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AN INTIMATE
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COMMUNITY



WORSHIP SERVICES

TUESDAY, October 1

6:00 p.m. - *Tashlikh* Service

5:15 p.m. - BYOD at the home of Guy and Karol Appel in Meadowbrook

FRIDAY, October 4, at 7:30 p.m.

“*Simcha*” First-Friday *erev Shabbat* Service celebrating October birthdays and anniversaries

SATURDAY, October 5, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

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

Kol Nidrei Service

WEDNESDAY, October 9

10:00 a.m. - Adult *Yom Kippur* Service

10:00 a.m. - *Yom Kippur* Student Service and Program (Grades 3 - 6)

2:00 p.m. - Family Service for Children (Grades Pre-K - 2)

3:00 p.m. - Reflective Readings and Discussion

3:45 p.m. - Afternoon Service

5:00 p.m. - *Yizkor-Neilah* Service

FRIDAY, October 11, at 7:30 p.m.

“Coming Out Day Commemorative” *erev Shabbat* Service

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

SUNDAY, October 13

4:00 p.m. - Healing Service

6:30 p.m. - *erev Sukkot* Service, followed by “Cider in the *Sukkah*”

5:00 p.m. - BYOD

MONDAY, October 14, at 10:00 a.m.

Sukkot Service

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FROM RABBI BERKOWITZ

Prayer as Opera: Beautiful, Moving, and Sometimes, Out of Reach?

One summer, when I was still in rabbinical school, my family went on a trip to Italy to celebrate my younger brother’s college graduation. As a music major, he requested that we see at least one opera while we were there. We bought tickets to an experimental production of *Das Rheingold* in Florence, the first opera in Richard Wagner’s *Ring Cycle*.

I remember only three things about the performance: At the beginning, there was a scene where three women sang while swimming in cubes of water. Somewhere in the middle, several characters appeared on Segways. And throughout the opera, the gentleman seated next to me—not a member of our family—was humming lightly and gently waving his hands as if he were conducting from the balcony.

One of the reasons I couldn’t tell you anything else about the opera—aside from this being over a decade ago—was because I was watching a German opera with Italian subtitles. Having not read anything about the opera or listened to any of the music in advance, I felt completely and utterly lost. I felt bored and stupid and mad at myself for not being cultured enough to enjoy this brilliant piece of art.

But towards the end of the evening I had an epiphany: This must be what many people feel like when they walk into a synagogue.

Prayer, or *t’fillah*, is one of what Rabbi Lawrence Kushner calls our “primary Jewish acts,” rooted in the teaching from *Pirkei Avot* that, “The world stands on three things: *Torah* (study), *Avodah* (worship), and *Gemilut Chasadim* (acts of lovingkindness)” (*Pirkei Avot* 1:2). Prayer, Kushner writes, “is emotional: song, candles, dance, meditation, and silence—a matter of the heart.”¹ While as a matter of the heart, prayer requires no advanced knowledge or skills to be effective, the Jewish prayer service asks a lot of the brain, relying heavily on an inherited liturgy, much of which is in other languages, such as Hebrew or Aramaic.

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¹ <https://ejewishphilanthropy.com/the-tent-peg-business-revisited-part-1/>

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Please send articles by the fifth of the previous month to **Janet Falon** at jfalton@english.upenn.edu. Articles may be edited as needed. ■



LEADING THROUGH COMMUNITY:

On September 14, more than 120 Congregation Kol Ami members, community, and friends rejoiced together for a special evening honoring Elijah and Gennifer Dornstreich at the National Museum of American Jewish History.



The Gala was billed as “Leading through Community,” and the theme was evident throughout the night, starting with a beautiful *Hardalab* service led by Rabbi Berkowitz. The warmth of community continued as various members—Barry Boise, Maya and Lia Hyman, Casey Lyons, and Emily Stein—discussed how much Kol Ami has meant to them, including new(ish) members, young adults who literally grew up at Kol Ami, interfaith couples, and parents with small children in pre-school.

The evening concluded with inspiring thoughts from the honorees.

Gennifer shared her thoughts on leadership, inclusion, and diversity:

“For most of my life, most of my upbringing, I have often felt like an ‘other.’ My parents sacrificed and saved so I could experience some of the best academic and cultural enrichment opportunities available to me. From grade school at Princeton Day School, high school at George School to countless piano recitals, finishing school to sleep-away camp in Maryland, my folks were extremely committed to making sure I had a well-rounded childhood and education. And I’m sure this resonates with a lot of parents in here...because that is what we do for our kids. I know I strive to do the same with our girls.

“But, for most of those experiences, there were very few kids that looked like me. I was one of maybe two or three African-Americans. Although I may have not known it at the time, I was often excluded, not invited, and sometimes teased. My saving graces were the people who reached across the aisle to me. The ones who had the courage to extend a hand for me to shake. My best friends in high school were a Pakistani girl who loved playing piano as much as I did, a Jewish girl who introduced me to musicals and theatre, and a spunky Quaker girl named Laura who forced me to be outside and get dirty, which I still hate doing to this day.

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“Some of you in this room may be thinking...but what if I’ve tried? I have reached out, invited, and welcomed. There may have been times you were rejected, dismissed, or ignored. That’s okay. You have planted a seed. Sometimes people are simply on a journey, and the results are not immediate.

It takes time for that seed to flourish and grow. It was a community of people that provided me with a safe space to grow into my individual power. So, I challenge you to lean into your ‘otherness,’ think outside of the box, and use your communities to plant more seeds.”

Elijah stressed the importance of community:

“The theme tonight is ‘Leading through Community.’ All of us, friends, need a sense of place. We have all felt astray sometimes, we’ve all felt adrift. Sometimes we want to rush out of our hut in the village, and sometimes, driven by rage or sorrow or ambition or burning curiosity, we want to leave the village itself, wandering toward the dark perimeter, and out into the night. But in the middle of the village a shared fire burns. There, around that fire, is where the old and weak and the young and playful have a place. It’s a place where they can learn and dance and share stories and make plans to help each other and help people in the other villages.

“Remember, in confusing and worrisome and uncertain times, there is one consistently reliable strategy for curing the turmoil of the soul, and that is to find the village center, to zero in instead of out. That requires flipping off the screens and choosing to participate in the most obvious opportunity for repairing the world that any of us have - the local one.

“I feel proud that a year or so ago on the playground when I met a Muslim mother, recently relocated from London to Elkins Park, we struck up a conversation about our families, and now her children attend Kol Ami pre-school.

“I feel proud that my daughter Miriam’s first day (ever) of Hebrew School was this past Sunday, with her longtime Kol Ami pre-school buddy Mickey Dilsheimer. Miriam was born into this world just a month or two after her namesake, my father Mark Dornstreich, Menachem Mendel ben Dov, succumbed in his long battle with cancer. Boy, would he be in love with her.

“I feel proud that my *shul* is the one that recently changed its bylaws so that my friend, Janine Pratt, a non-Jew and perhaps one of our most dedicated and inspired volunteers, could take her rightful place on our Board.

“I feel proud that my *shul* set out on the thankless task of replacing our beloved founding rabbi of 30 years, Elliot Holin, and our national search concluded with the hiring of Rabbi Leah Berkowitz, a young woman of wisdom, a leader. I can’t wait for her sermons in a few weeks.”

As always, Elaine Stevens, Executive Director, did a wonderful job to ensure all the details (big and small) to plan a major event went off without a hitch!

We express our deep gratitude to David Hyman and Jennifer Streitweiser, Past Presidents and Development Co-chairs, who continue to play a critical role in leading the fundraising strategy for the synagogue. If you would like to make a donation to Congregation Kol Ami to honor Elijah and Gennifer Dornstreich and/or to learn more how you can get involved in fundraising efforts, please contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org. ■

WORSHIP SERVICES

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FRIDAY, October 18, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service with guest speaker Janet Benton (see page 7)

SATURDAY, October 19, at 10:00 a.m.

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

SUNDAY, October 20

6:30 p.m. - *erev Simchat Torah* Service

5:00 p.m. - Community Dinner

(contact Elaine to order at \$18/person)

MONDAY, October 21, at 10:00 a.m.

Simchat Torah and *Yizkor* Service

FRIDAY, October 25

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

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

SATURDAY, October 26, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue ■



CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving memory of:

Burton Langman

father of Charles (Laurie) Langman

May his memory forever be a blessing in the midst of our People. ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings are held at Kol Ami unless otherwise indicated.

Religious School Committee

Sunday, October 6, at 12:15 p.m.

Chairs: Tamara Sniad, 215-782-3848, and Emily Stein, 215-375-4807 ■

LEADING THROUGH COMMUNITY (CONTINUED)

Our deep appreciation to all those who contributed to this special evening from Congregation Kol Ami.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

The days between *Rosh Hashbanah* and *Yom Kippur* present an important opportunity to reflect on both how we have grown and how we can continue to grow in the coming Jewish year. These days of reflection and deciding which actions to take to achieve our goals fall perfectly in our Religious School's academic year. As our teachers begin to build relationships with our students, and as our students begin to feel at home in our school, we can all begin to think about how we will grow as a community over the next year.

In the Religious School, inclusion has been one of our focuses as we look towards the year 5780. Three of our Confirmation Academy students participated in the Rita Emerson Fellowship/Teen Assistant Program offered by the Jewish Learning Venture, where they learned techniques to support special-needs inclusion in the classroom. These students have been a wonderful resource for us as they have taken on a greater role in assisting teachers in the classroom.

Last month, our teachers participated in a LGBTQ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training to learn best practices for creating an inclusive classroom environment. Thank you to Morgan Selkirk, Robin Shane, and the Inclusion Committee for this opportunity! We hope to continue to work towards continuing the Kol Ami tradition of inclusivity. If you feel you can help us to be more inclusive in any way, please don't hesitate to e-mail me at eddir@kolamielkinspark.org.

We began our school year with a bang! Religious School families were invited to participate in an opening ceremony, activities to become familiar with our school policies, and a welcome barbecue. I enjoyed meeting many new families and catching up with returning families. We have several other exciting events coming up over the next several weeks:

- **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, at 10:00 a.m. - *Yom Kippur* Student Service for Grades 3 through 6:** Students are invited to participate in an age-appropriate and meaningful service and activities taking place alongside Congregation Kol Ami's adult service.
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, at 11:35 a.m. - Consecration for New Students:** Religious School families and Kol Ami congregants are invited to join us in welcoming our new students to Religious School.
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, at 10:00 a.m. - Grades 5 and 6 Visit the Abramson Center:** Students in grades 5 and 6 will practice the *mitzvah* of *kibud zekaynim* (respecting the elderly). They will spend time getting to know the residents of the Abramson Center and hearing their stories while participating in games and activities with them. Parents of students in grades 5 and 6 should RSVP to eddir@kolamielkinspark.org by October 20.

Shana Tovah!
Rachael Simon ■

FROM THE RABBI

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Our modern Reform worship provides many entryways into this liturgy: Our melodies reflect the mood of each prayer, often weaving in English interpretations of the ancient words. Our prayer book, *Mishkan Tefillah*, provides alternative readings to help us wrap our minds around the themes of each prayer.

However, I have found that the more we know about the history, language, and shape of our prayer service (which some have compared to an opera or a symphony), the richer our prayer experience can be. In exploring how our ancestors tried to connect with God and understand their world, we might discover new ways to engage with their words. Like reading the Director's Notes or familiarizing ourselves with the music before watching an opera (or even simply having subtitles in your native language), learning about the prayer book can add new dimensions to our prayer experience, or at the very least, make us feel a little less lost.

In that vein, this November, I will be offering a three-part class on the prayers surrounding the *Shema*. These prayers contain many different beliefs about God's role in the world. We will discuss how these prayers have evolved, explore modern interpretive translations, and reflect on how we might connect to the themes of each prayer with our own creative interpretations.

Please join me (Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.)

November 5: Creating Order out of Chaos - *Yotzer Or* and *Maariv Aravim*

November 12: Revelation as an Act of Love - *Ahavah Rabbah*, *Ahavat Olam*, and *V'ahavta*

December 3: Redemption Song - *Mi Chamocho* ■

25 YEARS OF KOL AMI MEMORIES

- On October 15, 1995, we celebrated *Simchat Torah* with our newly dedicated *Torah* Scroll, a generous gift from Byron and Gay Schader.
- We held our first *bar mitzva* of Wes Myers, son of Craig and Sharon Meyers, on October 14, 1995.
- Kol Ami, aka Team 179, participated on October 15, 1995, in a walk to raise money and awareness to fight AIDS.
- In the Bulletin from October 1995 was an announcement of the Hebrew Marathon taught by Ruth Gruber, where congregants could learn or refresh basic Hebrew reading skills.
- Also in the October 1995 edition, there was a call for a “little red wagon” to be used for *schlepping* cake and coffee from the storage closet to tables. This came to be known as the “Janine Pratt wagon.”
- Kol Ami’s Scholars weekend, on October 25-27, 2002, dealt with “Faith of Our Mothers and Fathers.”
- In October 2012, author Anita Diamont presented the keynote address at a workshop presented by the Interfaith Relationship Dialogue.
- Also in October 2012, Kol Ami held our first Fine Arts Show that not only brought in first-rate crafters, but also included a World *Mitzvah* mall that showcased non-profit organizations. ■

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER: RHEA APPLEBAUM



Kol Ami is delighted to welcome new member Rhea Applebaum, who joined in August. She had been introduced to our congregation by her friend and longtime Kol Ami member, Mike Chernoff. Rhea’s experience at a Kol Ami *Shabbat* morning service earlier this year was very positive, and she was particularly impressed with Rebecca’s music and the *Torah* dialogue. Since that time, Rhea has attended services regularly as well as other events, such as Kol Ami’s second *seder*. She felt warmly welcomed by Rabbi Berkowitz, Rebecca, and congregants, and even though she had not yet joined the synagogue, Rhea already felt like she belonged. Now, as a full-fledged member, she is looking forward to continuing to attend services and to participate in many synagogue activities.

Rhea resides in a condo community in Northeast Philadelphia. She works almost a full-time schedule at Abington Hospital’s Warminster facility. Prior to that, she had been an office manager in a medical office for 32 years, and when the doctor retired, she was hired by Abington.

Rhea’s husband passed away in November 2017 after a short illness. Rhea is the mother of three children (one of whom, sadly, is deceased), and has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She babysits three afternoons weekly for two of the little ones. When she is not working and looking after her great-grandchildren, Rhea enjoys travel, dining, opera, theatre, and attending concerts of the Philadelphia Orchestra. She attends a weekly *Torah* study group and makes personalized *tallit* for *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* family members, a terrific gift.

It is wonderful that Rhea and Kol Ami are now part of each other’s families. A warm and hearty *shalom* to Rhea! ■

SHARE: Self-Help and Resource Exchange

Volunteers help **Share** reduce hunger. Sort, organize, and pack boxes of non-perishable food for those in need in Philadelphia. Seasonal gardening. Assistance with office duties.

Ages 8 and up are welcome.

Family-friendly social action afternoon

Add these Sundays to your calendar:

November 17 and March 15 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

“If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, who am I? If not now, when?”

— Ethics of the Fathers, 1:14

The Share Food Program is a nonprofit organization serving a regional network of community organizations engaged in food distribution, education, and advocacy. 2901 W. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia

Questions? Call Shelley Chamberlain at 215-680-7408. RSVP and join us!

Kol Ami Events



LOCAs COOK UP A MEANINGFUL PROGRAM

Sunday, October 6, at 10:30 a.m.

LOCAs (Ladies of a Certain Age) are invited to cook soup for residents of a local senior community. Meet in the kitchen of Kol Ami to prepare, package, and deliver delicious and nourishing soup. The ingredients will be provided. All you have to do is show up ready to cook.

"STUDY AT THE SHUL" FOR ADULTS

"The Mueller Report - A Reappraisal Using Jewish Ethics" with Ira Cooperman on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. (October 17, 24 & 31 and November 7)

An examination of the Special Counsel's sweeping investigation of the Russian government interference in the 2016 Presidential election. Discussion will focus on the players named in the report, including the President, and will include the perspective of "Ethics of Our Fathers." Reading the paperback version of "The Mueller Report" in advance is highly recommended. Rabbi Berkowitz will join the class as her time permits.

Presented by Ira Cooperman, a former intelligence officer who has worked with the CIA, lectured at the Chautauqua Institution and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and studied at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles.

ACCLAIMED LOCAL AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT EREV SHABBAT SERVICES ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Local author Janet Benton will be speaking about her nationally acclaimed novel, *Lilli de Jong*, and about her Jewish heritage at *erev Shabbat* services on October 18. *Lilli de Jong*, which was named one of the best books of 2017 by NPR, Library Journal, and others, is the story of a mother's attempts to give her "illegitimate" daughter a decent life. Her novel brings readers close to the experience of pregnancy and early motherhood amidst crippling social

pressures at the end of the 19th Century. The issues that Lilli faced still resonate today.

Janet comes from a long line of Jewish social activists. Her maternal grandmother was president of the *B'nai B'rith* chapter in Forest Hills. Her paternal great-uncle was a founder of HIAS in 1901, and her great-grandparents spent 20 years running HIAS during WW II and helped thousands of Jews escape from Germany and other Nazi-occupied countries.

Members can bring copies of the book for the author to sign. *Lilli de Jong* is available for sale in hardcover, paperback, e-book, audio book, and large print online and through your favorite bookstore. Open Book Bookstore in Elkins Park has several copies of the paperback and can get any format into the store with a few days' notice. Books will not be available for sale at Kol Ami.

JOIN US FOR A PANEL PRESENTATION ABOUT MASS INCARCERATION, INCLUDING THE JEWISH PERSPECTIVE

Sunday, November 3, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Kol Ami Sanctuary

The Social Action Committee presents an inspiring and informative program exploring the realities and harm brought about by Mass Incarceration in our country. A panel of experts, moderated by our own Laurie Jubelirer, Esquire, will discuss the negative impact that mass incarceration has on our society and will also include a Jewish perspective on this issue.

Speakers include John Pace, the Reentry Coordinator with the Youth Sentencing and Reentry Project in Philadelphia, Program Assistant with the Temple Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, and a former inmate who was incarcerated for 31 years; Angus Love, the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project; and Bob Lankin, a member of Congregation Rodeph Shalom and an accomplished advocate and speaker on this issue. There will be time for Q & A and information about how you can help bring about change to the broken criminal justice system. Please contact Laurie Jubelirer Langman at laurierobin@verizon.net or Jane Tausig at jetausig@gmail.com for more information.

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***Sukkot* in the Fields-Our Annual Farm Trip to Lancaster**

Shabbat Sukkot, Saturday, October 19, from 12:30-4:00 p.m.

Congregation Kol Ami CSA* invites you to a family-friendly, incredibly rich experience at the Lapp Family's Maple Lawn Farm

We are proud of our 14-year partnership with Lancaster Farm Fresh farmers, who supply our community with organic vegetables each week. Each year, we look forward to our visit with an Amish farm



family to celebrate *Sukkot*, share our cultures and a wonderful lunch!

- Celebrate the holiday with Rabbi Berkowitz, Congregation Kol Ami, and CSA members.
- Enjoy a potluck lunch and local ice cream with farmers and their family, sharing insights about food, farming, and the land.
- Potluck is vegetarian/dairy; we will be in touch after you register to coordinate a menu.
- Shop for pumpkins at a farm stand on your way to or from home.
- Open to CSA and Kol Ami families and friends.
- No charge, but contributions are welcome for Lancaster Farm Fresh's Fresh Food Fund, providing discounted shares to families with lower incomes.
- Driving time: 1 ½ hours. Carpooling available.



Quotes from CSA and Kol Ami members:

"What better way to experience the Sukkot harvest festival than a visit to one of our CSA farms? Building friendships with each member of the Lapp Family and sharing the land from where our wonderful produce comes gives us a profound connection. The mutual understanding, admiration & gratitude between our community and our Amish hosts deepens each year."

"There is nothing like Maple Lawn. The farm and fields are beautiful. The family is so warm and welcoming and wants to get to know us and share customs and

perspectives. I was struck by the family commitment, including very long workdays, in order to provide us with the best quality produce money can buy. This is one of my family's favorite days of the year, and well worth the drive. We come back inspired every time."

**Questions? Email Robin Rifkin Robinrifkin@comcast.net or Rocky Weinstock emailrocky@lycos.com
RSVP by October 11 to Robin @ Robinrifkin@comcast.net or Elaine Stevens @ execdir@kolami.info**

*CSA=Community Supported Agriculture

Odes and Elegies

Sheryl Heather Cohen, Soprano

John David Miles, Baritone

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Rachel Henderson Freivogel, Cello

October 19, 2019 at 7pm

Congregation Kol Ami

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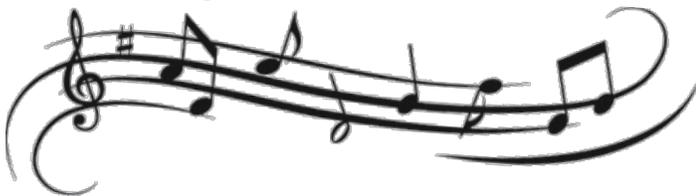
KOL AMI EVENTS

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A BENEFIT CONCERT AT KOL AMI FOR THE URJ CREATIVE ARTS ACADEMY

Sunday, November 10, at 1:30 p.m.

Rebecca Schwartz will join area Reform cantors for a delightful afternoon of Jewish music including solos, duets, and choral arrangements.



ANNUAL RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, November 18



Come out and give at Kol Ami's annual Red Cross Blood Drive. To donate that day, you cannot have given blood after September 24 (56 days between donations). For more information, contact Jean Ettinger at Jeanettinger@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE
CASINO NIGHT

Saturday, February 1

Mark your calendar now.
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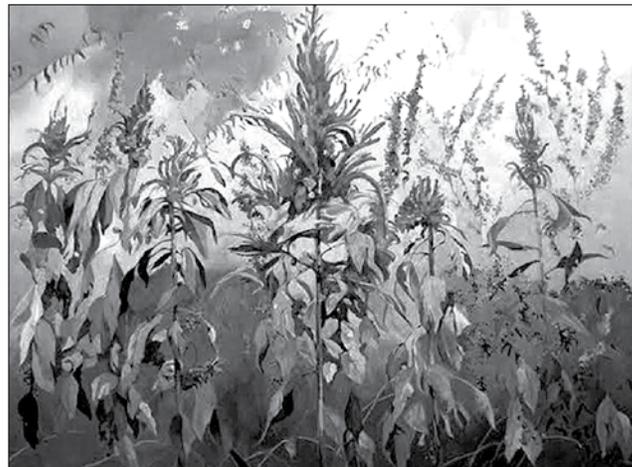
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KOL AMI'S ARTIST OF THE MONTH

GAIL FOX: OCTOBER 16 - NOVEMBER 25



Gail was born in Philadelphia, PA and educated at The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and Tyler School of Art, Temple University. She earned her Master's degree from the University of the Arts, Philadelphia. She's currently an Instructor of Drawing and Painting at the University of the Arts, Philadelphia, and Professor of Fine Arts at Delaware County Community College, Media, PA

Her exhibitions include the Pennsylvania Convention Center; Moore College of Art; Temple University; University of the Arts; Vendo Nubles Gallery; and Rittenhouse Goforth Gallery, Philadelphia as well as the Artifacts Gallery, New Hope, PA; and the Evelyn Siegel Gallery, Fort Worth, TX. Gail's museum exhibitions include The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts; Woodmere Art Museum, Philadelphia; and Arlington Art Museum, Arlington, TX.

She's won several awards including: the Cadwalader Prize; the Bergman Purchase Award; and the prize for Landscape Painting, selected by Andrew Wyeth at The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts; the Charles Smith Founder's Prize, Woodmere Art Museum, First Place; "Behold the Blossom" exhibition, First Place Members Exhibition 2017, Wayne Center for the Arts, Wayne, PA

Her website/contact info is at gailfoxpainter.com.

Join us at Gail's open house on Sunday, October 20, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. ■

The Kol Ami gallery hours are Wednesday from 4:30-8:00 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 ■

KOL AMI OCTOBER 2019 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Tashlikh Service 6:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. – BYOD Home of Guy and Karol Appel in Meadowbrook	Religious School 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.		Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rebecca Schwartz 10:00 a.m. “Simcha” First-Friday erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Religious School 10:00 a.m. 10:25 a.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal 12:00 p.m. – Student Choir Rehearsal Kol Ami@25 LOCA “Cook Soup for a Neighbor” 10:30 a.m. Religious School Committee Meeting 12:15 p.m.		Early Learning Center Closes at 3:00 p.m. Kol Nidrei Service 8:00 p.m.	Early Learning Center CLOSED Religious School CLOSED Yom Kippur Service 10:00 a.m. Student Service and Program (Grades 3 - 6) 10:00 a.m. Family Service for Children (Grades Pre-K - 2) 2:00 p.m. Reflective Readings and Discussion 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Service 3:45 p.m. Yizkor-Neilah Service 5:00 p.m.		Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rabbi Berkowitz 10:00 a.m. “Coming Out Day Commemorative” erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Religious School 10:00 a.m. 10:25 a.m. - Adult Choir 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Healing Service 4:00 p.m. erev Sukkot Service 6:30 p.m.- Followed by “Cider in the <i>Sukkah</i> ” 5:00 p.m. - BYOD	Early Learning Center CLOSED Sukkot Service 10:00 a.m.	Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	Religious School 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m. “Study at the Shul” for Adults with Ira Cooperman 7:30 p.m.	Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rachael Simon 10:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service with Guest Speaker Janet Benton 7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Carol Nemeroff will give the <i>dvar Torah</i> Sukkot in the Fields 12:30 p.m. “Odes and Elegies” Concert with Sheryl Cohen and John Miles 7:00 p.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Religious School 10:00 a.m. 10:25 a.m. - Adult Choir 11:35 - Consecration Svc. 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Artist Open House 2:00 p.m. (Gail Fox) erev Simchat Torah Service 6:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - Community Dinner (contact Elaine to order at \$18/person)	Early Learning Center CLOSED Simchat Torah and Yizkor Service 10:00 a.m.	Early Learning Center Back-to-School Night 6:00 p.m.	Religious School 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Post Confirmation 6:45 p.m.	“Study at the Shul” for Adults with Ira Cooperman 7:30 p.m.	Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rebecca Schwartz 10:00 a.m. “Fun-for-Kids” erev Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
27	28	29	30	31		
Religious School 10:00 a.m. 10:00 - Grades 5-6 to Abramson Center 10:25 a.m. - Adult Choir 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal	Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	Religious School 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Early Learning Center Apple Press Program 9:30 a.m. “Study at the Shul” for Adults with Ira Cooperman 7:30 p.m.		

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The pre-schoolers met with Keira's dad, a former police officer, and Officer Don from the Cheltenham Police Department to thank them and give them the cards they made for Patriot's Day. ■