



WORSHIP SERVICES

EREV SHABBAT SERVICES ON THE MEADOW:

FRIDAY, September 2 & 9

September 9: "Second-Friday"
birthday and anniversary blessings
under the *tallit*

5:45 p.m. - Bring your own dinner
and blankets or comfortable, soccer-
style (foldable) chairs

6:30 p.m. - Brief worship service
beneath the trees and evening sky
(chairs are provided for the service)

FRIDAY, September 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Prospective-Member *erev Shabbat*
Service with our Adult Choir: Bring
your friends who might be interested
in meeting us to this special service
in our Sanctuary as we look ahead to
exciting programs in the new year and
talk about what makes our Synagogue
so special

FRIDAY, September 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Board-Installation *erev Shabbat* Service
when we gather to express gratitude
to your fellow members on our Board
of Trustees who devote countless
hours to our Synagogue to ensure its
future and to formally install those
who have recently joined our Board

SATURDAY, September 24, at 10:00 p.m.

Selichot Service (The "Gateway" to the
High Holy Days); preceded by a 9:30
p.m. *Oneg* The process of repentance
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HIGH HOLY DAYS CALENDAR 2016 - 5777

<i>Selichot</i>	Saturday, September 24	10:00 p.m.
<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	6:30 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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commences a full month before the New Year, and the *Selichot* Service is part of a journey that leads to new beginnings (the ten days on the Jewish calendar that we call “high” and “holy”). How do we wrestle with loss, avoid succumbing to despair, move from darkness toward light, rebound from setbacks, and claim the sacred from the mundane? (See page 6.)

FRIDAY, September 30, at 7:30 p.m.
erev Shabbat Service

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 6)

TUESDAY, October 11, at 8:00 p.m.
Kol Nidrei Service

WEDNESDAY, October 12, at 10:00 a.m.
Yom Kippur Service

TORAH & HAFTARAH

September 3 - Re'eh
Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
Isaiah 66:1-24

September 10 - Shofetim
Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9
Isaiah 51:12-52:12

September 17 - Kee Tetzeei
Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
Isaiah 54:1-10

September 24 - Kee Tavo
Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8, Isaiah 60 ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As fall arrives, Jews throughout the world begin to prepare for a ten-day period of prayer, self-examination, fasting, and repentance. It is hard to believe that we are just one month from the High Holy Days. I love *Rosh Hashanah* for its joy and celebration. It is also a holy day with customs and symbols to reflect not only our happiness, but our humility. It is an occasion for spiritual reflection and self-searching. What hopes, dreams, and plans will you make so this year is an even better one, with justice and compassion for all?

This particular season adds another dimension with the closing of one government administration and creation of another. How will we “do that which is right and good in the sight of God” (Deut. 6:18) There are many things to focus on, yet, like you, I just can't seem to get the upcoming election out of my mind. Legislation on significant issues, such as healthcare (including reproductive healthcare), workplace fairness and job creation, climate change, immigration reform, and support for Israel will be considered by the next Congress and Administration. In addition, over the next four years, the President and Senate will make Supreme Court and other judicial appointments that will affect our lives for generations. As Jews and American citizens, it is our civic duty to register promptly, to educate ourselves and others about the critical issues, and to vote.

The concept of personal obligation is the central theme of Jewish law. We have obligations toward ourselves, toward God, and toward others. Living with this sense of obligation means approaching the world with a feeling of responsibility for what happens. Voting is one way of acting on our obligation to make our part of the world a more just place.

I am very proud that our Congregation will be hosting voter-registration drives between now and October 11 as a way to engage in our ongoing work of *tikun olam* (see the dates on page 4). We must involve ourselves in our country's election process to affect the changes we wish to see in our country's policies through elected officials. We have the privilege to play a vital role in determining the future of our country, to strive to improve the world in which we live.

The *Torah* and the Constitution guide and impact us and continually encourage us to be responsible members of society. It begins with each one of us. As we learn from the *Mishnah*: “It is not your responsibility to finish the work of perfecting the world, but you are not free to desist from it either” *Pirkei Avot* 2:16.

A sweet year to all! Enjoy our lovely and delicious tradition of eating apples and honey to begin the New Year with family and friends. *L'shanah tovah tikateivu*—“May you be inscribed for a good year.”

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

I am going to enter these High Holy Days thinking of a story about the Hasidic master, the Gerer Rebbe, Yitzchak Meir Alter (1798-1866). Ger is a Hasidic dynasty that originated in a town of Ger, in Poland. Prior to the Holocaust, the Rebbe of Ger's followers and their descendants numbered in excess of 100,000. Today, the dynasty is based in Jerusalem and numbers approximately 13,000 families, most of whom live in Israel. There are smaller Ger communities in Brooklyn, London, Toronto, and Los Angeles.

The rebbe asked one of his disciples, "How is Moshe Ya'akov doing?" The disciple said that he did not know. "What?" shouted the Rebbe, "You don't know? You pray under the same roof, you serve the same God, yet you tell me you don't know how Moshe Ya'akov is doing, whether he needs help or comforting? How can that be?"

To belong to a synagogue is to be part of a *baet kneset*, a gathering place that is a spiritual home: a home where we respond when we learn that one of our fellow members need help or comforting. We are here for each other.

When we are together over the High Holy Days, we will see people we don't know, but what we do know is that when the call goes out to respond to the needs of a fellow member—to provide sustenance upon returning home from a hospital; to connect with our *vatikim* (esteemed elders) to bring them to services or events at the Synagogue, to express concern about "the other who, like you, is also created in the Divine image" (Leviticus 19:18, the Holiness Code); to celebrate and to commiserate – we will because we are here for each other.

From *Rosh Hashanah* through *Yom Kippur*, we will read the *Machzor*, the High Holy Day prayer book. Its liturgy is the touchstone of our services: *Aveinu Malkeinu*; *Kol Nidrei*; *Ashamnu*; *Ahl Chet*; *Sh'ma Koleinu*. English translations, contemporary readings, and rabbinic commentaries are meaningful and insightful. A beautiful sacred buffet awaits us, nourishing us all the way through our fast on *Yom Kippur*.

Throughout, we will be in the midst of sacred community, Kol Ami – "The Voice of My People" – where everyone matters.

L'shanah tovah tih'kateivu
to you and your loved ones,

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

MAZAL TOV

We extend congratulations to the following individuals:

- **Abby Binder** and **Jane Tausig** on the birth of their granddaughter, Maya Rae Silverberg, on July 26 to Sarah and Marc Silverberg



- **Peter and Beth Denitz** on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Hannah, to Alexander Rawdin on June 18 ■

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving memory of:

Barbara Kaplan
mother of Mark (Karin)
grandmother of Molly and Ellie

Leon Love
father of Robin (Ira) Adelman
grandfather of Marlene and Belle

Sumner Rotman
uncle of Ellen (Michael) Matz

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

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VOTER REGISTRATION AT KOL AMI

- Monday, September 12, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 18, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon
- Monday, September 19, from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

NEED HELP GETTING THERE?

If you need a ride to the polls, call our Caring Congregant Co-chairs: Linda George, 215-782-1413, or Elaine Gershenson, 215-887-3994. They'll canvas possible drivers and get back to you.

Shelley Chamberlain

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Casino Night Committee

Wednesday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Chair: Sharon Myers, 215-938-7435

Religious School Committee

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

Co-chairs: Lisa Ney and Benjamin Shoham, 215-886-2029

Social Action Committee

Wednesday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Co-chairs: Jody Long, 215-512-3636, and Rocky Weinstock, 215-782-3848

Spiritual Growth Group

Monday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m.

at home of Mort and Marci Wolpert
Co-chairs: Janet Falon, 215-635-1698, and Meryle Gurmankin, 215-464-2466 ■

KOL AMI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: A NEW YEAR BEGINS!

After a recent survey, we learned that our Religious School parents wish to see more family programs, family field trips, family-based social action programs, and parent education opportunities.

HERE'S OUR RESPONSE:

In the 2016-2017 school year, Kol Ami Religious School will be producing all new Family Education programs that emphasize parent learning. Families will experience our new Hebrew Compass program, designed to help parents effectively assist their children with Hebrew learning. Grade 4 students and parents will participate in our new Hopes and Dreams program, a formal introduction to Holocaust education. For Confirmation Academy parents, we've added the new Family Dilemmas Café, where families will explore contemporary ethical dilemmas faced by our teens.

We're also adding new holiday programs so that families can learn about the Jewish holidays together in fun and meaningful ways. In October, parents will join their kids at Religious School for our new Family *Simchat Torah* Celebration. This December, we've added an awesome *Hanukkah* celebration for our Confirmation Academy families. And in March, be sure to check your mailboxes for your royal invitation to Ahasuerus & Vashti's Banquet, a brand-new experiential program in which families will be interactive guests at the infamous banquet that incites the story of *Purim*.

Next, we're going to double the number of Family *Shabbat* programs offered this year, so that students and parents can celebrate *Shabbat* as a community more often, enjoy a festive meal together, and participate in a *Kabbalat Shabbat* service in which students deliver a presentation on something they are studying in Religious School.

We're adding to our lineup of social action programs too. This year will see the addition of our new JRA Food Packaging and Delivery Program to accompany our Stop Hunger Now program and visits to the SHARE Food Program.

We've also added two new continuing education courses emphasizing parent education: Judaism 101 and Judaism 201. Whether you never attended Hebrew school, 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, these introductory-level courses will review the basics, including the origin, history, traditions, texts, and holidays that comprise the Jewish faith.

But these additions to our program are only part of what will be our school's most ambitious year ever!

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KOL AMI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Engaging family field trips have been added to this year's program, like our Jewish Philadelphia Tour for Grades 5, 6, and 7, in which families will tour sites in Philadelphia where the Jewish people were instrumental to the founding of our nation. Our Confirmation Academy families will be traveling to Washington, DC, to experience the United States Holocaust Memorial and Museum. And for the first time ever, four of our teens will represent Congregation Kol Ami at our nation's Capitol as they participate in the URJ's Religious Action Center *L'Taken* weekend. In addition, families will continue

to have the opportunity to travel to the Abramson Center to fulfill the *mitzvah* of visiting the sick and the elderly. Our teens will participate in this year's Philadelphia's Holocaust Memorial ceremony. And our Confirmation Academy students will cap off the year with an incredible trip to New York City! Sorry parents—that one's just for our students.

We've added new youth group events too, like our Family Ice Skating Party in February and 76ers Game in March. Of course, most of our youth group events are just for our students. For our Grade 9-12 youth group, Kol Ami Temple Youth (KATY), students will experience the new Escape the Room event and trip to Speed Raceway. We're also reviving the ever-popular Limousine Scavenger Hunt. For students in Grades 5-8, our Senior Youth Group will have a blast at our Bowling & Laser Tag Adventure, Synagogue Sleepover, and our third-annual Choose Your Own Adventure program. We'll also conclude with an end-of-year Family Tubing Trip on the Delaware River in June.

On top of these exciting programs, we're bringing back our popular High Holy Day University program on *Rosh Hashanah* for students in Grades 2-7. In December, our all new Revolt of the *Maccabees* program debuts, where students will take back their school from the treacherous Greek Academy. And of course, in April, it's the next installment of our Passover program: Chocolate *Seder* 3: That's Really a Significant Amount of Chocolate.

Looking forward to seeing all students and parents on our first day of school at the Family Welcome Program on **Sunday, September 18, at 10:00 a.m.**

L'Shalom!

David Monblatt ■

COME ON IN...

**Sunday, September 18,
from 10:00 a.m. to Noon!**

It's the first day of Religious School and we have much to share. Stop by, have a cup of coffee, and *schmooze* with us!

- **ACTIVITY EXPO:** Many of our Committee Co-chairs will be in the lobby to greet you and provide an update on plans for the upcoming year. It's a perfect time for a one-on-one dialogue. Consider how you might get involved or contribute! Committees represented: Caring Congregants, Inclusion, Marketing, Membership, Programming, Religious School and PTO, Social Action, and Worship Enhancement.
- **VOTER REGISTRATION:**
Your vote counts!
- **LOCAL HONEY ON SALE:** Make your holidays even sweeter.
- **REGISTER FOR "KINDNESS COUNTS BET"** on November 13. ■



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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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

SELICHOT SERVICE AND DISCUSSION

Saturday, September 24, at 10:00 p.m.; pre-service *Oneg* at 9:30 p.m. with delicious pastries for all to ensure a sweet New Year!

The *Selichot* Service is our annual “call to conscience” as we take measure of who we are, what we value, and the distance between what we say and do. In our tradition, the process of repentance commences a full month before the New Year, and the *Selichot* Service is part of a journey that leads to new beginnings: the ten days on the Jewish calendar that we call “high” and “holy.”

How do we wrestle with loss, avoid succumbing to despair, move from darkness toward light, rebound from setbacks, and claim the sacred from the mundane? In his epic poem “Birth is a Beginning,” Rabbi Alvin Fine writes: “Looking backward or ahead, we see that victory lies not at some high place along the way, but in having made the journey, stage by stage, a sacred pilgrimage.”

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.

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.



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*!

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. ■

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Let's give a big, warm welcome to new members Emily Lutz, Joshua Stein, and their 8-year-old daughter Leah. They live in Cheltenham, and Leah will be starting third grade in our Religious School this fall.

They joined Kol Ami in June, Emily explaining that she wanted to learn more about the Jewish religion and to create new family traditions to complement their existing family traditions. Josh jokes that he joined because "Emily told me to." (We're not sure if that's an old or a new family tradition!)

Emily is originally from Chester County, PA, and Josh grew up in Northeast Philadelphia. They lived in Levittown for eight years prior to moving to this area.

Emily and Josh both work in the construction industry in sales; in fact, they met as coworkers 10 years ago. Emily notes that she was impressed by Josh's knowledge of Hebrew (he had her at "*shalom*"), and "the rest is history."

Outside their work life, Emily is a competitive ballroom dancer (which raises the question, is there a *Maccabiah* Games event called, "Dancing with the Stars of David?"), and Josh is a Philadelphia sports fan and "Harry Potter nerd." There is no word as yet about whether Josh will be joining the Kol Ami softball team, but if we start up a *quidditch* team, Josh is our man! For good measure, Josh adds that he and Leah are both Marvel aficionados. Their household is home to a one-eyed English bulldog named Boss, who has become the "family mascot and ultimate neighborhood conversation starter."

We are thrilled to have Emily, Josh, and Leah join our Kol Ami family! ■

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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IS
AVAILABLE!**

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kolamielkinspark.org](mailto:execdir@kolamielkinspark.org).

WINNER OF THE CARING CONGREGANTS COMMITTEE ART CONTEST

Mazal tov to **Lauren Cheiken** and **Cecily Shandell**, winners of the Caring Congregants Committee art contest. Their artwork (shown at right) was selected to grace the cover of the Committee's children's birthday cards. We also would like to congratulate runner-up **Ivy Stinson** for submitting her fantastic artwork. A Barnes & Noble gift card was awarded to each. ■



“Study at the *Shul*” for Adults

Adult Two-Year *B’Nai Mitzvah* Course

Two Tuesdays a Month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Instructors: Rabbi Elliot Holin and Rosalind Holtzman



The classes will include two 45-minute sessions per evening: Hebrew and liturgy, taught by Rosalind Holtzman, and a survey of Jewish thought, history, and tradition taught by Rabbi Holin. Rosalind taught for many years in our Religious School and has been a *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* tutor for countless Kol Ami students.

Her sessions will help you learn, relearn, or brush up on your Hebrew reading skills and the meaning of prayers read at Kol Ami *Shabbat* services. She has been an adult student of Judaism, having celebrated her *Bat Mitzvah* in May 1998 at Kol Ami after relearning to read Hebrew, learning to read *Torah*, and learning to define for herself what constitutes “authentic” Judaism.

The second evening segment of 45 minutes will be taught by Rabbi Holin and will include a survey of: the development and meaning of major and minor Jewish holy days, as well as *Shabbat*; life-cycle events, rituals, and traditions; classical Biblical texts; the critical role of the prophets in Judaism; the meaning of God, soul, and afterlife in the Jewish tradition; the history and significance of Reform Judaism; and experiencing and affirming Israel.

The two-year course will culminate in a meaningful service to celebrate this remarkable journey. Class dates in 2016-2017 will be:

- September 13 and 27
- October 25
- November 1 and 8
- December 6 and 20
- January 10 and 24
- February 14 and 28
- March 14 and 28
- April 4 and 25
- May 9 and 23
- June 6 and 13

If you would like an incentive to be part of this wonderful experience, speak with our previous three cohorts of *B’Nai Mitzvah* celebrants to learn from them how wonderful and community-building the journey was for them: Guy Appel, Toni Cohen-Montague, Stephen Harris, and Shari Johnson in 2001; Ellen Asam, Ellen Friedman, Edis Hall, Susan Holin, Mindy Levy, Emily Lowe, and Eric Pelletier in 2009; Julie Cohen, Janet Felgoise, Victor Friesen, Linda George, Phyllis Harrison, Janine Pratt, Ilene Schafer, Kara Schmidt, and Elaine Stevens in 2013.

The cost per year is \$400. Please RSVP to Elaine Stevens by September 10 with a check payable to Congregation Kol Ami. Scholarships are available from the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund on a confidential basis through Rabbi Holin.

Social Justice: The Voices of the Prophets and the Historic Message of Reform Judaism

Thursdays; September 8 & 15
from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

“Black and blue, and red all over”: blood on the streets has been the all-too frequent news story this past year.

The election of the next President of the United States will be based, in no small measure, upon social justice issues. The core message and driving imperative of the Hebrew prophets was social justice, but what does that mean? Who were our prophets and what made someone a prophet?

Come meet Amos, Isaiah, Micah, and Zechariah, and learn how their words became the foundation of one of the five platforms of Reform Judaism.

RSVP by September 3.

The Bible as Literature

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

Instructor: Barbara Rosenthal

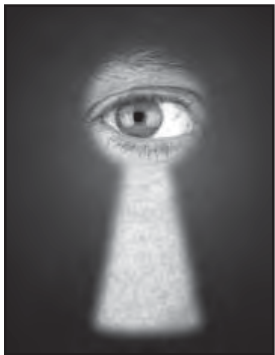
The Bible has often been read (or dismissed) as an inspired book mediated through our cultural or religious beliefs. In
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this class, we will try to shed those interpretive glasses, and, instead, read the Bible as a book written by people in a certain time and a certain place. We will examine the narrative stories in the Book of Genesis in the hope of recovering the underlying questions that 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 its contents. Hopefully, this class will help us to appreciate the book's complexity and open our ears to its very human voice.

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 U.S. and throughout the world.

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.

The Sacrifice of Isaac: Destructiveness and Repair

Thursdays; December 8 & 15 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Neal Beatus

The story about God commanding Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac, is one of the most disturbing myths in the Bible. It seems appalling that God would ask a parent to murder his child. It is also bizarre that Abraham does not question the command. Abraham brings Isaac to Mt. Moriah and is about to kill him when the Lord sends an angel to tell him to stop.

We will analyze this horrifying story, which seems almost like a bad dream, through the lens of psychoanalytic theory. Why would Abraham show such aggression to his own child whom he loves? Are the characters of “God” and “the Lord” separate, and what could they represent? How does Abraham overcome his destructiveness and what happens to his relationship with Isaac afterwards?

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

Thursdays; February 2, 9 & 16

from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. (an additional date will be chosen for a labyrinth walk)

Instructor: Carol Nemeroff

Guest Instructor: Dr. Orly Maravankin

Participants will have the opportunity to explore and practice methods for “quieting” the body and mind using Jewish sources and adaptations of other traditions in a Jewish context. Each session will feature guided-meditation exercises, as well as silent-meditation practice. The final session, to be held in the Spring, will offer the participants the opportunity to experience guided-walking meditation on an outdoor labyrinth.

Exposing Covert Actions of the Central Intelligence Agency

Mondays; February 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Ira Cooperman

Join a former intelligence officer as we explore how and why U.S. presidents have used the Central Intelligence Agency to effect regime change in Europe, Latin America, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. We will examine the situations, policies, politics, and methods that made this Third Option between traditional diplomacy and full-scale military action so attractive over the years. *continued page 10*

Our Adult Education Instructors

NEAL BEATUS MSS, LCSW, is a psychotherapist with GKS/W Crystal Group Associates in Wyndmoor and Philadelphia. He sees clients of all ages, from preschoolers to senior citizens. He has studied Psychoanalytic Object Relations theory extensively and has taught many trainings to other therapists. He attended undergraduate school at Haverford College and graduate school at Bryn Mawr College's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. He has enjoyed exploring Bible stories and thinking about them through a psychoanalytic lens.

IRA COOPERMAN is a former intelligence officer who has worked with 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, Ira is a graduate of San Francisco State University and has lectured at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the State University of NY.

ORLY MARAVANKIN has spent 20 years in global consulting before founding Edge Consulting, a boutique management-consulting company specializing in growth strategy and organizational development. Orly works with for-profit and non-profit organizations to help leaders transform their thinking and performance and effectively lead their teams through change. Incorporating mindfulness meditation principles into her work with organizations, she also conducts training programs on emotional intelligence, leadership resilience, and mindful leaders. Orly holds a PhD in psychology and is an International Coaching Federation certified Executive Coach. She is a certified meditation teacher through the Chopra Center University.

CAROL NEMEROFF is a retired school principal and consultant who studied Jewish spirituality at the *Lev Shomea* (listening heart) program and has offered spiritual exploration and companionship to individuals and groups since 2005. She most recently took part in a weeklong Jewish mindfulness meditation retreat sponsored by The Institute for Jewish Spirituality. She also has led labyrinth walks at Congregation Kol Ami and Old York Road Temple Beth Am. Carol is a member of the Kol Ami choir, Worship Enhancement committee, and helps to facilitate the Kol Ami Spiritual Growth group.

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 in PA. She has been teaching *Bat/Bar Mitzvah* students as well as adult education classes for over 20 years. ■

STUDY AT THE *SHUL* (continued from page 9)

Rereading the Bible: An Introduction to Feminist Interpretation

**Tuesdays; March 7, 14, 21 & 28
from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

Instructor: Barbara Rosenthal

We all have an agenda when we read (and interpret) the Bible, whether we are aware of it or not. Many of us read it the way our culture or our religion or secular society would have us read it. How would our understanding of the Bible change if we acknowledge the usual perspectives we assume when reading, put them aside for the moment, and adopt a new way of reading – if only just to see where it leads? And what could both men and women learn about the Bible, themselves, and the authority to interpret – if we read the Bible from the primary perspective of women and their concerns?

Judaism 201

**Thursdays; March 30 and April 6
from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

Instructor: David Monblatt

This is the “second step” of Mr. Monblatt’s Judaism 101 November course for those who wish to learn even more, or for the first time.

Chaim Nachman Bialik (1873-1934) - Israel's National Poet

**Tuesday mornings; June 6, 13 & 20
from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.**

Instructor: Rabbi Elliot Holin



Best known for his epic poem written in 1903, “In the City of Slaughter,” a scream of anguish following the brutality of the Kishinev pogroms, precursor to the flames of the Holocaust that would be kindled thirty years later, Bialik’s words urged a reawakening of the Jewish people in the face of anti-Semitism and in the name of national identity (*Zionism*).

Other poems contain fulsome praise for the synagogue (“Should You Wish to Know the Source”) and the *Shabbat* (“*Sabbath Queen*”). We will read and discuss these three works in the context of the times and their power to move and inspire us to this day. ■

Kol Ami Events

SECOND-FRIDAY EREV SHABBAT SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Friday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m.



If you or someone in your family is celebrating a birthday or anniversary in September, please join us at our special *erev Shabbat* service. Rabbi Holin will bless everyone with a September *simcha* under a *tallit*. 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*.

BLOOD DRIVE THIS MONTH

Monday, September 19, from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at Kol Ami



It’s time for our annual blood drive. Last year we had 34 donors, and this year we’d like to get at least 35. Giving blood is a *mitzvah*! Donors can be as young as 17 years old (with parental permission), and there is no upper age limit. You can contact Jean Ettinger (jeanettinger@gmail.com) to set up a time to donate; otherwise, you’ll probably receive a call asking for your participation.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP KICKS OFF NEW YEAR WITH TERRIFIC PROGRAMMING

Let’s say this right off the bat: You don’t have to be a “religious” or knowledgeable Jew to attend the Spiritual Growth Group meetings. And we don’t do weird “woo-woo” activities. We’re just a group of Jews interested in learning, discussing, or experiencing Jewish activities that can provide what we think of as “spiritual” experiences. Some of the topics we have on the docket for this year include a spiritual look at Jewish meditation, aging, *eco-kashrut*, Yiddish music, and more. Often our meetings

begin with a relevant journaling exercise, led by co-chair and journaling expert Janet Falon. And we will also discuss the new book written by Kol Ami member Bob Seltzer—*Techelet and Other Stories of Faith and Love*—who will be present at that meeting, tentatively set for December 19.

Many of our meetings are led by Kol Ami member Carol Nemeroff, who has many years of training and of leading activities as a spiritual advisor. We are lucky to benefit from her experience and ongoing personal spiritual search.

Our first meeting is on **September 19 at 7:00 p.m.**; although we usually meet at the Synagogue, this meeting will be at the home of Mort and Marci Wolpert. For more information, contact Janet Falon at janetfalon@gmail.com or Meryle Gurmankin at meryleg1@gmail.com.

HOME GROWN HONEY FOR SALE FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS



For the past few years, we have been fortunate enough to sell local, raw, and delicious honey to dip your apples and *challah* during the High Holy Days! For those of us who purchased a jar (or two), we had the pleasure of knowing what LOCAL honey tastes like. The honey is from the backyard bee hives and gardens of Kol Ami members Jane Tausig and Abby Binder.

We are once again selling 8 oz. jars for \$7.00 and 100% of the proceeds will benefit Congregation Kol Ami. To order, please send your check made payable to Congregation Kol Ami to the main office. There are limited amounts of honey, so orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Don’t miss this opportunity! The honey will be available for pickup in the office of the Executive Director.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 215-635-3110.

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
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Ice Cream Party

Join Us to Celebrate & Thank

Terri Goldman and **Roz Holtzman**

for their many years of teaching and inspiring our children!

Monday, September 12, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Fun on the Meadow!

**RSVP to Elaine Stevens Execdir@kolami.info or 215-635-3110
BEFORE Sept 5th. We want to be sure we have ice cream for all!**

Bring Frisbees!

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

8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027 | Phone: 215.635.3110 | Elaine Stevens, execdir@kolamielkinspark.org.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

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

Please make checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami.

KOL AMI EVENTS (continued from page 11)

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!



EREV SUKKOT OUTDOOR SERVICE UNDER THE SUKKAH

Sunday, October 16, immediately after Religious School
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 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.

SHABBAT SUKKOT IN THE FIELDS

Saturday, October 22, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Join Rabbi Holin, Shelley Chamberlain, Mark Kaplan, and Robin Rifkin for our fifth annual farm trip to Lancaster for *Shabbat Sukkot* in the fields, a family friendly, incredibly rich experience revolving around Jewish Values, Sustainable Agriculture, Faith Dialogues about Spirituality, and Good Food! Enjoy lunch and conversation with our farm friends on one of the farms that supplies wonderful produce, fruit, eggs, bread, cheese, and herbs to our Elkins Park Hazon Community Supported Agriculture (CSA).

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.

TORAHS ALOFT ON EREV SIMCHAT TORAH!

Sunday, October 23, from 10:30 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 welcome 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.

FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT



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

Forthcoming fast days on behalf of **NATAL** will be on Wednesday, **September 7** and **October 5**.

For the past five years, rabbi's monthly fasts are called **PHAST FOR PHILADELPHIA** 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.

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Why, As Jewish People, Transgender Injustice Is Our Injustice

by Morgan Selkirk

“Na’aseh v’nishmah”

“We will do and we will understand.”

There are things you understand only by doing.

As a community of people who are all too familiar with prejudice and intolerance, we, as Jews, have an exceptional gift and purpose bestowed upon us by history: to be a voice and driving force toward inclusion and social justice for all in our world who face discrimination and violence.

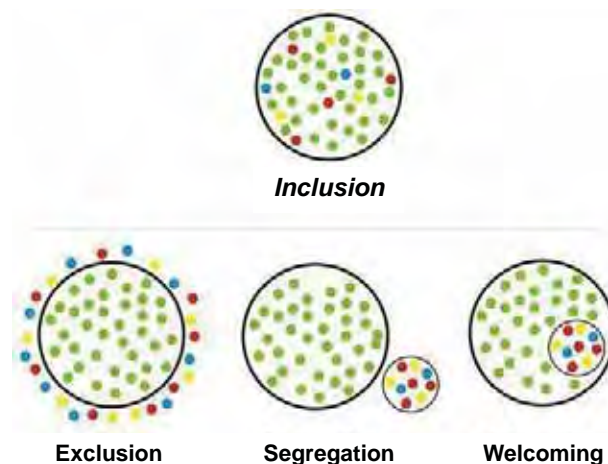
In November, Congregation Kol Ami will be co-hosting, along with J. Proud, an incredibly moving and informative conference on inclusion of transgender and non-binary Jews into our Synagogue community. Transgender people have often been cast aside and have faced cultural bigotry and discrimination by members of many different communities for simply existing. Many times I’ve encountered people who have said: “Well, I don’t know anyone transgender” or “That’s an LGBTQ thing.” Both statements couldn’t be farther from the truth. First, transgender and non-binary people are everywhere. Just because they don’t come up to you and say “Hi, I’m transgender” doesn’t mean they may not be shopping for groceries or reading a book right next to you when you’re out and about. Secondly, until people are not being killed, fired or not hired, bullied, or made to feel like they are less than human because of who they are, it is in our blood to assist in ending the injustice. **Kavod Habriyot**, respect human dignity.

The *Torah* says “do not stand idly while your neighbor bleeds” (Leviticus 19:16). Many do bleed. This year alone, we have seen 16 documented murders of transgender people targeted and killed for simply being who they are, and the year is only half over. Nearly 41% of transgender people, many youth, have reported that they attempted suicide. The general population suicide attempt average is 1.6%. Let that sink in for a moment. These people feel like death is a better choice than living in a world that doesn’t accept them, that doesn’t see them as productive members of society who are deserving of respect and inclusion. This is painfully similar to our history as Jews, where we too were told we were not “good enough,” have been killed for being who we are, and told we couldn’t be included in the community at large.

People are being arrested and beaten for trying to use a bathroom. Is this what we have become as a society? Safety is not a given for transgender and non-binary people, a basic human right denied to them because of fear and ignorance. Children in their most vulnerable years are being bullied and tormented for being true to themselves. What if this was your child? Would you want your community to stand with you to protect and nurture, or would you be okay with them turning their backs?

One thing we have been learning in this modern world is that there are many types of people in it. There are different groups who believe different things and live their lives differently than the next. One would think moving forward toward greater inclusion and acceptance of all types of people would be an attainable goal. I believe it is, and I hope you do as well. There is a saying: “To sit by and watch injustice is to be on the side of injustice.” Please, let us not be on that side. Do something, show up, include those who you may not completely understand. You don’t have to understand in order to have compassion, to learn, and to grow. I ask you to consider joining me on **November 13 at 1:00 p.m. for “Kindness Counts (Bet): Moving Beyond the Gender Boxes,”** for a day of learning and dialogue. Find out how you can help give transgender and non-binary Jews a place to call safe in our Synagogue and “stop the bleeding.” ■

Recognizing The Difference



***Keep a look out!
Registration Materials
coming soon for...***



Kindness Counts כ **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

Join us for an afternoon of learning and dialogue.
There will be exciting and informative workshops for everyone!
Tell your friends!

Registration packet available soon.
In the meantime, you can go to our event page on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1647821885540699/>



*V'ahavta l'reyecha kamocho: "Love your neighbor who, like you,
is also created in the Divine image..."*

KOL AMI EVENTS (continued from page 13)

Forthcoming **Phast for Philadelphia** fast days will be on Thursday, **September 15** and **October 20**.

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

American Friends of NATAL

1120 Avenue of the Americas, Fourth Floor
New York, 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”)



SAVE THE DATE
ISH WINE & CHEESE GATHERING

Saturday, October 29, at 7:30 p.m.
Location TBD
More details to come in the next Bulletin.

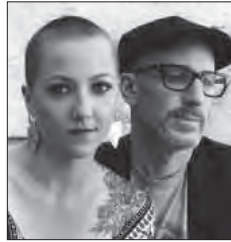
“Fun-for-Kids” erev Shabbat Services

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 ■



SAVE THE DATE
HOUSE CONCERT FEATURING GENNA & JESSE
Sunday, November 20, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Drawing inspiration from their romantic, nomadic lifestyle, Genna & Jesse might best be described as modern troubadours, generously offering listeners glimpses of their always-moving world with something fresh, true, and genuinely independent. Jesse is the son of members, Natalie and Jim Dyen. For more information about Genna & Jesse, visit www.gennaandjesse.com. Don’t miss this!



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DENIM & Diamonds

10TH ANNUAL
Casino Night & Silent Auction
Saturday, January 21
7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE



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.

Social Action Committee Update



It was a few months ago, but June was a satisfying and successful month for social action. A heartfelt thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers!

First, we partnered with Cease-FirePA and hosted an engaging and enlightening evening, bringing awareness to the issue of gun-violence prevention. We did our best to be inclusive of the greater community and had a wonderful turnout.

Next, we were a buddy to St. Matthew's Church through the Inter-Faith Housing Alliance. For one week, we provided transportation; dinners; overnight support; and, most important, friendly, compassionate connection and support to three families who are moving through homelessness. We played games with the children, listened to stories of better times, and offered encouragement. We were also able to provide household supplies to one of the families who has moved into their new home! It was a humbling and gratifying experience for our participants, all of whom highly recommend volunteering next year.

Finally, we completed the first of two 20-hour commitments towards helping at High School Park.

Upcoming volunteer opportunities on the calendar include:

- Weekend workdays at High School Park on September 4 and 18, October 30, and November 13 (go to www.fhsp.org to learn more, and be sure to let Kevin know you are from Kol Ami);
- The Blood Drive on September 19;
- The High Holy Day Food Drive in October;
- A *Sukkot* Farm Trip on October 22; and
- SHARE on November 6.

Feel free to contact Jody Long or Rocky Weinstock at socialaction@kolamielkinspark.org. ■

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 ■



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. ■





Congregation Kol Ami Contributions Funds List

HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE APPLIED

Below is a list of the available Kol Ami funds:

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Enables us to provide lifelong educational programming focused on Jewish history and contemporary issues.

ARTS & CULTURE FUND

Enables us to provide funding for cultural programs, including music and arts, the preservation and maintenance of artwork within the Synagogue, and the beautification of the meditation garden.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH & CONFIRMATION FUND

Enables us to provide appropriate gifts (books, *kiddush* cups, and *Shabbat* candlesticks) when our young adults celebrate their *Bar/Bat Mitzvahs* and Confirmations.

"DISCOVER ISRAEL" FUND

Enables us to provide scholarships to enable children of our members to participate in approved peer-group trips to Israel.

FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND FUND

Enables us to underwrite the cost of Family Camp Weekend programs and to welcome specialists on a "weekend away" to explore a Jewish theme with our rabbi.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION FUND

Enables us to offer age-appropriate programs to our Religious School students. A variety of educational initiatives will be sponsored, including, but not limited, to speaker programs, intolerance awareness, and travel to memorial museums/sites—all with a focus on its current relevance.

LIBRARY FUND

Enables us to purchase educational material for our members.

ONEG SHABBAT FUND

Enables us to provide refreshments following *Shabbat* services.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Enables Rabbi Holin to perform *mitzvot* for those in need, in the name of the Congregation.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Enables us to provide resources and programs for the benefit of our children in Religious School.

SYNAGOGUE FUND

Enables us to provide for the general well-being of the Congregation.

YOUTH FUND

Enables us to provide scholarships to enable children of our members to participate in Jewish enrichment experiences at camps, youth enclaves, and other programs. ■

Kol Ami Contributions

We thank the following individuals for their generous donations to Kol Ami funds. If you would like to make a donation, send it to Congregation Kol Ami, 8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027, and indicate to which fund it should be applied.

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

In Memory of:

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Suzanne Berman

Ralph and Anita Bloch

David and Shelley Chamberlain

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James and Natalie Dyen

Barbara Kaplan

Joel Fishbein and Rachel Ezekiel-Fishbein

Clara Zellat

James and Natalie Dyen

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In Honor of:

Our Confirmation Class

Joel Fishbein and Rachel Ezekiel-Fishbein

ONEG SHABBAT FUND

In Honor of:

My husband, Lou Duarte

Stephanie Duarte

Our special anniversary

Robert Schiowitz and Ronit Sugar

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor of:

**Graduation of Joshua Holin from
The University of Miami**

Carol Baron

**Rabbi Elliot Holin for his kindness
and contributions to the wedding of
Hannah Denitz and Alex Rawdin**

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Barbara Kaplan

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Stefani Toof

Carol Baron

Mi Shehbeirach

June Giameo

Carol Baron

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Honor of:

Our Confirmation Class

David and Shelley Chamberlain

SYNAGOGUE FUND

In Honor of:

David Baker and Irene Levy Baker

Michael and Jill Magerman

**Shelley Chamberlain and her first
year as president and wishing her
much success in her second year**

Brian and Debra Zaslow

Special anniversary of

Russell and Toni Montague

Elaine Stevens

Special birthday of Heather Pelletier

Elaine Stevens

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KOL AMI SEPTEMBER 2016 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5 Early Learning Center CLOSED	6 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	7 Social Action Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	1 Early Learning Center CLOSED	2 Early Learning Center CLOSED erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	3
				8 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m. "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Rabbi Holin 7:30 p.m.	9 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. "Second-Friday" erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	10

KOL AMI SEPTEMBER 2016 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11	12 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. Ice Cream Party Honoring Terri Goldman and Roz Holtzman 6:30 p.m.	13 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 p.m.	14 Casino Night Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	15 "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Rabbi Holin 7:30 p.m.	16 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat with Rabbi Holin 11:00 a.m. Prospective-Member erev Shabbat Service with Adult Choir 7:30 p.m.	17
18 First Day of Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.	19 American Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00 p.m. Spiritual Growth Group Meeting 7:00 p.m. Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	20 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	21 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	22 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.	23 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. Board-Installation erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	24 Selichot Service 10:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m. - Oneg
25 Religious School 10:00 a.m. to Noon 10:00 a.m. - Grades 2 & 3 Family Education Program 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. KATY Scavenger Hunt	26 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	27 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Center Parent Night 7:00 p.m. Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 p.m.	28 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - Grades 8, 9 and 10 Family Program	29	30 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	



“Beep, Beep!”

**The Early Learning Center is
now enrolling for fall sessions.**

Limited space is available.

For more information,
please contact Sheri Cutler at
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KOL AMI CONTRIBUTIONS (continued from page 20)

SYNAGOGUE FUND (CONTINUED)

Special anniversary of Bryan and Amy Quigley
Elaine Stevens

**Special anniversary of Robert Schiowitz and
Ronit Sugar**
Elaine Stevens

Special birthday of Kara Schmidt
Elaine Stevens

In Memory of:

Ivan Gabel
Joel Fishbein and Rachel Ezekiel-Fishbein
Elaine Stevens

Barbara Kaplan
David Baker and Irene Levy Baker
David and Shelley Chamberlain
Harvey and Naomi Spector ■

KOL AMI EARLY LEARNING CENTER ACTIVITY: ALEX’S LEMONADE STAND (photo below). On August 10, the children (and Rabbi Holin) sponsored Alex’s Lemonade Stand, whose foundation raises money and awareness of childhood cancer causes, primarily for research into new treatments and cures, and encourages and empowers others, especially children, to get involved and make a difference for children with cancer. ■





NOW



LATER



SEPTEMBER

- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, at 6:30 p.m.**
erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow preceded by a 5:45 p.m. BYOD
- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, at 7:00 p.m.**
Social Action Committee Meeting
- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 & 15, at 7:30 p.m.**
“Study at the *Shul*” for Adults with Rabbi Holin
- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, at 6:30 p.m.**
“Second-Friday” *erev Shabbat* Service on the Meadow preceded by a 5:45 p.m. BYOD
- **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, at 6:00 p.m.**
Ice Cream Party Honoring Terri Goldman and Roz Holtzman
- **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 & 27, at 7:00 p.m.**
Adult *B’Nai Mitzvah* Class
- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, at 7:30 p.m.**
Casino Night Committee Meeting
- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, at 7:30 p.m.**
Prospective-Member *erev Shabbat* Service (Adult Choir)
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, at 10:00 a.m.**
First Day of Religious School
- **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, at 2:00 p.m.**
2:00 p.m. - American Red Cross Blood Drive
7:00 p.m. - Spiritual Growth Group at home of Mort and Marci Wolpert
7:30 p.m. - Religious School Committee Meeting
- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, at 7:30 p.m.**
Board Installation *erev Shabbat* Service
- **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, at 10:00 p.m.**
Selichot Service preceded by a 9:30 p.m. *Oneg*
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, at 10:00 a.m.**
Grades 2 and 3 Family Education Program
- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, at 6:00 p.m.**
Grades 8, 9, and 10 Family Program
- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, at 7:30 p.m.**
erev Shabbat Service

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 6, at 6:00 p.m.**
Tashlikh Service preceded by a 5:15 p.m. BYOD at the home of Guy and Karol Appel

- **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
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**
9:30 a.m. - PTO Pancake Breakfast
10:00 a.m. - PTO Committee Meeting
- **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
- **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 10:30 a.m.**
Simchat Torah Service
- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, at 10:00 a.m.**
Simchat Torah-Yizkor Service
- **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, at 7:30 p.m.**
Adult *B’Nai Mitzvah* Class
- **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
7:30 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 ■