and involved Jewish family—where one's presence is valued and absence felt!

Shelley Chamberlain

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HIGH HOLY DAY POEMS 2017
**Bruce Springsteen: "Everybody's
Got a Hungry Heart"**
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And how I've shortchanged people
who love or need me
And been short-sighted in my
responses to life's complexities
And vowing to improve –
If I haven't reminded myself that I
have a full heart,
That I can give away from/while still
retaining enough,
That what I give away regenerates like
a human liver,
And I rarely reach empty anymore.

Bruce Springsteen – who I imagine
has been infrequently quoted on
Yom Kippur – wrote, "Everybody
has a hungry heart."
My heart – thank you, Whoever-You-
Are-God,
And thank you, my beloveds – is no
longer hungry.
And if I listen closely,
the lub-dub, lub-dub, lub-dub of my
heart
is louder and more reliable
than the temporary rumbles and
grumbles of my belly.

It's easier to give when you have
enough.
But if you try,
you can still drive an extra mile on
empty. ■



Educational Opportunities this Month and Next

Study at the *Shul* for Adults

RSVP to Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 unless otherwise noted. There is a \$50 fee for non-members to attend any of these courses.

Star Trek & Judaism

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



This course will boldly go where no Jew has gone before. Star Trek and Judaism will explore Jewish themes and subjects found in the Star Trek franchise (whether they were placed there intentionally or not). Star Trek has confronted such topics as the nature of evil, atonement, and remembrance, while spotlighting the value of education, the dignity of the individual, and the importance of social justice. The course will examine episodes from the original television series: Next Generation, Star Trek Deep Space Nine, and selected scenes from films.

American Foreign Policy and Presidential Leadership

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

Instructor: Ira Cooperman

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



STAND STRONG WITH ISRAEL

This year's inspirational *Yom Kippur* message from Rabbi Holin reminds us as to why we are compelled to support Israel...homeland for all Jews, regardless of observance, politics, place of birth. She is always there for us – uplifting us, nourishing our souls, teaching us, always BEING for us. And thus, it is our responsibility to ALWAYS be here for her, especially during difficult times... terror attacks and missile bombardments, as well as for the equally important daily health emergencies, such as heart attacks and car accidents.

Kol Ami, since our inception, has stood strong with Israel, on issues spanning cultural engagement to social justice. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to stand strong with her for needs she has every day!

Please, read this request from Magen David Adom and our Kehillah of Old York Road's project to raise funds for a new ambulance for Israel. What an appropriate way for us to show our appreciation to Israel for always BEING there for us by being HERE for her. ■

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



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

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

For more information or to participate, visit afmda.org/kehillah or call Sharon Schmidt at 215.947.7007.

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AN EASY WAY FOR YOU TO SUPPORT THE KOL AMI EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Federation Early Learning Services (FELS) has been successful over the past several years, raising additional dollars through the United Way's Donor Option Program.

Involvement in FELS' United Way campaign is an ideal way for you to show your support of Kol Ami without undermining Kol Ami's fund-raising campaigns because United Way does not allow synagogues to participate in the Donor Option program.

Many of you are already contributing to the United Way individually or through your workplace campaign. FELS would like to continue its donor option outreach to the congregation.

Please consider designating FELS as your United Way donor option choice.

FELS' donor option number is #44

Your tax-deductible contribution, in any amount, helps all of our children. ■

Kol Ami Events



NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

erev Shabbat, Fridays, November 3 and December 15, at 7:30 p.m.



If you or someone in your family is celebrating a birthday or anniversary in November or December, please join us at these special *erev Shabbat* services. Rabbi Holin will bless everyone with a *simcha* under a *tallit*. Watch

for your invitation for this special *Shabbat simcha*.

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



Communities Coming Together

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

Sanctuary Portion
8201 High School Road
Elkins Park, PA 19027

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

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

Download the Blood Donor App | redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED-CROSS

NEED A RIDE TO THE POLLS ON TUESDAY 11/7?

Caring Congregant Committee (Linda George, 215-782-1413 or Elaine Gershenson, 215-887-3994) can help. We'll do our best to get members there!

AND AFTER THE FIRE - A REVIEW OF LAUREN BELFER'S NEW BOOK BY BOOK REVIEWER EXTRAORDINAIRE BEVERLY ROSEN

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

How does a Johann Sebastian Bach manuscript, stolen in 1945, bring together the lives of two women, Susanna Kessler, living in NYC in 2010, and Sara Itzig Levy, a renowned Jewish musician living in Berlin in 1783?

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Discover the answer to this mystery as revealed in And After the Fire, an intriguing historical novel by Lauren Belfer. Traversing over 200 years of history and seamlessly melding together past and present, real and imagined, Belfer's novel poses questions about Anti-Semitism, the impact of art, and the nature of Jewish identity. And After The Fire is the recipient of the National Jewish Book Award's inaugural Book Club Award and this year's One Book, One Jewish Community's book selection. The author will discuss her novel on Sunday, December 10, at the OBOJC kick-off event. Stay tuned for details.

"TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE": HONEYBEES AND THE ENVIRONMENT - KEEPING THE HONEYBEE HIVES ALIVE!

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



We all know that honeybees are in trouble. Their problems are the subject of news reports, science programs, and beekeeping associations everywhere. Research is being done to identify why they are in so much trouble. We are pleased to present a talk by **Vincent and Ellen Aloyo**, both well-known bee experts in these parts and beyond, followed by Q&A. Vince and Ellen will talk about the importance of honeybees, how to help them, and recommend ways to advocate for their survival and growth in numbers. Vince and Ellen plan to bring some honey for tasting. It will be a stimulating and educational afternoon!

"TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE"

**erev Shabbat, Friday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m.
with guest speaker Phoenix Schneider, MSW,
Director, LGBTQ Initiative, Jewish Family
and Children's Service of Philadelphia**

Phoenix is well known to us at Congregation Kol Ami: As a co-chair of our "Kindness Counts" Conference, he moderated the opening panel and taught a workshop. He has been instrumental in training our professional staff as well as Religious-School teachers, and addressing our Board about the proper use of language, signage, awareness, and sensitivity to truly make our Synagogue a safe and welcoming place for LGBTQ children, youth, and adults.

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SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

**High School Park Workdays at Montgomery Avenue and High School Road, Elkins Park
Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
on November 11 & 12. All ages welcome!**

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

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

Kol Ami commits to 20 volunteer hours each year. Please help us meet or exceed this goal! For more information, contact Jody Long, 215-512-3636, or Rocky Weinstock, 267-980-1408.

SHARE Food Program

**Sunday, November 19, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
2901 W. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia**

Help Philadelphia families in November by packing food boxes for those in need at the SHARE Food Program. SHARE provides food to over 20,000 low-income families each month. This is a great activity for the whole family, ages 8 and up.

Map: <http://sharefoodprogram.org/contact>

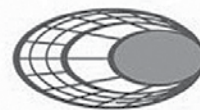
Directions to SHARE: Route 1 South to Fox Street exit. At top of the exit, turn left onto Fox Street. Follow Fox Street to Hunting Park Avenue (about three lights), then turn right. Take Hunting Park to 29th Street. Turn right into the SHARE parking lot.

RSVP to Jody Long at 215-512-3636 or jodyl321@comcast.net. ■

"Fun-for-Kids" erev Shabbat Services

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

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



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Get updates on Kol Ami events, meetings & activities on your phone.

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

Commonly Asked Questions:



What is Remind?

Remind is a website that provides a safe way to send one-way text message reminders and updates. No one can see your cell phone number and there is no way to "reply" to the sender or the group (except to unsubscribe – see below).

How does Remind work?

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

Is Remind Free?

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

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

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

Do I have to have a Smartphone for Remind 101?

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

Where can we find more information about Remind?

You can go to www.remind.com for more information about the service!

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Phoenix is a transgender activist and social worker who has worked in the nonprofit sector since 2000, specializing in program development and direct services with LGBTQ communities. He is a thought leader in the area of LGBTQ youth and mental health and has extensive experience developing local and national programming for LGBTQ communities. Under Phoenix's leadership with JFCS of Greater Philadelphia, the agency was awarded The Human Rights Campaign Foundation "Seal of Recognition" for Leadership in Supporting and Serving LGBTQ Youth and Families. Phoenix was also selected to participate in a global think tank of leaders working with LGBTQ communities around the world. As a former Program Director with The Trevor Project, Phoenix oversaw a safety net of suicide prevention programming for LGBTQ youth. His lifelong mission is to help people seek their highest potential as well as to promote culture shifts towards full acceptance and inclusion of everyone.

BAR MITZVAH OF ELAD SHOHAM

Saturday, November 18, at 10:00 a.m.



Elad is in the seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School. His favorite subjects are English and Math. He really enjoys writing, as a way of expressing himself, and is inspired by his favorite authors. He likes math because he enjoys solving problems.

He is taking advanced studies at school and participating in the Snowboarding Club. His extracurricular activities are playing the violin as well as soccer. He also devotes time to his school's "Day of Service" and likes to donate clothes to people in need. He also volunteers time at his mother's workplace at a program called "In-Joy" that provides holiday celebrations with people who have disabilities.

His *Mitzvah* Project was at the Broad Street Ministry, where meals are provided every week for people without homes. He helps serve the food and enjoys getting to know people he is helping, saying: "I learned that even if you don't have a job or a home, you can still have hope. I think human beings are amazing for their ability to adapt and change their way of living if they need to, and I also learned that doing a good deed, no matter how small, can affect the world in a positive way because they can evolve into bigger things that can change the world."

"My two favorite prayers are the *Avote v'Imabote* and the *G'vurote*. The *Avote* recognizes our ancestors, and the *G'vurote* talks about how G-d can help people. G-d helped us in the past and might even still be helping us when we don't realize it.

"The verses that I chose to chant from my *Torah* Portion – Genesis 25:29-34 and 26:18-23 – are about Jacob taking Esau's birthright and they 'spark the fire,' and they are shocking and dramatic; the second section that I chanted, not so much.

"A transforming experience for me occurs when I visit Israel. I was born there and moved to America when I was two years old. Israel is so much different from the United States. Instead of sitting on the couch and watching television, we go on hikes and are always doing something. It's fun learning about Israeli culture and just enjoying the hot, humid air that's full of different smells. I enjoy living here with all of my friends and also the things you can do, but Israel is beautiful and is a great place to be."

We congratulate Elad's parents, Lisa and Benny, and his siblings, Maayan and Eyal.

LOCAs AT MARCO POLO

Friday, December 1, at 5:30 p.m. at Marco Polo

Calling all Ladies of a Certain Age to share dinner at Marco Polo followed by *erev Shabbat* Services. LOCAs – and MOCAs – are welcome. Please RSVP to Joan Greenberg at jgreenbe53@gmail.com or 215-530-1166 so she can make dinner reservations.

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE FEATURING CANTOR LEON SHER AND OUR ADULT CHOIR

Led by male-identified members of our Congregation
Friday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m.



Please join us for our *erev Shabbat* Service led by the male-identified members of our Congregation and featuring artist-in-residence Cantor Leon Sher – a composer, conductor, guitarist, and pianist.

If you would like to participate and do readings during the service, Rebecca invites

you to contact her at rebeccasongs@verizon.net.

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URJ BIENNIAL 2017

Join us on December 6 through 10
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At the largest Jewish gathering in North America, 5,000 attendees will come together to worship, learn, sing, build community, and shape the future of the Reform Movement. Get recharged with learning sessions, networking opportunities, plenaries, worship, and entertainment. Sessions are organized into five tracks: Strengthening Congregations, *Tikun Olam*, Audacious Hospitality, Youth Engagement, and Transforming Texts, all tailored to inspire. We'll hear from exciting presenters such as William J. Barber, David Grossman, Anita Diamant, Abigail Pogrebin, and more. Enjoy performances by Noah Aronson, Stacy Beyer, Rabbi Joe Black, and Nefesh Mountain. Registration is still open! Visit www.urj.org. For more information, contact Shelley Chamberlain (215-635-1738), Ellen Friedman (215-635-3232), or Karen Gurmankin (215-671-8040).

DRUGS AND ADDICTIONS WORKSHOP

Thursday, December 7, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
with guest speaker Victor Friesen, PhD

What is addiction, what causes it, and why is the human species so prone to it? This informative workshop is aimed directly at the reality of addiction beyond the headlines and the human-interest stories and is geared toward adults, teenagers, and young adults concerned about this very human affliction.

It will survey the current opiate situation and its roots in history, physiology, and human nature itself, along with a forecast for the future. It will also address marijuana abuse and the forces that have led to its legalization. Alcoholism will be discussed as well as other drug addictions, nicotine, food, gambling, fetishes, pornography, and the issues of public policy and treatment/recovery.

It is recommended that those people attending bring notebooks and pens, as this workshop is a sophisticated treatment of a complex human condition very poorly understood in our general population, and rarely presented in clear terms.

Dr. Friesen is a licensed psychologist with over 40 years of clinical experience, much of it in drug and alcohol

treatment with adolescents, adults and their families. Over 20 of those years were spent working in programs based in West and Northeast Philadelphia as well as lower Bucks County. Having experience with every treatment modality, including methadone maintenance, he has developed a view of drugs, addictions and human behavior that is somewhat different from the norm.

BAR MITZVAH OF CAMERON PELLETIER

Saturday, December 9, at 10:00 a.m.



Cam is in the seventh grade at Pennbrook Middle School (North Penn School District).

His favorite subjects are Math, because he enjoys working with numbers to find answers to questions, and Social Studies, because he loves to learn about the history of civilizations, their geography, and how people lived. His extracurricular

activities at school include Band, Orchestra, and Math 24. His activities outside of school include baseball, basketball, and soccer.

His *Mitzvah* Project is with the SPCA of Montgomery County, setting up collection bins and make posters and flyers to generate donations to help take care of animals. In addition, he will volunteer time there to provide care for the animals: "because I am hoping to learn that by helping these animals, I will see that I can provide some quality to the lives of G-d's creatures.

"What I enjoy most about being Jewish is that I always have someone by my side. Being in a community with many Jewish people, someone is always there for me, and even when someone from my family or our Jewish community is not there with me, I always have G-d with me. To me, G-d is considered a friend, always there to help out when I need it most. I am proud to be Jewish because it gives me the personality I have as well as making me the person I am today.

"My favorite holy day is Passover. I love spending time with my family, and on Passover, I have the *Seders* at my grandparents' house. Another reason is that I love the story of Passover, especially the parting of the Red Sea. My favorite part of the *Seder* is reading the Four Questions. This is something I have loved doing and will love

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for many years to come since I am going to be the youngest in my family until my children arrive!

“I chose to chant from the Book of Genesis, chapters 39:2-9 and 40:8-14 of my *Torah* Portion because they have a lot of meaning to me. I chose the verses of my first section because they are about how Potiphar, Joseph’s master, had so much trust in him because he knew God was with Joseph and so he gave him the responsibility of taking care of his house. This is important to me because it shows a great level of trust and that people who merit this amount of trust are special, as Joseph was.

“I chose the verses of my second section because I love the concept of interpretation and find it very interesting. In the verses, the cupbearer had a dream that Joseph was able to interpret by saying: ‘The three branches are three days,’ and then continued, ‘In three days’ time, Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your post.’ This is an example of interpretation, a concept I think is very cool.”

We congratulate Cam’s parents, Eric and Heather, his brother, Evan, who celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* at Kol Ami on November 1, 2014, and his grandparents, David and Phyllis Harrison.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES...

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



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For your safety and the safety of others, please drive slowly and cautiously through our parking lot. The speed limit in that area is 5 MPH.

FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT



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

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

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

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

Forthcoming fast days to benefit **NATAL** will be on “first Wednesdays”: **November 1** and **December 6**.

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

Forthcoming **Phast for Philadelphia** fast days will be on “fourth Thursdays”: **November 23** and **December 28**.

American Friends of NATAL

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Congregation Kol Ami Members "Our House" Concert

featuring

Geri Oliver, Jazz Vocalist

Accompanied by our own Howard Miller

An Evening of Jazz and Jazz Standards

Sunday, January 7, 2018

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

***Congregation Kol Ami Lobby
(snow date February 11, 2018)***



*We invite you to a "Congregants' Connection" house concert in our lobby.
Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres, home-baked desserts, and your BYOBeverage from
5:00 - 5:45 p.m. with the back drop of beautiful art by our own Betty Shapiro.*

Concert begins at 5:45 p.m.



*Please join us! No charge but RSVP is required ensuring plenty of food for all.
Don't forget -- it's BYOB!*

*RSVP by January 2 to Elaine Stevens, 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolami.info
Need a ride? Let Elaine know and we'll arrange!*



SUKKOT IN THE FIELDS

Family and friends celebrated the holiday with the Lapp Family at their Maple Organics Farm in Lancaster County, the same farmers who provide the organic produce that supplies our CSA.



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SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SECOND ANNUAL DESIGNER BAG BINGO!

Saturday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. at Kol Ami



\$36 admission includes
12 rounds of bingo, one
winner from each round
wins a Designer Handbag.

BYOB and Snacks; tables
for 8 or 14 can be reserved.

Designers include: Coach, Kate Spade, Dooney & Bourke, and more! Bonus rounds, additional cards, and daubers will be available for purchase. **MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND.**

For more information, contact Sherry Cohen at shcohen361@gmail.com or Heather Pelletier at hfppt1@gmail.com.

LOCAS' TROLLEY TOUR OF MURAL ARTS A BIG HIT

by Janet Felgoise

Kol Ami's LOCAS' September Trolley Tour of 'The Mural Arts' "Immigration" paintings in South Philadelphia, organized by Merle Salkin, set a gold standard for our activities. Group members, husbands, and friends marveled at sights of 18 murals painted on buildings relating to early immigrant settlers to our city. The murals illustrated Chinese, German, Native American, Lebanese, Irish, and Jewish cultural themes of the nationals who immigrated to Philadelphia in the late-19th century.

We learned about the history and techniques used to create the murals through the stimulating narration by our guide, Jerry Silverman. The Mural Arts program was initially planned to cover up a rash of graffiti, which proliferated throughout the city in 1985. A commission of volunteers, led by Jane Golden, started the Mural Arts Program. To date 4,000 murals have been created, which is the largest number of any city in America.

We couldn't get over the list of "superlatives" in and about Philadelphia. For example:

- Philadelphia has the largest concrete City Hall in our country;
- The Benjamin Franklin Bridge is the longest in the U.S.;

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WELCOME THE PALI FAMILY



Kol Ami extends a warm welcome to new members Amy and Latham Pali, and their 8-year-old son, Logan. The Pali family lives in Glenside and became members this summer, owing in part to Logan's positive experience in our Early Learning Center, as well as the encouragement and great friendship of marketing chair Morgan Selkirk, who Amy describes as "a huge cheerleader and champion for the synagogue." Amy says she knew Kol Ami would be the congregation to join when she was ready, as it provides a sense of belonging and community. In fact, as a warm-up, Amy participated in our LGBTQ workshop during the past year.

Amy and Latham grew up in nearby Springfield, met in kindergarten, and graduated high school together, though (as Amy notes) their love story started years later, when they reconnected. Amy is office manager for AquaReale, a pond and water-features company, and Latham was COO for a manufacturing company and is now transitioning to his next opportunity. Logan is starting third grade and, like his parents, he loves outdoor activities such as swimming, kayaking, and fishing.

The Pali family, including their Black Lab and Springer Spaniel, enjoy spending time at their lake house on Lake Wallenpaupack in the Poconos. Aside from their fondness for water sports, they enjoy the comforts of home also.

Travel is perhaps their greatest interest. Amy, Latham, and Logan enjoyed an incredible adventure in Iceland in July, and they are planning future trips to such diverse destinations as Alaska and Giraffe Manor in Kenya. We are very happy to have them join our Congregation. ■

EARLY LEARNING CENTER ADVENTURES

In October, the children enjoyed an afternoon learning about and getting to know the animals from Quiver Farms Traveling Zoo.



HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

Thank you to the following individuals for their generosity during our High Holy Day Appeal:

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- Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts was the first Art School in the U.S.;
- Philadelphia had the first Fire Company in the U.S.; and
- Philadelphia boasts of the first Reform Synagogue in the U.S.

We even stopped to visit one of the hundreds of Orthodox synagogues – “The Little *Schul*” – that proliferated the South Philadelphia neighborhood. Although almost all have vanished from the area, this one still conducts services once a month. ■

SCRIP NEWS

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Erica Douglas, and I am your Scrip Coordinator. I am very excited being in this role, and I am hopeful you will join me in earning a lot of money for our synagogue.

Scrip works through gift cards. You pay full price for the gift card (you pay \$25 for a \$25 gift card), but Kol Ami receives a “rebate.” Each retailer gives a certain rebate percentage (occasionally they even offer “bonus” rebates). For example, if you purchase a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble, you will receive a \$25 gift card and \$2.25 will go to Kol Ami (their current 9% rebate).

The more you use Scrip, the more Kol Ami will earn! You can order plastic gift cards to a variety of places including restaurants, shops, super markets, gas stations, travel, and entertainment. Purchase for your day-to-day purposes. They also can be purchased as gifts for birthday parties, holidays, and teacher gifts. The order form is available in the Religious School office.

If I do not have your Scrip items in my inventory, I will place your order as soon as you pay (cash or check), and it will be available for pickup the following Sunday. You can hand it to me on Sunday, drop it off at the synagogue any day, or mail it to me.

Feel free to contact me at any time with questions. My e-mail is ej145@comcast.net, and my phone number/text is 215-803-4840.

I look forward to working with you to earn a lot of money for Kol Ami while making yourself and others happy!

Erica Douglas ■

KOL AMI NOVEMBER 2017 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Center Mommy & Me Yoga 10:00 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - Grades 8 & 9 Family Education	2 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m. "Study at the Shul" for Adults with David Monblatt 7:00 p.m.	3 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. "Celebration & Continuity" and "First- Friday" <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service with Adult Choir celebrating our first-year members 7:30 p.m.	4 <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Torah Dialogue with Carol Nemeroff giving the <i>dvar Torah</i> 10:00 a.m.
5 Religious School 10:00 a.m. – Noon 10:15 a.m. - Gr 4 Parents Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting 11:00 a.m. - Gr 6 Parents Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.	6 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00 p.m.	7 Early Learning Center CLOSED Teacher-in-Service Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 p.m.	8 Early Learning Center Mommy & Me Yoga 10:00 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	9 "Study at the Shul" for Adults with David Monblatt 7:00 p.m.	10 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service with Rabbi Elliot Holin 11:00 a.m. <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service followed by guest speaker and book reviewer Beverly Rosen 7:30 p.m.	11 <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Torah Dialogue with Grade 8 and 9 student participation 10:00 a.m.
12 Membership Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. – Noon 11:30 a.m. - Consecration Service 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. "To Bee or Not to Bee": Honeybees and the Environment - Keeping the Honeybee Hives Alive 1:00 p.m.	13 Social Action Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	14 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Ira Cooperman 7:30 p.m.	15 Early Learning Center Mommy & Me Yoga 10:00 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	16 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m. Caring Congregants Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.	17 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. "Transgender Day of Remembrance" <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service with guest speaker Phoenix Schneider 7:30 p.m.	18 Bar Mitzvah of Elad Shoham 10:00 a.m.
19 Inclusion - LGBTQ Initiative Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. – Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Social Action SHARE Food Program 1:00 p.m.	20 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. Spiritual Growth Group Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21 Early Learning Center 9:30 a.m. - Fitness Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 p.m. "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Ira Cooperman 7:30 p.m.	22 Religious School CLOSED	23 Early Learning Center CLOSED	24 Early Learning Center CLOSED <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 p.m.	25 <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
26 Religious School CLOSED	27 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	28 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Ira Cooperman 7:30 p.m.	29 Early Learning Center Mommy & Me Yoga 10:00 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	30		

KOL AMI DECEMBER 2017 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. LOCA at Marco Polo 5:30 p.m. <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Cantor Leon Sher and Adult Choir 7:30 p.m.	2 <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah</i> Dialogue with Barry Steinbrecher giving the <i>dvar Torah</i> 10:00 a.m.
3 Religious School 10:00 a.m. – Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.	4 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	5 Early Learning Center 9:30 a.m. - Fitness Adult <i>B'Nai Mitzvah</i> Class 7:00 p.m. “Study at the <i>Shul</i> ” for Adults with Ira Cooperman 7:30 p.m.	6 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	7 Drug and Addictions Workshop with Victor Friesen 7:00 p.m.	8 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rabbi Elliot Holin 11:00 a.m. <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Student Choir 7:00 p.m.	9 <i>Bar Mitzvah</i> of Cameron Pelletier 10:00 a.m.
10 Religious School 10:00 a.m. – Noon 10:00 a.m. - Grade 3-5 to Abramson Center 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.	11	12 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	13 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	14 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m. <i>Shomrei Adamah</i> (Environmental Stewardship) Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	15 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. “Fun-for-Kids” <i>erev</i> <i>Shabbat Service</i> 6:00 p.m. “Celebration and Continuity” and “Third- Friday” <i>erev Shabbat</i> <i>Service</i> celebrating our Religious School students 7:30 p.m.	16 <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah</i> Dialogue with Carol Nemeroff giving the <i>dvar Torah</i> 10:00 a.m.
17 Religious School 10:00 a.m. – Noon 10:00 a.m. - <i>Hanukkah</i> Program 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.	18 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. Spiritual Growth Group Meeting 7:00 p.m.	19 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	20 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Parent <i>Hanukkah</i> Program	21	22 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rabbi Elliot Holin 11:00 a.m. <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> 7:30 p.m.	23 <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah</i> Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
24 Religious School CLOSED	25 Early Learning Center CLOSED	26 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Adult <i>B'Nai Mitzvah</i> Class 7:00 p.m.	27 Religious School CLOSED	28	29 <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> 7:30 p.m.	30 <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah</i> Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
31 Religious School CLOSED						

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