



WORSHIP SERVICES

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

“Shabbat Across America” and
“First-Friday” erev Shabbat Service
celebrating March anniversaries and
birthdays with our Adult Choir

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue
including our Grade 6 students and
their parents for *B’nai Mitzvah* Family
Learning (luncheon to follow)

FRIDAY, March 8, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service with guest
speaker Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom
(see page 4)

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue
with Grades 7-12 (luncheon to
follow)

FRIDAY, March 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Interfaith Relationship Dialogue
erev Shabbat Service

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue
with Carol Nemeroff giving the *dvar*
Torah

FRIDAY, March 22

6:00 p.m. - *“Fun-for-Kids” Purim*
erev Shabbat Service

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

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, March 29

There is no service this evening due to
our Early Learning Center’s Annual
Shabbat Dinner and Silent Auction

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From Rabbi Leah R. Berkowitz

FOUR PASSOVER QUESTIONS, ANSWERED

1. What can I use instead of a shank-bone if I’m a vegetarian?

The shank-bone or *zeroa* is a symbol of the paschal lamb the Israelites sacrificed on the first Passover. The blood of this lamb was smeared on our doorposts in Egypt so the Angel of Death would know which homes to pass over. After the destruction of the Temple, we stopped making sacrifices, but the shank-bone served as a reminder of the original *Pesach*.

One vegetarian alternative is a roasted beet. One reason for this is textual: beets are mentioned in the Talmud (Pesachim 114b) as a possibility for one of the “two dishes” served in addition to the *matzah*, *maror*, and *charoset*. The rabbis were probably trying to determine what to eat for the main course, now that the paschal lamb was off the table.

The other reason is aesthetic: a roasted beet, like a leg of lamb, will “bleed” when you slice it. Beet juice on the doorpost might have achieved the same visual affect as lamb’s blood.

Another, more lighthearted, option is to use a sweet potato as the “paschal yam.”

2. Why do we have an egg on the *seder* plate?

The egg represents the *hagigah*, or festival sacrifice, made in the ancient Temple alongside the paschal lamb. It is also an option for one of the aforementioned “two dishes.”

In later generations, many began to view the egg as a symbol of hope for redemption. Sherira Gaon (10th century) suggested that one should eat meat, fowl (or egg), and fish as a symbol of the heroism of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, and also the three types of animal we will eat in the world to come: the Leviathan (a giant fish), the Wild Ox, and the Ziz (a giant bird).

In many cultures, eggs symbolize springtime and rebirth. This would explain its place in the Christian celebration of Easter, though we probably both borrowed it from some ancient pagan springtime rite.

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CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING

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

Sustainability Sunday a Success!

February 24 was Sustainability Sunday – a fun, interactive Religious School program created by the Kol Ami Environmental Committee (chaired by Mark Kaplan) in collaboration with Susan Levey and staff. Justin Krik introduced the importance of sustainability and individual and communal actions now being adopted by faith communities worldwide that in aggregate make an impact on climate change. Sessions included learning about bee keeping (by Jane Tausig—top right photo) and local farming /sustainable food choices (by Judy Dornstreich—photo below). Younger students created environmental badges to be placed strategically as reminders to recycle as well as turn off water and lights. Shelley Chamberlain guided the Grade 5 and 6 students in preparing a non-meat protein salad for all to enjoy. Our students posted commitments on the bulletin board in our hallway. See information on the Hazon Seal of Sustainability on the Kol Ami website. ■



ABOVE AND BELOW: Students enjoyed the opportunity to sample some local honey.



Photos taken by Talia August and Emma Fishbein



BELOW: Students engaged their creative sides to design one-of-a-kind T-shirts with Neal Beatus.



FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

by Susan Levey

It is hard to believe that *Purim* and *hamantaschen* are right around the corner! Here's what's going on at KARS:

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 - *Shabbat* Morning for *B'nai Mitzvah* Grade 6: Parents and students at services together, followed by a light lunch and discussion with Rabbi Berkowitz.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 - ISRAEL Sunday: Parents, students, and congregants come together for information and activities all about Israel, including a gigantic Israel floor map and Israeli foods.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 - Confirmation Academy Students will study with guest speaker Lisa Fraser, connecting the dots between Consent Training and Judaism.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 - *Shabbat* morning services with Grades 7-12, followed with Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Berkowitz.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 - Following BINGO...*SHUL* IN for Grades 3-6 at 7:00 p.m.: Stay and play, then (yawn!) – have breakfast and attend Religious School the next day!

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 - PARENTS-ONLY PROGRAM FROM URJ CAMP HARLAM, featuring Cori Miller, Camper Care Director: The camp experience, raising resilient children, and the book *Homesick and Happy*, will be discussed. (Free copies of the book are still available in the KARS office.) Please come even if you haven't had a chance to read the book yet!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 - Second session with guest speaker Lisa Fraser, connecting the dots between Consent Training and Judaism.

SUNDAY MARCH 17 - Students in Grades 5-6 travel off campus for a *mitzvah* project to the Jewish Relief Agency in the morning. Directly following school, all students are invited to attend the Old York Road Kehillah *Purim* Carnival.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 - Confirmation students at KI helping set up KI *Purim* Carnival.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 - *erev Purim!* Afternoon Religious School students stay for pizza and change into costumes for *Purim* services! There is no evening Confirmation class tonight.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24- Students are invited to attend a *Purim* Carnival after school at KI.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - *Pesach* Prep. (Grades K-1-2)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 - *Pesach* Prep. (Grades 3-6 and 8-10)

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 - School-wide JRA *Pesach* packing event (off campus)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 - *Pesach* Prep. (Grades 3-6 and 8-10)

APRIL 12- 25- *Pesach* Religious School break: Return to Religious School on Sunday, April 28!

Enjoy KARS! ■

WORSHIP SERVICES

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SATURDAY, March 30, at 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, April 5, at 7:30 p.m.
“First-Friday” *erev Shabbat* Service celebrating April anniversaries and birthdays with our Adult Choir *B'nai Mitzvah* Bash

SATURDAY, April 6, at 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue with Carol Nemeroff giving the *dvar Torah*

SUNDAY, April 7, at 1:00 p.m.
Healing Service

FRIDAY, April 12, at 7:30 p.m.
erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, April 13, at 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, April 19
There is no service this evening since it is the night of the First *Seder*

SATURDAY, April 20
10:00 a.m. - *Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue
6:00 p.m. - Second *Seder* at the Synagogue (see page 11)

FRIDAY, April 26
10:00 a.m. - Passover/*Yizkor* Service
7:00 p.m. - *erev Shabbat* Service with Student Choir *B'nai Mitzvah* Bash

SATURDAY, April 27, at 10:00 a.m.
“Earth Day Appreciation” *Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue ■

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving memory of:

Melodi Lynn Moskowitz
cousin of Sheri Cutler

Casimir Pokory
son of Gail Garin (Mary LaRue)

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

FROM THE RABBI

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I like to think of the hard-boiled egg as a reminder of our people's toughness and resilience when placed in "hot water."

Because of its association with the ancient sacrificial offering, some people still roast their egg. However, remember to boil it first, or it will explode in your oven.

3. There seems to be an "extra" space on my *seder* plate. What's that for?

In the Mishnah (Pesachim 10:3, 5), the rabbis refer both to *maror*, bitter herbs, and *chazeret*, bitter lettuce. Later rabbis, not wanting to choose one herb over the other, included space for both on the *seder* plate. Nowadays, that's where most liberal Jews put their orange.

4. Oh, right, the orange...what's that for?

The orange story has so many layers that it might as well be an onion! This new *seder* symbol can be traced back to the 1980s. Organizers of early feminist seders put a crust of bread on the *seder* plate to represent Jewish lesbians, who had been told that they were no more welcome in Judaism than *chametz* on Passover.

Wanting to counter the notion that LGBTQ Jews didn't belong, Jewish feminist scholar Susannah Heschel (daughter of civil rights activist Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel) suggested replacing the bread with an orange. With its many segments, the orange suggested that there was room in the Jewish community for everyone, if only we could spit out the seeds of hatred and prejudice.

As the story became a legend, however, it took on a life of its own. Heschel notes that:

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Educational Opportunities

Study at the *Shul* for Adults

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

The Conscience of a Conservative Rabbi

Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom

Friday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. (during *erev Shabbat* Services)



Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom is the Distinguished Service Rabbi of Congregation Adath Jeshurun in Elkins Park, where he served for 36 years as rabbi. A graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, he was active in the Conservative rabbinate for 42 years when he retired four years ago. All that time, he belonged to the Rabbinical Assembly, and abided by its strict rule that no RA member may officiate at an interfaith

service. The penalty for violating the stricture is expulsion.

Rabbi Rosenbloom had long questioned the efficacy of that policy, increasingly becoming convinced that it alienated members of his own congregation, and Jews in general, from their community. When his step-daughter became engaged to someone who is not Jewish and they asked him to officiate, he agreed. Since then, he has officiated for a number of couples that are related to him by kinship, friendship, or loyalty. After writing about his experience, and urging the Rabbinical Assembly to change its policy, he was expelled from the organization despite having served in numerous leadership capacities through the years.

At *erev Shabbat* Service, Rabbi Rosenbloom will share his experience as well as his thoughts on interfaith marriage and the Conservative movement.

Finding the Deep Meaning in Passover

Rabbi Shelly Barnathan

Tuesday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m.



How do we bring the deep meaning of *Pesach* to our *Seders*? Our pre-*Pesach* evening will be a weave of learning, song, poetry, and hands-on *Pesach* customs, all aimed at bringing meaning and joy to our *Seder* tables.

Rabbi Shelly Barnathan is a 2015 graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. She is the rabbi of Or Zarua, a new spiritual community in the Western suburbs of Philadelphia, aimed at the

needs of baby boomers and empty nesters. Rabbi Barnathan has a passion for blending music, poetry, text, and practice to make deep meaning of Judaism in our lives.

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STUDY AT THE SHUL FOR ADULTS

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Loss, Mourning, and Love: Psychoanalysis and the Book of Ruth

Neal Beatus

Three Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.; April 30 and May 7 & 14,



The beautiful Book of Ruth is an emotional tale of traumatic loss, grief, and, ultimately, hope. It tells the story of Naomi, who loses her husband and two sons and who begins to heal with her daughter-in-law, Ruth. It is a story of coping with life's losses – death and aging. One of its wonderful messages is how we need each other to heal.

Renowned psychoanalyst and theoretician Donald W. Winnicott once wrote: “Naturally, if what I say has truth in it, this will already have been dealt with by the world’s poets.” We will examine how the ancient and poetic Book of Ruth contains many truths about dealing with life’s challenges that psychoanalysis has addressed only more recently. We will examine how the Book of Ruth provides a loving and hopeful map for our journeys through the grieving process.

Privacy vs. Security? Personal Expectations vs. Unseen Risks?

Ira Cooperman

Four Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; May 2, 9, 16 & 23

As a consequence of the attacks on 9/11 and with the advances in new technology, do Americans need to reduce our expectation of privacy and accept the mass surveillance of law enforcement and intelligence agencies that has characterized the National Security policies of several recent administrations? Is maintaining privacy expectations by denying government access to available personal information that potentially could help prevent terrorist acts inherently unreasonable and inconsistent with protecting our liberty? Do the possibility of catastrophic attacks require preemptive security strategies? If so, does that alter basic assumptions on which many privacy expectations are based?

Come join one or more of these discussions in the Kol Ami Board Room led by Ira Cooperman, a former intelligence officer who has worked with the CIA, NSA, and the military. Having lectured on various National Security topics at the Chautauqua Institution, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, State University of New York, and at Temple University’s Ambler and Center City campuses, Ira is open to discuss all points of view. ■

FROM THE RABBI

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“Now the story circulates that a man said to me that a woman belongs on the *bimah* as an orange on the *seder* plate. A woman’s words are attributed to a man, and the affirmation of lesbians and gay men is erased. Isn’t that precisely what’s happened over the centuries to women’s ideas?” (*The Women’s Seder Sourcebook*, pp. 208-210).

More important than anything we put on our *seder* plate are the people that sit around our table, and the stories we tell each other of the ongoing journey from slavery to freedom. We hope that you – and your questions – will join us for our Community *Seder* on Saturday, April 20, at 6:00 p.m. *Chag Sameach!* ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Inclusion - LGBTQ Initiative Committee

Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Chairs: Morgan Selkirk, 914-671-3137, and Robin Shane, 217-277-5511

Interfaith Relationship Dialogue

Thursday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Chairs: Joel Edelstein and Betsy McKinstry, 215-182-1704

Operations Committee

Monday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Chairs: Guy Appel, 215-938-9330, and Marshall Schafer, 215-663-0228

Social Action Committee

Tuesday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Chairs: Shelley Chamberlain, 215-680-7408, and Rocky Weinstock, 215-782-3848

Spiritual Exploration Group

Monday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. and

Sunday, April 7, at 10:15 a.m.

Chairs: Janet Falon, 215-635-1698, and Meryle Gurmankin, 215-464-2466

Worship Enhancement Committee

Sunday, March 17, at 9:30 a.m.

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

Kol Ami Events

WRITE SOME OF YOUR OWN MATERIAL FOR YOUR PASSOVER HAGADDAH

with the Spiritual Exploration Group
on Monday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m.

Come join Janet Falon, author of the recently published book *In the Spirit of the Holidays*, as she guides you through writing exercises that may yield readings for use at your own *Seder*. No experience or expertise is necessary. This program is offered by the Spiritual Exploration Group and is open to people age 16 and older.

A MARY POPPINS PURIMSHPIEL!

Wednesday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m.



Mark your calendars for our super-califragilisticexpialidocious evening of singing and theatrics in celebration of *Purim*. If you are interested in being a singer, actor, reader, or backstage helper, please contact Rabbi Berkowitz (rabbi@kolamielkinspark.org) to learn more.

LET'S GET TOGETHER FOR A FUN-ISH TIME

Saturday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m.
at the home of Julie Cohen and Nigel Blower

Whether you are young-ish or old-ish, ISH is open to ALL adults at Kol Ami. ISH is a purely social evening of eating, drinking, and conversing with others from our congregation. Bring a dessert or appetizer and BYOB. Please RSVP to Julie at julie@juliecohencoaching.com.

ALL LOCAS AND MOCAS ARE WELCOME TO DINE, THEN DAVEN

Friday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m.

All ladies of a certain age (LOCAs) are invited to share dinner at Szechuan Mandarin in Elkins Park Square, followed by *erev Shabbat* services. MOCAs are also welcome. Please RSVP to Joan Greenberg at jgreenbe53@gmail.com or 215-530-1166 so she can make dinner reservations.

SOCIAL ACTION: COOK FOR A FRIEND

Sunday, April 7, from 10:00 a.m. to Noonish
in the Kol Ami Kitchen



Please join us to cook and assemble meals for homebound seniors, in collaboration with the KleinLife Center's Home-Delivered Meals Program. We will make vegetarian lasagna. Any help as well as donations of ingredients are welcome. There will be music, schmoozing, and fun!

If you would like to help cook and/or bring ingredients, or if you have any questions, please contact Ronit Sugar at ronitsugar@gmail.com or 215-208-7027.

FINDING PEACE AND JOY OUTDOORS

A Spiritual Exploration Group Meeting, open to all
Kol Ami members, led by Carol Nemeroff
Sunday, April 7, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

During the first hour, weather permitting, we will take advantage of the beautiful grounds at Kol Ami. We will meet in the meditation garden near the children's playground to experience, with all our senses, ways nature can lift our spirits. Our expansive front lawn will offer an opportunity for a gentle walking meditation. We will then go indoors to reflect on our experience. Bring a favorite poem, quotation, prayer, or picture about nature to share.

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BELOW: Leah Rachel Berkowitz shared Nutella pizza and funny *b'nai mitzvah* stories with some of our Kol Ami alumni.



CALLING ALL SOFTBALL PLAYERS!



The Kol Ami softball team – aka the “Kol Amigos” – seeks new players who wish to take to the diamond on behalf of the congregation. Join us as we square off against other area congregations in the

Delaware Valley Softball League.

The season runs from mid-April through July, with one game each week on Monday through Thursday evenings. Experience and ability are always desirable, but not required. To sign up, or if you want more information, contact team captain Jonathan Shandell at jonathan.shandell@aya.yale.edu. ■

BELOW: Our Early Learning Center students celebrated MLK Day with collaboration—each took the first step by creating one square of this fabulous mural



KOL AMI'S ARTIST OF THE MONTH JOSE CEDILLOS (MARCH 5 - APRIL 15)



Jose Cedillos received a BA in Studio Art with honors from the University of California in 1979 and a PhD in Humanistic Education in 1984 from the same university. The day after he defended his dissertation, he had a gallery show in Santa Barbara of the pieces he had created during his four-year doctoral program. Jose went on to become a professor of Education and followed teaching opportunities in six different states, also exhibiting his artwork as he moved from California to New Mexico, Colorado, Vermont, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. He then became an Assistant Dean in the Union Institute and University's PhD program of Interdisciplinary Studies before transferring to full-time faculty. Jose spent 25 years teaching adult students pattern recognition, visual thinking, and artistic improvisation as tools for understanding interdisciplinarity.

Jose is a Bricolage artist, employing happenstance, circumstance, and the accidental as basic elements in his work. “Improvisation,” he says, “includes the least of things and the most of things.” Every piece in the Kol Ami show is improvised without a plan, using whatever was at hand. For example, a house at the shore was cleaned out and a framed high-school project thrown in a dumpster. He salvaged it and converted it to “Boardwalk Rider (above).” Jose, now a professor of Humanistic Gerontology, teaches in his classes that creativity and positive aging are two sides of the same coin. “Create and be engaged,” he tells them. He is also the author of Yellow Dog Dreams, A Mexican American Memoir (2015) and Riding the Unicorn, Incursions into Visual Intelligence (2018). He converted to Judaism in 1996.

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. A percentage of all displayed purchased works will be donated to Kol Ami ■

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS THE SEIDMANS



Kol Ami is very happy to welcome new members Jill and Marty Seidman, who recently joined our congregation after attending the *Shabbat* service prior to *Rosh Hashana*. They were attracted by the friendly, inclusive environment, and they felt warmly welcomed by Rabbi Berkowitz, Rebecca Schwartz, and our congregational family as a whole. Jill and Marty add that they have felt that way at every service and event they have attended since.

Jill and Marty grew up in Philadelphia and have known each other since elementary school. They began dating the summer of their sophomore year at Temple University. After marrying, they lived in Bensalem and were members of Congregation Tifereth Israel for 20 years. They moved to Huntingdon Valley in 2001 and became members of Beth Sholom.

Jill recently retired from a career as a speech-language pathologist and special education administrator, and Marty is a semi-retired CPA. Their interests include fitness and nutrition and spending time with family. Their daughter, Shari, lives in Champaign, Illinois, where she runs a small dog-grooming and dog-training business, and their son, Tyler, works for a telecommunications company and is also a part-time personal fitness trainer. ■



COMMUNITY PORTRAIT
A population study of Greater Philadelphia

FOCUS GROUPS

Are you a resident of Montgomery County and consider yourself Jewish? Then join us at a Focus Group on March 5th at 2:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. to ensure that your voice is heard about unmet community needs.

Over the next few months, Community Portrait will conduct 15 focus group discussions with residents across the region to better understand these changes and the needs of the community.

FOCUS GROUPS

- Will last about 90 minutes
 - Will be held across Great Philadelphia, including in Northeast Philadelphia, Montgomery County, Bala Cynwyd, Center City, and Delaware, Chester and Bucks Counties
 - A meal, child care and \$25 will be provided to participants
- Please call 215.832.0863 or visit communityportrait.org/focusgroups to sign up for a focus group in your community. By signing up for a focus group, you will ensure that your opinions are heard and your community receives needed services.



SOCIAL ACTION EVENT: We had a small but mighty group at SHARE on Sunday, February 10. Thank you to all who worked. They accomplished a lot in a short amount of time!



FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

March 9, 2019

5pm-7pm

Come and bring your friends to a fun filled night full of Bingo games, raffle baskets, and food!

Open to all, this is a perfect family night out early enough for the little ones! Bring your friends, grandparents, aunts, uncles, second cousins once removed or that guy you see at the coffee shop all of the time! *(ok, maybe not that last one)*

Admission: \$5 per player in advance/ \$7 at the door (Includes one bingo card pack)

Raffle Tickets: 2/\$1 or 15/\$5

50/50 Raffle tickets \$1 or 6/\$5

Extra Bingo cards, pizza slices, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase or pre-order a full plain pizza pie for \$15.

For any questions, or if you have a raffle basket/item you'd like to donate, please contact:
Morgan Selkirk - mamamoselkirk@gmail.com or Karen Sanchez - karen.sanchez@obermayer.com

*Please cut off the bottom of this page and return it with your payment to:
Congregation Kol Ami, c/o Elaine Stevens, 8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027*

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ # of Players (@ \$5 each) _____ # of pizza pies pre-order only (@ \$15 each)

Total \$ Enclosed: _____ *Please make checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami*



DESIGNER BAG BINGO!



Benefitting Congregation Kol Ami

Saturday, March 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

- ♦ \$36 admission includes 12 rounds of Bingo
- ♦ Designers include Coach, Kate Spade, Dooney and Bourke and more!
- ♦ Bonus rounds, additional cards, and daubers available for purchase
 - ♦ BYO beverages and snacks
 - ♦ **MUST BE 21 to attend**
 - ♦ Door prizes and 50/50
- ♦ Reserved tables for 8 or 14 available

For more information, contact:

Lisa at lisalandau537@gmail.com, Janine at jepratt2of5@gmail.com, or
Heather at hfppt1@gmail.com

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Name: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Number of Admissions: _____ x \$36



- ♦ Please list the names in your group on the back of this form.
- ♦ Make checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami.

PLEASE JOIN US AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

CONGREGATION KOL AMI SECOND SEDER

Saturday, April 20, 2019
6:00 p.m.
Congregation Kol Ami

Delicious Kosher-Style *Seder* Dinner
Songs and Passover Story

Tables of 8 are available for family seating
BYOB

Please return the right half of this form by April 3, 2019,
with your check payable to Congregation Kol Ami to:

Barb Fink
721 Meetinghouse Road
Elkins Park, PA 19027

For additional information, call Barb Fink at 267-992-7000
or e-mail at bfink3@gmail.com.



PLEASE RETURN THIS HALF OF THE FORM

I/we will attend the Congregation Kol Ami Second Seder on
✂ Saturday, April 20, 2019

Name of reservation: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone #: _____

Member prices:

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| Number of adults | _____ | @ \$35.00 | = | \$ | _____ |
| Number of children age 6 - 17 | _____ | @ \$16.00 | = | \$ | _____ |
| Number of children age 5 and below | _____ | @ \$5.00 | = | \$ | _____ |
| Number of vegetarian meals | _____ | @ \$35.00 | = | \$ | _____ |

Non-Member prices:

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|------------------------------------|-------|-----------|---|----|-------|
| Number of adults | _____ | @ \$45.00 | = | \$ | _____ |
| Number of children age 6 - 17 | _____ | @ \$25.00 | = | \$ | _____ |
| Number of children age 5 and below | _____ | @ \$5.00 | = | \$ | _____ |
| Number of vegetarian meals | _____ | @ \$45.00 | = | \$ | _____ |

TOTAL # PEOPLE _____ \$ _____

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

If possible, please seat me with: _____



Odes and Elegies

Sheryl Heather Cohen, Soprano

John David Miles, Baritone

Peter Hilliard, Piano

J Freivogel, Violin

Rachel Henderson Freivogel, Cello

April 27, 2019 at 7pm

Congregation Kol Ami

8201 High School Rd. Elkins Park, PA

\$36 per person

(proceeds benefit Congregation Kol Ami)

Reception to follow

KOL AMI MARCH 2019 AT A GLANCE

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat</i> service with Rebecca Schwartz 10:00 a.m. “ <i>Shabbat Across America</i> ” and “ <i>First-Friday</i> ” <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service with Adult Choir 7:30 p.m. | 2 <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Torah Dialogue, including our Grade 6 students and their parents for <i>B’nai Mitzvah</i> Family Learning 10:00 a.m. (luncheon to follow) |
| 3 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 10:00 a.m. - Israel <i>Mitzvah</i> Project 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. | 4 | 5 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. | 6 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. | 7 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m. | 8 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat</i> service with Rabbi Berkowitz 10:00 a.m. <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service with guest speaker Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom 7:30 p.m. | 9 <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Torah Dialogue with Grades 7-12 10:00 a.m. (luncheon to follow) Family Bingo 5:00 p.m. Shul-in for Grades 3-6 7:00 p.m. |
| 10 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 10:00 a.m. - Parents only program for URJ Camp Harlam 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. | 11 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. | 12 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Inclusion - LGBTQ Initiative Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. | 13 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. | 14 | 15 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service with Rebecca Schwartz 10:00 a.m. Interfaith Relationship Dialogue <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 p.m. | 16 <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Torah Dialogue with Carol Nemeroff giving the <i>dvar Torah</i> 10:00 a.m. Designer Bag Bingo 7:00 p.m. |
| 17 Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 10:00 a.m. – Grades 5-6 to JRA 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. | 18 Spiritual Exploration Group Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 19 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. | 20 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (No Confirmation Class) <i>Purim Megillah</i> Reading 6:00 p.m. A Mary Poppins <i>Purimshpiel</i> 6:30 p.m. | 21 Early Learning Center <i>Purim</i> Party 9:30 a.m. | 22 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service with Susan Levey 10:00 a.m. “Fun-for-Kids” <i>Purim</i> <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service 6:00 p.m. <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service 7:00 p.m. | 23 <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. |
| 24 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. | 25 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. Operations Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. | 26 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Social Action Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 27 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. | 28 | 29 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service with Rebecca Schwartz 10:00 a.m. Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat</i> Dinner and Silent Auction 6:00 p.m. (no <i>erev Shabbat</i> Service this evening) | 30 <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. ISH Get-Together 7:00 p.m. Home of Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen |
| 31 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. | | | | | | |

KOL AMI **APRIL 2019** AT A GLANCE

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. | 4 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m. | 5 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 10:00 a.m. LOCA Dinner at Szechuan Mandarin 5:30 p.m. "First-Friday" <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Adult Choir B'nai Mitzvah Bash 7:30 p.m. | 6 <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah</i> Dialogue with Carol Nemeroff giving the <i>dvar Torah</i> 10:00 a.m. |
| 7 Social Action Committee "Cook for a Friend" 10:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 10:00 a.m. - School-wide at JRA <i>Pesach</i> Packing Event Spiritual Exploration Group Meeting 10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. Healing Service 1:00 p.m. | 8 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. | 9 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. "Study at the <i>Shul</i> " for Adults with Rabbi Shelly Barnathan 7:30 p.m. | 10 Early Learning Center Chick Hatching 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. | 11 Interfaith Relationship Dialogue 7:30 p.m. Home of Joel Edelstein and Betsy McKinstry | 12 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rabbi Berkowitz 10:00 a.m. <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> 7:30 p.m. | 13 <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah</i> Dialogue 10:00 a.m. |
| 14 Religious School CLOSED | 15 | 16 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. | 17 Religious School CLOSED | 18 Early Learning Center <i>Seder</i> 10:00 a.m. | 19 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 10:00 a.m. First Night of Passover (no <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> this evening) | 20 <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah</i> Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Congregation Second <i>Seder</i> 6:00 p.m. |
| 21 Religious School CLOSED | 22 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. | 23 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. | 24 Religious School CLOSED | 25 | 26 Early Learning Center CLOSED Passover/Yizkor Service 10:00 a.m. <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Student Choir B'nai Mitzvah Bash 7:00 p.m. | 27 "Earth Day Appreciation" <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah</i> Dialogue 10:00 a.m. In-house Concert with John Miles and Sheryl Cohen: Odes and Elegies 7:00 p.m. |
| 28 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 10:00 a.m. - Grade 6 <i>B'nai Mitzvah</i> Family Learning 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. | 29 | 30 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. "Study at the <i>Shul</i> " for Adults with Neal Beatus 7:00 p.m. | | | | |

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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,

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BELOW (L-R): Melanie Poppel, Katie Lundeen, Anna Goldstone, Rabbi Berkowitz, and Jenna Margasak attend the Religious Action Center's *L'Taken* Social Justice Seminars in Washington, DC, from February 22-25.

