



WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY, October 1, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue

SUNDAY, October 2, at 8:00 p.m.

erev Rosh Hashanah Service

MONDAY, October 3, at 10:00 a.m.

Rosh Hashanah Service

TUESDAY, October 4, at 6:00 p.m.

Tashlikh Service by the water; preceded by a 5:15 p.m. BYOD at the home of Guy and Karol Appel in Meadowbrook (see page 4)

FRIDAY, October 7, at 7:30 p.m.

“First-Friday” *erev Shabbat* Service birthday and anniversary blessings under the *tallit* (see page 6)

SATURDAY, October 8, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue; Carol Nemeroff will give the *dvar Torah*

TUESDAY, October 11, at 8:00 p.m.

Kol Nidrei Service

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

Yom Kippur Service

FRIDAY, October 14, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service - Jane Tausig will speak in commemoration of the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, known as National Coming

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HIGH HOLY DAYS CALENDAR 2016 - 5777

<i>erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	Sunday, October 2	8:00 p.m.
<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	Monday, October 3	
	- Adult Service	10:00 a.m.
	- High Holy Day University Service (Grades 2-7)	10:00 a.m.
	- Children's-Family Service	2:00 p.m.
<i>Tashlikh</i>	Tuesday, October 4	6:00 p.m.
<i>Kol Nidrei</i>	Tuesday, October 11	8:00 p.m.
<i>Yom Kippur</i>	Wednesday, October 12	
	- Adult Service	10:00 a.m.
	- Student Service and Program (Grades 2-7)	10:00 a.m.
	- Children's-Family Service	2:00 p.m.
	- Reflective Reading and Discussion	3:00 p.m.
	- Afternoon Service	3:45 p.m.
	- <i>Yizkor-Neilah</i> Service	5:30 p.m.

SILENCE FOR THE KOL NIDREI SERVICE

Our *Kol Nidrei* service will commence at **8 o'clock on October 11**, preceded by meditative readings and the kindling of a *neyr n'shamah* – a memorial candle – in the words of the text: “to give us strength and hope in these sacred hours of memory and healing.” We pray in the names of those no longer with us as the holiest day on the Jewish calendar dawns. Please arrive between 7:45 and 8:00 p.m. in silence so that everyone seated in the sanctuary will have time and quietude to read the meditative offerings. As the service commences at 8:00 p.m., we will say the blessings over the *neyr n'shamah* as well as the candles of *Shabbat* and *Yom Kippur*.

CHILDCARE DURING THE HIGH HOLY DAYS: Child care is available during *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* mornings. Reservations are not required. ■

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Out Day; and Morgan Selkirk will speak about the importance of our Congregation-hosted and sponsored Kindness Counts *Bet* Conference “Moving Beyond the Gender Boxes: Embracing Transgender and Non-Binary Jews, Their Loved Ones and Allies in the *Mishkan*” on November 13. Jane and Morgan are conference co-chairs.

SATURDAY, October 15, at 10:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Cecily Shandell
(see page 10)

SUNDAY, October 16, at 12:00 p.m.

Sukkot under our *Sukkah*!
Refreshments, songs, and the blessings of the land (see page 8)

MONDAY, October 17, at 10:00 a.m.

Sukkot Service

FRIDAY, October 21

6:00 p.m. - “Fun-for-Kids” *erev*

Shabbat Service appropriate for all ages! It’s a happy half hour with lots of music and our Student Choir!

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

SATURDAY, October 22, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service - Rebecca Langman and Jessica Sender will speak about their peer-group trip to Israel this past summer with the National Federation of Temple Youth

SUNDAY, October 23, at 10:00 a.m.

Our school-wide celebration of *Simchat Torah* for adults, youth, and children! Our *Torah* Scrolls will be carried through the Sanctuary and unrolled, and our post-*Bar/Bat Mitzvah* adult and young adults will read or chant “their” *Torah* verses from years ago

MONDAY, October 24, at 10:00 a.m.

Simchat Torah-Yizkor Service
(see page 4)

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PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Here we are, in the midst of wonderful family and community time, the High Holy Days! This year the High Holy Days are a bit “later” – perhaps giving us more time to enjoy the memories of summer and readjust ourselves to Fall schedules, or to contemplate what we hope to create in the coming year.

Thinking back on the summer, Congregation Kol Ami was on a bit of a vacation. The summer months were not jam-packed with classes and events, yet our staff and lay leaders were hard at work preparing for the year that now commences. We enjoyed the delight of *erev Shabbats* on the meadow, and participation of lay leaders who beautifully led our occasional *Shabbat* morning services.

As we look forward to the upcoming programming year, I have been thinking about our mission. We have a beautifully written statement (it’s on our Web site) that accurately reflects who we are and what we strive for as a community. You will hear me talk about “community” on *Rosh Hashanah*: how committed we are to creating an involved community where one’s presence is valued and one’s absence felt, and the recognition that we have a core value of learning from and growing with each other.

The late Rabbi Alexander Schindler, former President of the Union for Reform Judaism, once reminded us why synagogues are unique: “The synagogue is where Jews are made, where the individual soul and the community are joined. It is the place where modernity and eternity cross-fertilize, where seeds of Jewish identity are sown. All other institutions in Jewish life are created by Jews. Only the synagogue creates Jews, child by child, family by family...”

We aim to nurture all our members with meaningful Jewish experiences.

Sometimes we get to start with a newborn baby, a toddler, or young child just beginning religious school. Through the years, we engage in the sacred work of providing our children with rich and meaningful experiences to strengthen their Jewish identity and prepare them for Jewish adulthood.

As adults, we too come to Kol Ami to share milestones, enjoy old and create new traditions, engage in acts of social justice, and, regardless of our background, find a sense of belonging and connection to fellow congregants. We enrich our lives with learning and spiritual growth. I’m so proud of the focus we have, of the community we continue to build.

I am also excited about our lineup of learning opportunities this year, entitled “Study at the *Shul*.” Beginning in September and ending in June, we offer classes and courses designed to help us study and practice Judaism on a richer level and connect more deeply with one another. If you haven’t participated in an educational opportunity in the past, please sign up this year. The entire schedule was printed in the September Bulletin and is available on our Web site at any time. See page 5 for the classes coming up this and next month. What a great follow up to the High Holy Days, adding meaning to 5777.

I look forward to learning, praying, and engaging in acts of loving kindness with you this year.

Wishing you all a sweet, healthy, and meaningful New Year!

Shelley Chamberlain (215-635-1738, srchamberlain@comcast.net) ■

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

"WHAT TIME YOU HAVE?"



The first American advocacy groups on behalf of Soviet Jews formed in the mid-1960s, and a decade and a half later, the Jackson-Vanik Amendment – a 1974 provision in United States federal law intended to affect U.S. trade relations with countries that restricted freedom of emigration and other human rights – gave the “Free Soviet Jewry Movement” traction. Synagogues throughout our country placed banners in their sanctuaries and on their lawns that made this persistent plea public. The “Save Soviet Jewry” Movement was vast and American Jews were engaged.

When I settled in Los Angeles in the 1980s, I worked with “refuseniks” who had arrived in “the land of milk and money.” They struggled to adjust to a new language, learned to navigate in a burgeoning metropolis where distance is measured not by miles but by time because of gridlock on the freeways – not so much then, but still unlike anything that they had seen – and learning where and how to shop. I took families to supermarkets where they initially came to sudden halts in the aisles upon seeing the cornucopia of fruit and vegetables arrayed before them in large bins. It was an education for me as well, especially the insight into the meaning that freedom had for them: freedom of movement – that, initially, above all – and of expression, the almost unfathomable ability to speak without fear of being overheard.

One day, the father of a family with whom I had been spending time every week, said to me, “What time you have?” I looked at my watch and told him. I did not think about that again until six weeks ago during silent meditation at our *erev Shabbat* Service on the Meadow. I thought about it in the context of how I live my life and the arrival of these High Holy Days. What time do I have? What time do you have? What time do we have left in our lives, and how do we fill those hours, days, weeks, months and years? We who are so tied to calendars, computers, tablets and mobile phones, what time do we have for ourselves, our loved ones, and friends? What time do we “make” on an intentional basis to be with them? What time do we “make,” not stumble into, for our personal growth, physical, mental, and spiritual health? When do we make the time to read, meditate, pray, walk, and make the distinction between “human doing” – the busy-ness of life and professional responsibilities – and “human being”?

“What time you have?” the man asked me, and it is still a question worth pondering

Shanah tovah to you, your loved ones, and friends,
Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

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FRIDAY, October 28

6:00 p.m. - Our K-1 students will be an important part of this early *erev Shabbat* Service

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

SATURDAY, October 29, at 10:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Melanie Poppel (see page 10)

SUNDAY, October 30, at 1:00 p.m.

Healing Service ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

October 1 - *Nitzavim*

Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20

Isaiah 61:10-63:9

October 8 - *Vayelech*

Deuteronomy 31:1-30

Hosea 14:2-10

October 15 - *Ha'azinu*

Deuteronomy 32:1-52

II Samuel 22:1-51

October 22 - *Chol ha'Moed Sukkot*

Exodus 33:12-34:26

Ezekiel 38:18-39:16

October 29 - *B'reisheet*

Genesis 1:1-6:8

I Samuel 20:18-42 ■

MAZAL TOV

Congratulations to the following:

- **Ruben Honik** on the engagement of his daughter, Sophie, to Ben Doar
- **Dr. Robert Schiowitz and Dr. Ronit Sugar** on the marriage of their daughter, Amy, to Geoff Millner on September 10
- **Jack Selkirk** on his conversion to Judaism on September 10 ■

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send articles by the fifth of the previous month (e.g., by August 5 for the September issue) to **Janet Falon** at jfalon@english.upenn.edu. Articles may be edited as needed. ■



HIGH HOLY DAY DETAILS

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS JOIN US!

TASHLIKH SERVICE - THE BRIDGE TO YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, October 4, at the home of Guy and Karol Appel in Meadowbrook; BYOD at 5:15 p.m. – Bring a dessert to share! *Tashlikh* Service by the water from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.



Children and young adults are welcome to bring Frisbees, baseballs, and beach balls to toss on the large lawn, and they will be given chocolate *shofars*!

Tashlikh, from the Hebrew word meaning “to send forth,” is a service of readings and reflections from Psalms and Prophetic writings. Dating back to the Middle Ages, the *Tashlikh* Service is a tribute to the Creator to whose work of creating the fish were the first witnesses, hence the proximity to a natural body of water (“Let waters bring forth swarms of living creatures”). We will symbolically cast our transgressions across the water to be carried away, preparing us for the Day of Atonement just a week later, on Wednesday, October 12.

REFLECTIVE READING AND DISCUSSION ON YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON

Wednesday, October 12, at 3:00 p.m.

Our High Holy Day Reflective Reading Service provides a meaningful interlude between the Children’s-Family Service and the Afternoon Service.

YIZKOR (MEMORIAL) SERVICE ON YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, October 12, at 5:30 p.m.

A booklet listing the names of loved ones to be remembered has been provided by you on your membership forms. If you wish to make any additions or corrections for the booklet, please send this information to Elaine Stevens at execdir@kolamielkinspark.org by October 4.

SIMCHAT TORAH-YIZKOR SERVICE

Monday, October 24, at 10:00 a.m.

The *Yizkor*-Memorial service that immediately comes to mind occurs on *Yom Kippur*, yet there are three other dates of observance on the Jewish calendar: *Simchat Torah*, *Pesach* (Passover) and *Shavuot*. *Yizkor*, from the Hebrew verb “to remember,” is observed throughout the first year following the death of a loved one, traditionally a parent, sibling, spouse, or child.

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

“Study at the *Shul*”for Adults

The Bible as Literature

Tuesdays; October 18 & 25 and November 1 & 8
from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Barbara Rosenthal



The Bible has often been read (or dismissed) as an inspired book mediated through our cultural or religious beliefs. In this class, we will try and shed those interpretive glasses and instead read the Bible as a book written by people in a certain time and a certain place. We will examine the narrative stories in the Book

of Genesis in the hope of recovering the underlying questions the authors were attempting to answer.

We will use literary, linguistic, and historical analysis to do so. Reading the Bible as literature can enhance, upend or modify our former beliefs about the Bible. Hopefully, it will help us to appreciate the book's complexity and open our ears to its very human voice.

Barbara Rosenthal received her MA with distinction from the Jewish Theological Seminary Graduate School in Bible and Ancient Semitic Languages in June 2004. She has written the curriculum for and taught Feminist Interpretation of the Bible at AJR Rabbinical School and Long Island University Extension in NY. She has also written the curriculum for and taught The Bible as Literature at Temple University Lifelong Learning. She has been teaching *Bat/Bar Mitzvah* students as well as adult education classes for over 20 years on topics such as: Bible, Jewish Philosophy, What is Prayer?, Post-Holocaust Jewish Theology, Judaism and Gender, Great Books of the Jewish Tradition, Jewish Views of the Afterlife, and Midrash in the Music of Bruce Springsteen.

RSVP by October 8.

America's Security versus Individual Privacy – Is There a Conflict?



Thursdays; October 20 & 27
and November 3 & 10
from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Ira Cooperman

Do you feel that your privacy has been violated? To what extent should government agencies be allowed to collect your communications and information? You are invited to join our “security vs. privacy dilemma” discussion and discover what sort of collection activities are performed by secret agencies in the United States and throughout the world.

Ira Cooperman is a former intelligence officer who has worked with the CIA, NSA, and the military during the Vietnam War, was a reporter for *The Los Angeles Times*, has served as a political consultant, and has taught National Security courses for over 10 years at the Chautauqua Institution. A member of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers, he is a graduate of San Francisco State University and has lectured at the United States Military Academy at West Point and the State University of New York.

RSVP by October 10.

Judaism 101

Thursdays; November 10 & 17
from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: David Monblatt

This is an introductory-level class for those who never received a formal Jewish education or who just wish to refresh their knowledge about Judaism. Whether you never attended Hebrew school, or it's been ages since you've learned about Judaism, or you're a parent who wishes to be more engaged in your child's Jewish education, Judaism 101 will review the basics, including the origin, history, traditions, texts and holidays that comprise the Jewish faith.

RSVP by November 3. ■

Kol Ami Events

Holocaust Awareness Program

REENA BROOKS: A PRESENTATION OF PERSONAL ART-HISTORY IN OUR SYNAGOGUE LOBBY
**PASSAGES FROM DARK TO LIGHT –
IMAGES INSPIRED BY HER MOTHER’S JOURNEY
THROUGH THE HOLOCAUST”**

Wednesday, October 5, from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.;
special presentation for our Confirmation Academy
students at 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. (Adults are welcome at
both presentations)

Ms. Brook’s work is inspired by a trip she took with her family to the Holocaust Memorial 20th Anniversary Commemoration.

Her mother is a Holocaust survivor. She was 15 years old in 1944 and survived horrible circumstances. Ms. Brooks’ father has been documenting his wife’s story, what little she reveals to him, into a chronological history. The mixed media monotypes, collages, and paintings are influenced and interpreted by these events, incorporating texture and

layering techniques, utilizing many common household objects either printed or collaged. A few of Ms. Brooks’ pieces, using Life magazines from specific important dates of her mother’s story, juxtaposes life in America and these events in her mother’s life.

The artist is a graduate of the Tyler School of Art with a Bachelor of Fine Arts concentration in printmaking. She has been in many juried shows throughout Montgomery County and Philadelphia. She recently showed her “Holocaust Series” at the Old City Jewish Art Center in Philadelphia, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, and at St. John’s Lutheran Church Creative Arts Series in Melrose Park, PA.

FIRST-FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT OCTOBER BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Friday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m.

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

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Congregation Kol Ami - Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 9, from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

(before religious school)

**Come on out for a hearty breakfast, start the day right,
and visit with friends. Open to everyone!**

***Pancakes, Coffee, Tea, Fresh Fruit, Juice**

Individual advance -- \$5

Individual at door -- \$7

Family advance -- \$20

Family at door -- \$25

Please RSVP to Elaine Stevens by Wednesday, October 5

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Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

of single advance: _____ @ \$5.00 total: _____

of family advance: _____ @ \$20.00 total: _____

Please make checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami.

Jewish Values...Sustainable Agriculture...Great Food...Family Friendly



***Sukkot* in the Fields-Our fifth annual farm trip to Lancaster *Shabbat Sukkot*, Saturday, October 22, from 12:00 - 4:30 p.m. Your Kol Ami CSA invites you to a family-friendly, incredibly rich experience**

Return visit to the Lapp Family's Maple Lawn Farm, one of the Lancaster Farm Fresh farms supplying our Elkins Park Hazon Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

- Tour Lancaster Farm Fresh Cooperative on the way to the farm! (**Special addition this year**)
- Build/celebrate the holiday under our *sukkah* with Kol Ami's Rabbi Holin and CSA members
- Enjoy a potluck lunch with farmers and their families, sharing insights about food, farming, and the land
- Shop for pumpkins at a farm stand on your way home!

The program **is open to families** of Elkins Park Hazon CSA and Congregation Kol Ami. While there is no charge for this event, we ask that you bring a dairy or vegetarian dish to share with everyone, and make a contribution to support the Lancaster Farm Fresh "Fresh Food Fund." This fund provides discount produce shares to low-income families.

Driving time: 1 ½ hours.

Could not have been said better -- reasons to participate in *Shabbat Sukkot*:

"To offer prayers in the *Sukkah* constructed by our community on the farmer's land speaks to us about our mutual desire to sustain faith and the environment. It is a wonderful way to celebrate *Shabbat*, making us keenly aware that 'The earth is the Lord's.' {Psalm 24:1}" — *Rabbi Holin*

"This is my fourth *sukkot* in the fields, each has been different and illuminating." — *Michael Levin*

"What better way to experience the *Sukkot* harvest festival than a visit to one of our CSA farms? Building and dwelling in the *sukkah* on the actual land from where our wonderful produce gives us a profound connection. The mutual understanding, admiration & gratitude between our community and our Amish hosts deepens each year." — *Mark Kaplan*

I visited Maple Lawn last month for the second time. The farm and fields are beautiful. The family is so warm and welcoming and wants to get to know us and share customs and perspectives. I was struck by the family commitment, including very long workdays, in order to provide us with the best quality produce money can buy. This is one of my family's favorite days of the year and well worth the drive. We come back inspired every time. — *Robin Rifkin*

"Our day on the farm with the beautiful, gracious, and humble Amish family is always an enlightening, uplifting, and deeply gratifying experience. I highly recommend joining us for this wonderful celebration." — *Jody Long*

Questions? Call Robin 215-880-5496. RSVP by October 14 to Robin at Robinrifkin@comcast.net or Elaine Stevens at execdir@kolami.info

We will confirm LFFC and farm addresses, transportation, preparing for our community lunch.



Shabbat service. Rabbi Holin will bless everyone with a October *simcha* under a *tallit*. Watch for your invitation for this special *Shabbat simcha*.

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

A FRESH START FOR A NEW YEAR

Tired of the same old *Rosh Hashanah* resolutions? Looking for a way to help members within our Kol Ami community? As our Synagogue keeps growing, so do our needs. If you enjoy cooking, driving, connecting with some wonderful people, Kol Ami’s Caring Congregant Committee would love to welcome you. Come to our next potluck meeting on **Thursday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m.** at Kol Ami or contact Linda George, 215-782-1413, or Elaine Gershenson, 215-887-3994. Hope you’ll be able to join us!

HEALING WORDS SHOUT-OUT

If you have a favorite writing or poem, or would like to submit your creative writing for inclusion in our Healing Service, please send it to Rabbi Holin.

EREV SUKKOT OUTDOOR SERVICE UNDER THE SUKKAH

Sunday, October 16, immediately after Religious School



will sing and sway with the *lulav* and *Etrog* in and around the *sukkah*! Bring your frisbee, baseball, and beach ball to toss on the meadow.

Join us at our all-Congregation (children-youth-adults) gathering to celebrate and rejoice in the blessings of the good earth as we meet immediately after Religious School for pizza and refreshments. We

TORAHS ALOFT ON EREV SIMCHAT TORAH!

Sunday, October 23, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon



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

come more participants this year!

Students in our Religious School will make small *Torah* scrolls, *yads*, and flags to join us as the scrolls are carried around the Sanctuary to the sound of joyful singing. Each scroll will be held aloft to be read or chanted, and as each person completes his or her two or three verses, the *yad* will be handed to the next person.

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



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE...

ISH WINE & CHEESE GATHERING

Saturday, October 29, at 7:00 p.m.
at the home of Rocky Weinstock and Tamara Sniad

RSVP is required to Tamara Sniad at tamarasniad@gmail.com.



BLESSING OF PETS

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

“All wildlife after their kind, all herd animals after their kind, all crawling things that crawl upon the earth after their kind, all fowl after their kind, all chirping things, all

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winged things, they came to Noah into the ark, male and female they came” (Genesis 7:14-15).

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

SHARE FOOD PROGRAM

Sunday, November 6, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
2901 W. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia



Help Philadelphia families this Season 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 3 lights), then turn right. Take Hunting Park to 29th Street. Turn right into the SHARE parking lot.

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

NEED HELP GETTING OUT TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8?

If so, call our Caring Congregant Co-chairs (Linda George, 215-782-1413, or Elaine Gershenson, 215-887-3994) and they'll make sure you can get there.

LOVE TO SING? THEN CONGREGATION KOL AMI WANTS YOU!



We're a singing community, and what better way to share your talent than by singing in one of our wonderful choirs? Student Choir is for second through sixth graders, and Adult Choir is for adults as well as those in eighth grade and above. Our Adult Choir is especially looking for more male voices. For more information, please contact Cantorial Soloist

Rebecca Schwartz at rebeccasongs@verizon.net.



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SAVE-THE-DATE

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Sunday, November 19, at 5:00 p.m.

Come out for an evening of fun!

ATTENTION CREATIVE KOL AMI MEMBERS!

Grab your paint brush and canvass, your cameras, and printing supplies! The Arts & Design Committee is looking for Kol Ami artists to exhibit their framed, “ready-to-hang” artwork in Kol Ami’s Gallery.

We will be holding a Kol Ami Member Art show from January 6 to February 13, 2017. Find your favorite piece of artwork or two, drop it off at the office of Elaine Stevens by December 21, and the Arts & Design Committee will exhibit your work. These pieces can range from your favorite travel photograph to one that you created in your studio. We encourage you to share your unique talents with us! Your work can be picked up after February 13.

FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT



Join Rabbi Holin in fast days, 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) – Israel's Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War – addresses Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder of combat veterans and former prisoners of war, as well as those who have lost loved ones in battle or suicide bombings, and anyone who suffers the sustained emotional and mental pressure of living with the fear and uncertainty that war and the threat of war bring. In addition, NATAL reaches out to families and relatives of victims and bereaved families through on-site counseling, a national hotline, and free or subsidized psychological assistance and treatment by highly trained professionals.

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BAT MITZVAH OF CECILY SHANDELL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, AT 10:00 A.M.



Cecily is in the seventh grade at Abington Friends School. Her favorite subject is art because she is creative and loves to draw. She enjoys going to Anime Club, and her interests outside of school include writing, drawing, and playing video games. She rides horses and participates in horse shows where her favorite event is Dressage.

“Through my *Mitzvah* Project, I am raising awareness about pediatric strokes in children through working with the Children’s Hemiplegia and Stroke Association (CHASA). I raised money for CHASA and made a pamphlet with information about the group for friends and their parents to read. I wanted to make it clear that strokes do not just occur among elderly people.

“A particularly meaningful experience for me was attending my grandfather’s 70 birthday party, which was held at the synagogue where my mother grew up and became a *Bat Mitzvah*, Temple Shir Tikva in Wayland, Massachusetts. The party was held in the Temple, following a Friday-night *Shabbat* service. It was memorable because I could see where my mother received her Jewish education, and because I was with my immediate and extended family, celebrating a most special day.

“My favorite Jewish holy day is *Hanukkah* because it is a time that I get to spend with my immediate and extended family, and that is the most important thing to me. I also find Passover rituals to be meaningful because the *Seder* is time to be with family, to celebrate our faith, and to eat! Passover brings together grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who live some distance from here to celebrate our religion and freedom.

“My two favorite prayers are the *Yotzer* and the *V’ahavtah*. The *Yotzer* addresses the theme of creation and respecting and loving God’s handiwork. We can apply its words to our lives by enjoying what the world has to offer. Rushing through life doesn’t help, so “stop to admire what is around you” is the message this prayer sends. The reason that we say it is to remind us that God created the world, so we should respect it as much as we respect God.

“The *V’ahavtah* commands us to love God. We can apply these words to our everyday life by loving our family and

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BAT MITZVAH OF MELANIE POPPEL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, AT 10:00 A.M.



Melanie is in the eighth grade at Abington Friends School. Her favorite subjects are English and Social Studies because she enjoys reading and finds that writing is a good form of expression, and she is also interested in learning about our past. A volunteer activity she does through AFS is go to a school

in Philadelphia to read and write stories with little kids. At our Synagogue, she helps with our Stop Hunger Now program and food bank endeavors, and she does charity walks with her family.

“I am proud to be Jewish because we have been through so much. From the tragedy of pogroms and the Holocaust, to our struggles to get a Jewish homeland, it is impressive to see that we have stuck together and have not lost faith. I am also proud to be Jewish because it is unique. There are not a lot of Jewish people in the world, and I am so lucky to be part of such a strong, tightly knit community.

“For my *Mitzvah* Project, I worked with Sara’s Smiles, an organization that helps lift the spirits of children with cancer. I enjoyed seeing how people who work together can make a difference in someone else’s life.

“My two favorite prayers are the *Avote v’Imahote* and the *G’vurote*. The *Avote v’Imahote* talks about remembering our ancestors, which I think is super important because it enables us to learn from the past. The *G’vurote* is about God’s power to inspire and save people. It reminds us to have faith in God.

“I do not pray every day, but I have a strong relationship with God. I feel that God is watching over me, making sure that I am a good person. I feel very loved and blessed because of God.

“I chose to chant from Genesis 1:1-5 and 3:8-14 (*Bereysheet*). I really like the story lines because they are about responsibility. The first set of verses talk about the creation of the world. The second set talks about how God discovered that Adam and Eve had eaten fruit from the Tree of Knowledge, but they did not admit what they had done. This teaches us to take responsibility for our actions, whether good or bad.”

We congratulate Melanie’s parents, Deborah and Stu. ■



Congregation Kol Ami "Our House" Concert

Featuring

Vintage Soul Pop Duo

Genna & Jesse



Sunday, November 20, 2016

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Congregation Kol Ami



*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 Mick McAndrews*

Concert begins at 5:45 p.m.



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

*RSVP by November 14 to Elaine Stevens, 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolami.info
Need a ride? Let Elaine know and we'll arrange!*



BAT MITZVAH OF CECILY SHANDELL

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friends “with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.” Even though God is not a part of our everyday lives, our friends and family are, and those people are about as important to us as God.

“I chose to chant verses from Deuteronomy 32:1-6 and 20-25 because of the descriptive language. I love to read, and so I chose the verses that sound the coolest and also make reference through allegory or metaphor to the natural world.

“The verses of my *Torah* Portion (*Ha’azinu*) are about Moses addressing the children of Israel for the last time, taking them to task for having lost their faith in God. The message is to retain your loyalties: devotion to family, country, religion, and job. I use these words to make sure that I remain loyal to my friends.”

We congratulate Cecily’s parents, Robin and Jonathan, and her sister, Miranda. ■

“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 our terrific student choir.

- Oct. 21
- Nov. 18
- Jan. 20
- Feb. 17
- Mar. 17
- Apr. 7
- May 5 ■



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings are held at the Synagogue, unless otherwise noted.

Caring Congregants Committee

Thursday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m.

Co-chairs: : Linda George, 215-782-1413, and Elaine Gershenson, 215-887-3994

Membership Committee

Monday, October 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Chair: Robin Warsaw, 215-635-5839

Religious School PTO Committee

Sunday, October 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Co-chairs: Erica Douglas, 215-491-0630, and Deborah Poppel, 215-947-2252

Worship Enhancement Committee

Sunday, October 16, at 9:30 a.m.

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



10TH ANNUAL

Casino Night & Silent Auction

Saturday, January 21

7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE



100 Things To Do in Philadelphia Before You Die

by Irene Levy Baker



Kol Ami Congregant Irene Levy Baker will speak about her newly-released book, 100 Things To Do in Philadelphia Before You

Die. This well-curated, easy-to-use guide includes the tried-and-true as well as little-known gems and tips to enhance each experience.

- Want to land a table at Philadelphia's trendiest restaurants?
- Get Instagram-worthy photos of the sunset over the city?
- Score free or discounted show tickets?
- Get your apathetic teen excited to spend the day with you?
- Keep your toddler busy on a rainy afternoon?

Irene will answer those questions and more. She has spent more than 25 years exploring Philadelphia's nooks and crannies. And now she's ready to share the city's hidden treasures with you. After working for almost a decade at the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau, she opened Spotlight Public Relations, a public-relations firm specializing in restaurants and hospitality. Irene has worked with tourist bureaus in Philadelphia and South Jersey, the

"mayor" of Chinatown, boutique hotels, a historic tavern, celebrity chefs, the nation's first environmentally smart hotel, and one of the nation's largest malls. She has hosted scores of travel writers – the world's most jaded travelers – and noted what surprised and delighted them. And she's about to reveal the city's secrets to you.

She'll be speaking from **10:00-10:15 a.m. and 11:30-11:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 30**, here at Kol Ami; followed by Q&A and a book signing.

For the latest news about Philadelphia, follow [Facebook.com/100ThingsToDoInPhiladelphiaBeforeYouDie](https://www.facebook.com/100ThingsToDoInPhiladelphiaBeforeYouDie). The book can be purchased at www.100ThingsToDoInPhiladelphia.com. ■



KOL AMI LEGACY SOCIETY

The Kol Ami Legacy Society would like to thank all of our participants for their consideration of our wonderful Synagogue in their future plans.

Remember, a small change in a will or codicil or a beneficiary change to an insurance policy from the smallest amount on up is all that's needed to join.

If you are interested or have questions, feel free to call Ilene Schafer at 215-663-0228 or ask Elaine Stevens for a revocable letter of intent.

Help secure our future and thanks again to our participants:

David Baker and Irene Levy Baker
Carol Baron

Michael and Sara Chernoff
Jeffrey Cohen and Ellen Friedman
Alan and Elaine Gershenson
Elizabeth Kapnek Grenald
Rabbi Elliot and Susan Holin

David Hyman
William Hyman and Janine Pratt
Lee Laden

John Michel and Jane Finkle
Craig and Sharon Myers
Marshall and Ilene Schafer

Gary Sender
Elaine Stevens
Erik and Jennifer Streitwieser
The Wintroub Family ■



ARTIST OF THE MONTH
SEPTEMBER 19 - OCTOBER 20
 REENA MILNER BROOKS



Reena Milner Brooks' work is inspired by a trip she took with her family to the Holocaust Memorial 20th Anniversary Commemoration. Reena's mother is a Holocaust survivor, she was 15 years old in 1944, and survived some pretty horrible circumstances. Reena's father has been documenting his wife's story, what little she reveals to him, into a chronological history. Reena's mixed media monotypes, collages, and paintings are influenced and interpreted by these events. She incorporates texture and layering techniques by utilizing many common household objects either printed or collaged. A few of her pieces, using Life magazines from specific important dates of her mother's story, juxtaposes life in America and these events in her mother's life.

Reena is a graduate of the Tyler School of Art with a Bachelor of Fine Arts concentration in Printmaking. She has been in many juried shows throughout Montgomery County and Philadelphia. She recently showed her "Holocaust Series" at the Old City Jewish Art Center in Philadelphia, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, and at St. John's Lutheran Church Creative Arts Series in Melrose Park. She lives in Bucks County with her husband and their three dogs.

Please join us at Reena's open house on Sunday, October 9, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. ■

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

ARTIST OF THE MONTH
OCTOBER 21 - NOVEMBER 28
 MICK McANDREWS



Mick's award-winning paintings strive to capture the mood and atmosphere of a subject, combining the magic of watercolor with reverence for the principles of design to create works of sophisticated simplicity.

Mick is a signature member of the Philadelphia Watercolor Society, the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society (Sylvan Grouse Guild), the Baltimore Watercolor Society, and he is an Artist Member of the Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association.

Mick has a Watercolor Demonstration feature article published in the June/July 2015 issue of Plein Air Magazine and his painting "Morning in Sitka" has been selected for publication in the 2016 edition of North Light Book's Splash 17: Inspiring Subjects!

Mick is a passionate painter who believes that time spent painting is precious. His goal is to draw and paint every day, and he believes that the fastest way to artistic growth is through the activity of painting. He especially enjoys painting outside to take advantage of surroundings, natural light, and the sights and sounds that influence each painter's creative nature. Mick also believes that "painting is great fun and when we're having fun it can be seen by the viewer in our finished work!" ■

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

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Let's say "hello and welcome" to our new members, **Joie Lazaroff** and her 6-year-old son, **Aiden**. Joie and Aiden live in Jenkintown, and were previously members of Temple Beth Am for four years. Joie became familiar with Kol Ami last year at the Abington Pre-Night Out, and then more recently through recent members Tracy Zigler and Ryan Perlman. Tracy and Ryan told Joie that our Congregation is warm and supportive, whereupon Joie decided to join, writing that: "I wanted a place that

would embrace my heritage and be a great influence on my son." By the end of the summer, they became official members of Kol Ami.

Joie grew up nearby in Southampton, Bucks County, and she has been in the beauty industry for over 25 years, working for major companies. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, and going to festivals and shows. She also expresses her creativity (already part of her professional work) in her personal time by painting.

Most of all, Joie devotes herself and her time to Aiden, who is now attending our Sunday religious school for the first time. Joie lovingly describes her son as someone who loves to meet new people (just like his mother). He also likes to sing, dance, and play, and to participate in the holidays. She adds that Aiden is a natural-born entertainer, so we can look forward to his being part of our *Hanukkah* and *Purim* shows and skits in the future!

We are very happy to have Joie and Aiden join our congregational family. Welcome to Kol Ami! ■

ABCS—ALERT: BULLETIN CHANGES SCHEDULE!



Our Bulletin schedule is changing! We will be combining two (2) months into one (1) publication beginning with the November/December issue. We've evaluated the information in the bulletin and are confident that reducing the publication will not result in any loss of awareness of events and activities (and will save us some

money in our annual budget). As always, the information in the Bulletin will be supplemented through our Web site, ListServ, and social media platforms. ■

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

During Operation Protective Edge, NATAL answered thousands of calls every day and night from children and adults. Clinical staff and highly trained volunteers were enlisted to respond to this increased need. Working with Israel's media, millions of people received information about when, where, and how to get help. NATAL's emergency kits consist of information about trauma and methods of staying calm, as well as therapeutic tools to aid in managing tension. There is still a strong demand for thousands of these kits to be distributed to individuals, schools and communities throughout Israel.

Forthcoming fast days on behalf of **NATAL** will be on "first Wednesdays," **October 5** and **November 2**.

PHAST FOR PHILADELPHIA is on behalf of unemployed workers in Philadelphia who are struggling to make ends meet by helping them pay their mortgages, address health-care needs, and pay electric bills.

Forthcoming **Phast for Philadelphia** fast days will be on "third Thursdays," **October 20** and **November 17**.

Below are the addresses for these two agencies:

American Friends of NATAL

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

Unemployment Information Center

112 North Broad Street
11th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

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



Kindness Counts **א**

Moving Beyond the Gender Boxes

*Embracing Transgender and Non-Binary Jews,
Their Loved Ones and Allies in the Mishkan*

Sunday, November 13, 2016

1:00pm to 5:30pm

**Congregation Kol Ami
8201 High School Road
Elkins Park, PA
215-635-3110**

A day of learning and dialogue.

***Open to teens thirteen through esteemed elders
and synagogue teams.***

Program opens with: Panelists sharing stories about their inclusion journey, followed by Q & A.

Workshop topics include:

- Trans/non-binary 101: Basics and more for allies and professionals alike
- **Teens only workshops:** Trans and Queer 101: Learning and Teaching & Community Organizing: Building Power for Change
- Religious Education: Making the classroom and curriculum safe, supportive and inclusive
- Trans/non-binary inclusive youth groups and overnight camping
- Betselem Elohim: We are all created in the image of God--Inclusion is a given...or is it?
- Repair the World (Tikun Olam) by becoming an inclusive synagogue community
- Do Now, Understand Later (Na'Aseh V'Nishma): Forming an action agenda on transgender issues to reorient your community
- Inclusive rituals and spiritual growth
- What should I say? Providing emotional support

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Registration Information

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Ticket prices: (circle all applicable)

	In Advance	At the Door
Adult:	\$25	\$30
Seniors (65 and over):	\$10	\$12
Young Adults (19 - 25):	\$10	\$12
Students under 18:	<i>free (Teens-only workshops offered)</i>	
Team (6 people):	\$125	\$160

Optional additional contribution to offset conference costs: ☐ \$18 ☐ \$36 \$_____ other

Number of people registering: _____Adults _____Seniors _____Young Adult/Student

Total Enclosed: \$_____

Check or credit cards accepted.

Please make checks payable to "Congregation Kol Ami" or pay by Visa or Mastercard:

Credit Card Information:

Name on card:_____

Card #:_____ Exp date: _____

Once we receive your registration we will follow up with workshop selections and other information.

Please mail this form and payment to:

Congregation Kol Ami
Attn: Kindness Counts Bet Conference
8201 High School Road
Elkins Park, PA 19027

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Registration Information

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Name (1): _____

Affiliation (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Preferred Pronoun (optional)*: _____

** Preferred pronoun - How you would like to be addressed by the group. Examples: he/his, she/hers, they/theirs*

Name (2): _____

Affiliation (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Preferred Pronoun (optional)*: _____

** Preferred pronoun - How you would like to be addressed by the group. Examples: he/his, she/hers, they/theirs*

(For additional registrants, please add information to the back of this page.)

For Teams

(For example: Rabbi, Executive Director, Cantor/Cantorial Soloist, President, Education Director, Committee Chair)

1. Name: _____ Preferred Pronoun: _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

2. Name: _____ Preferred Pronoun: _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

3. Name: _____ Preferred Pronoun: _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

4. Name: _____ Preferred Pronoun: _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

5. Name: _____ Preferred Pronoun: _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

6. Name: _____ Preferred Pronoun: _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

Additional registrants:

Name (3): _____

Affiliation (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Preferred Pronoun (optional)*: _____

** Preferred pronoun - How you would like to be addressed by the group. Examples: he/his, she/hers. they/theirs*

Name (4): _____

Affiliation (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Preferred Pronoun (optional)*: _____

** Preferred pronoun - How you would like to be addressed by the group. Examples: he/his, she/hers. they/theirs*

Name (5): _____

Affiliation (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Preferred Pronoun (optional)*: _____

** Preferred pronoun - How you would like to be addressed by the group. Examples: he/his, she/hers. they/theirs*

Please RSVP by October 28th

Questions? Contact a co-chair:

Jane Tausig at jetausig@gmail.com

Morgan Selkirk at jackinabox08@gmail.com

Phoenix Schneider at pschneider@jfcsp Philly.org

Engaging at Congregation Kol Ami

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

Art and Design Committee

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

Caring Congregants Committee

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

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

Choir

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

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

Finance Committee

Monitors the financial position of the synagogue. Process includes evaluation of financial statements, creation of the annual budget, monitoring performance versus budget, cost control, analysis of dues structure, insurance matters, analysis of the fund accounts, and the creation of strategic partnerships. Chairs: Lisa Landau (215-620-5226, lisalandau537@gmail.com) and Bart Weiner (215-233-4712, bart.weiner@gmail.com)

Fund Development Committee

Works to create a culture of giving in Kol Ami and creates coherence and strategy for the Congregation's fund-raising efforts. Committee provides leadership for specific events. Chairs: Jennifer Streitwieser (215-421-8270, jstreitwieser@comcast.net) and Bart Weiner (215-233-4712, bart.weiner@gmail.com)

Inclusion Committee

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

Interfaith Relationship Dialogue

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

ISH

A fun way for young-ish congregants to spend time together and create meaningful social networks. Organized activities are based on collective adult interests with opportunities to build friendships. Participants are diverse in life stages — married or in committed relationships, families or single. Chairs: Cheryl Madden (215-620-1547, chmaddenpsych@yahoo.com), Robin Shane (215-277-5511, rishane210@gmail.com), and Tamara Sniad (215-782-3848, tamarasniad@gmail.com)

Ladies of a Certain Age (LOCA)

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

Marketing Committee

Develops, implements, and maintains a communication plan tailored with the principle goal of growing membership. While focused on direct-marketing opportunities that can generate membership interest, this committee also works to ensure there is consistent voice to prospective members through the Kol Ami Web site, the Bulletin, and social media platforms. Chair: Morgan Selkirk (914-671-3137, jackinabox08@gmail.com)

Membership Committee

Encourages prospective members to join our dynamic and intimate community through maintaining contact, inviting participation, and sharing knowledge of the Synagogue. The committee also oversees programs designed to retain all members. Chair: Robin Warsaw (215-635-5839, rkWarsaw@comcast.net)

Operations & Property Enhancement Committee

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

Programming Committee

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

Religious School Committee

Collaborates with David Monblatt, Director of Education, and Rabbi Holin, to guide the development of grade-level programs, ongoing dialogues between parents and committee, Youth Groups support, Family Education programs; proposes policies for the governance and operation of our school. Chairs: Lisa Ney (215-886-2029, lney@jfcshilly.org) and Benny Shoham (shohamlb@gmail.com)

Religious School PTO Committee

Supports the religious school parents with activities within religious school and assists with fund-raising events. Provides support for the *Hanukkah* bash, Bingo Night, bake sales, "dine-arounds", and pancake breakfasts. Meets during religious school hours. Chairs: Erica Douglas (215-491-0630, ejs145@comcast.net) and Deborah Poppel (215-947-2252, dpoppel1@verizon.net)

Shomrei Adamah

(Environmental Stewardship) Committee

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

Social Action Committee

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

Softball League

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

Spiritual Growth Group

Provides a welcome, intimate, and un-intimidating way to explore God and spirituality. This group studies Jewish liturgy as well as writings of Jewish philosophers and theologians. They engage in down-to-earth discussions about spirituality in their lives and use a multi-faceted approach to their exploration of faith, including creative writing and listening to music. Members design creative services and have presented *dvar Torah* at *Shabbat* services. Chairs: Janet Falon (215-635-1698, jfalton@english.upenn.edu) and Meryle Gurmankin (215-464-2466, meryleg1@gmail.com)

Worship Enhancement Committee

Develops recommendations for our worship needs within the limits of the bylaws and in conjunction with the Rabbi's guidance. This committee is accountable for the ongoing development and quality of the worship experiences for *Shabbat*, High Holy Days, Healing, and *Havdalah*. This includes music/choirs, integration of our prayer books *Mishkan T'Filah* and *Mishkan HaneFesh*, exploring innovative options for "specialty services," ushering provisions, and attracting more congregants to worship. Chairs: Mindy Levy (215-885-3672, artb4words@verizon.net) and William Shapiro (215-517-8666, wmschap@gmail.com) ■

KOL AMI OCTOBER 2016 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Religious School CLOSED erev Rosh Hashanah Service 8:00 p.m.	3 Early Learning Center CLOSED Rosh Hashanah Service 10:00 a.m.	4 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Tashlikh Service 6:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. - BYOD Home of Guy and Karol Appel	5 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Holocaust Awareness Program featuring Reena Brooks 6:00 p.m.	6 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.	7 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rabbi Holin 11:00 a.m. "First-Friday" erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	1 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
9 PTO Pancake Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:00 a.m. - Religious School PTO Meeting 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. Artist Open House - Reena Brooks 2:00 p.m.	10 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	11 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Center Closes at 3:00 p.m. Kol Nidrei Service 8:00 p.m.	12 Early Learning Center CLOSED Yom Kippur Service 10:00 a.m.	13 Caring Congregants Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.	14 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service Commemorating National Coming Out Day 7:30 p.m.	15 Bat Mitzvah of Cecily Shandell 10:00 a.m.

KOL AMI OCTOBER 2016 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 PTO Bake Sale Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 12:00 p.m. -erev <i>Sukkot</i> Service Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.	17 Early Learning Center CLOSED Sukkot Service 10:00 a.m.	18 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Barbara Rosenthal 7:30 p.m.	19 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	20 "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Ira Cooperman 7:30 p.m.	21 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat with Rabbi Holin 11:00 a.m. "Fun-for-Kids" erev Shabbat Service with Student Choir 6:00 p.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	22 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Sukkot in the Fields 12:00 p.m.
23 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. 10:00 a.m. - <i>Simchat Torah</i> Service 10:25 a.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal	24 Early Learning Center CLOSED Simchat Torah-Vizkor Service 10:00 a.m. Membership Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	25 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Barbara Rosenthal 7:30 p.m.	26 Early Learning Center Apple Press Program 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	27 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m. "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Ira Cooperman 7:30 p.m.	28 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service with Grade K/1 Participation 6:00 p.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	29 Bat Mitzvah of Melanie Poppel 10:00 a.m. ISH Wine & Cheese 7:00 p.m. at the residence of Rocky Weinstock and Tamara Sniad
30 Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Book Signing with Irene Levy Baker 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. Healing Service 1:00 p.m.	31					

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OCTOBER

- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, at 10:00 a.m.**
Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2** - Religious School Closed
8:00 p.m. - *erev Rosh Hashanah* Service
- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, at 10:00 a.m.**
Rosh Hashanah Service
- **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, at 6:00 p.m.**
Tashlikh Service preceded by a 5:15 p.m. BYOD at the home of Guy and Karol Appel
- **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, at 6:00 p.m.**
Holocaust Awareness Program featuring Reena Brooks
- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, at 7:30 p.m.**
“First-Friday” *erev Shabbat* Service
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, at 10:00 a.m.**
Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue;
Carol Nemeroff will give the *dvar Torah*
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**
9:30 a.m. - PTO Pancake Breakfast
10:00 a.m. - Religious School PTO Committee
- **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, at 8:00 p.m.**
Kol Nidrei Service
- **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12** - Religious School Closed
10:00 a.m. - *Yom Kippur* Service
- **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, at 6:00 p.m.**
Caring Congregants Committee Meeting
- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, at 7:30 p.m.**
erev Shabbat Service commemorating National Coming Out Day
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bat Mitzvah of Cecily Shandell
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16** - PTO Bake Sale
9:30 a.m. - Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting
12:00 p.m. - *erev Sukkot* Service
- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, at 10:00 a.m.**
Sukkot Service
- **TUESDAY, OCT. 18 & 25, NOV. 1 & 8; at 7:30 p.m.**
“Study at the *Shul*” for Adults with Barbara Rosenthal
- **THURSDAY, OCT. 20 & 27, NOV. 3 & 10; at 7:30 p.m.**
“Study at the *Shul*” for Adults with Ira Cooperman
- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21**
6:00 p.m. - “Fun-for-Kids” *erev Shabbat* Service
7:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**
10:00 a.m. - *Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue
12:00 p.m. - *Sukkot* in the Field

- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, at 10:00 a.m.**
Simchat Torah Service
- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 24**
10:00 a.m. - *Simchat Torah-Yizkor* Service
7:30 p.m. - Membership Committee Meeting
- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28**
6:00 p.m. - K/1 *erev Shabbat* Service
7:30 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**
10:00 a.m. - *Bat Mitzvah* of Melanie Poppel
7:00 p.m. - ISH Wine-and-Cheese Party
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**
10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - Irene Levy Baker Book Signing
1:00 p.m. - Healing Service

NOVEMBER

- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, at 7:30 p.m.**
“First-Friday” *erev Shabbat* Service with Adult Choir
- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**
10:00 a.m. - *Bat Mitzvah* of Gia Schmidt
2:00 p.m. - Blessing of the Pets
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**
10:00 a.m. - “Conversations” with Ira Cooperman
1:00 p.m. - SHARE Food Program
- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 AND 17, at 7:30 p.m.**
“Study at the *Shul*” for Adults with David Monblatt
- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bar Mitzvah of Austin Copeland
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, at 1:00 p.m.**
Kindness Counts *Bet*: Moving Beyond the Gender Boxes
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, at 7:30 p.m.**
Fund Development Committee Meeting
- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18**
6:00 p.m. - “Fun-for-Kids” *erev Shabbat* Service with Student Choir
7:30 p.m. - “Shabbaton Against Hunger” *erev Shabbat* Service
- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**
10:00 a.m. - *Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue
5:00 p.m. - Family Bingo Night
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**
11:00 a.m. - Religious School PTO Committee Meeting
5:00 p.m. - House Concert featuring Genna & Jesse
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, at 7:00 p.m.**
Spiritual Growth Group Meeting
- **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, at 7:30 p.m.**
Interfaith Relationship Dialogue ■