



WORSHIP SERVICES

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

“Kol Ami @ 25” *erev Shabbat* Service celebrating the 25th anniversary of the *Bat Mitzvah* of Rabbi Leah Berkowitz, along with *Shir* Appeal Jewish A Capella Group from Tufts University

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

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

“*Simcha*” Second-Friday *erev Shabbat* Service celebrating January birthdays and anniversaries

SATURDAY, Jan. 11

9:00 a.m. - “Fun-for-Kids” *Shabbat* Service

10:00 a.m. - *Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue

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

erev Shabbat Service

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue with the *dvar Torah* presented by Carol Nemeroff

FRIDAY, Jan. 24, at 7:00 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service with Grades 3 & 4 participating

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m.

erev Shabbat Service

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

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THOUGHTS FROM RABBI BERKOWITZ

I had no way of knowing, when I wrote my last Bulletin article about supporting one another during *shiva*, that my family would be the next one to need that kind of support. Even knowing that our time with my dad was limited, we all felt that the end came much too soon. Though this has been a difficult time for my family, the emotion I have experienced the most is gratitude.

I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to come to Kol Ami at the precise moment that I did. It brought me geographically closer to my family at a time when we really needed each other. It gave us more time together than we otherwise would have had. And it brought me and my family into the embrace of a loving and supportive community, which is exactly where we needed to be.

I am grateful to the small circle of our staff and leadership who knew that my father was ill and helped me to navigate my time here and my time with him—Elaine, Rebecca, Rachael, Sheri, Ruben, and Rabbi Holin. My work was as important to my dad as his own, and it meant a lot to both of us that I could spend time with him without worrying about dropping the ball at the congregation (though there were a few times, early in his illness, when I would show up at the hospital and he would say, “Why aren’t you at work?”).

I am grateful to the larger circle of Kol Ami who didn’t know that my father was ill, and who showed up on short notice at his memorial and *shiva*. My father struggled quietly against lung cancer for 18 months, because he wanted us all to live our lives and do our work for as long as we could. It meant that he and my mom were able to visit four National Parks this past summer. And it meant that a lot of you got to know my dad as the gentle, loving, smart, and funny guy that he was, not as a sick person.

I am grateful to those of you who came to sit *shiva* with us, and especially those of you who brought your children. We often try to shield our children from the tough stuff, but I believe with all my heart that it is important to teach them at a young age to be present when someone we know is hurting and, of course, to do acts of kindness whenever we can.

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THOUGHTS FROM RABBI BERKOWITZ

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I am grateful to those of you who sent beautiful notes, offering words of comfort, telling stories about my dad, and sharing your memories of loved ones you have lost. I am grateful to those of you who made donations in my father's memory, to HIAS and to Kol Ami. I am grateful to those of you who brought food—or agreed not to bring food—when we were completely inundated. I will be likely still eating out of my freezer when you read this.

While I am still hoping to acknowledge most of these acts of kindness personally, I am a bit overwhelmed by the task, and I didn't want to wait too long to thank all of you. I hope you will also understand that I had to "declare bankruptcy" on completing many of my birthday and anniversary calls in November and December. If I missed you, know that I wish you and your families many years of health, happiness, and love.

My dad's memory is a great blessing to all who knew him—and a lot of people who didn't know him but will hear us share our memories in the years to come. I'm grateful most of all to be his daughter.

COMING UP:

- **Eat! Pray! Love!** Join us on Friday, February 28, at 6:00 p.m. for a "*Tisch*" (Yiddish for "table") *erev Shabbat* service. Services will be held around a table in the Social Hall, giving us a chance to experience prayer, music, storytelling, and food in a more relaxed atmosphere. Please bring your own plate, cup, and utensils to minimize waste.
- **Rabbi Berkowitz Needs YOU to Star in this year's *Purimshpiel*: *Purim in Dollywood*!** Kol Ami will celebrate *Purim* with a Megillah Reading and *Purimshpiel* on Monday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m., featuring the songs of country icon Dolly Parton! Come in costume and bring a box of pasta or rice to shake and then donate to the *Mitzvah* Food Pantry. Please note while we encourage y'all to get into the *Purim*/Parton spirit with cowboy hats, wigs, glitz and glamour, please do not modify your physique in any way that objectifies women. Let's focus on the big hair.

We need actors and singers to make this *shpiel* come to life! Rehearsals will be held on the following dates: Sun., 2/23 (1-3 p.m.); Tues., 2/25 (7-9 p.m.); Sun., 3/1 (1-3 p.m.); Thurs., 3/5 (7-9 p.m.); and Sun., 3/8 (1-3 p.m.). Please contact rabbi@kolamielkinspark.org to participate. ■

Thinking about Jewish summer camp for your child? We've got two great ways to save on the price.

FIRST TIME CAMPER? One Happy Camper provides **UP TO \$1,000** to families with children attending nonprofit Jewish overnight camps for the very first time.

DAY CAMPER OR RETURNING TO JEWISH OVERNIGHT CAMP? You may be eligible for a Jewish Federation Needs-Based Scholarship. Qualified campers can receive **UP TO 30% OFF THE COST OF CAMP!**

Don't miss your chance to apply!
Visit us at jewishphilly.org/camp



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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Rachael Simon

In ancient times, *Tu B'Shvat* was quite literally the birthday of the trees. This set date allowed Jews to keep track of their tithing requirements.

In the modern era, *Tu B'Shvat* has become a time at which we turn our thoughts to protecting the environment. At Kol Ami Religious School, the topic of sustainability is part of the conversation throughout the academic year. Students have already participated in a day of upcycling (see photos on page 5), and the Jewish responsibility to take care of the earth is a crucial part of our curriculum each year. That said, we can never do too much to teach our children about sustainability and valuing the environment.

In honor of *Tu B'Shvat*, here are a few ways to involve even young children in caring for the environment:

Educate: While three out of four American science teachers report that they teach climate change in their classes, the majority of students do not learn about this topic until middle or high school. Scholastic (scholastic.com) and National Geographic for Kids (natgeokids.com) both have resources to teach younger children about climate change.

Write to your representatives: Children will likely be most affected by climate change, and it's never too early to have them exercise their agency. Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old activist, inspired many with her commitment to fighting climate change, and she even had the opportunity to address the United Nations. Clearly, the voices of children are being heard and may have the power to hold older generations accountable.

Compost: The process of composting can be fascinating to children. Your child can be responsible for turning compost or simply for separating compostable items from trash. If you cannot compost on your property, you probably have a friend who does.

Take a hike: Foster an appreciation for nature by exposing your children to its beauty. The Wissahickon Watershed (wvwa.org) has several trails that are manageable for young children.

Foster a love of animals: It is no secret that human activity has taken a toll on natural habitats. If we foster a love of animals in our children now, they will be more likely to act to protect them later. Consider checking out books about wild animals from your local library. Many libraries also have a subscription to magazines such as *Zoobooks* that highlight various animals and educate about their environment

And lastly...

Bring your child to Kol Ami's *Tu B'Shvat Seder* on February 9 at 6:00 p.m.! Our Religious School students will play an active role in the *seder*, which is hosted by Hazon CSA, and there will be opportunities for participants of all ages to engage in discussion on sustainability.

In addition to *Tu B'Shvat*, we are looking forward to our annual *Shul-In* from January 19 at 6:30 p.m. to January 20 at 12:00 p.m. for Grades 3 and older.

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

"Simcha" First-Friday *erev Shabbat Shirah* Service with our adult choir celebrating February birthdays and anniversaries

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue with the *dvar Torah* presented by Carol Nemeroff

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

erev Shabbat Service

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

"Jewish Disability and Inclusion Awareness" *erev Shabbat* Service

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, Feb. 28, at 6:00 p.m.

Tisch erev Shabbat Service and Dinner

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue ■



CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving memory of:

David A. Berkowitz

father of Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

Roslyn Goldenberg

mother of Mitchell Goldenberg

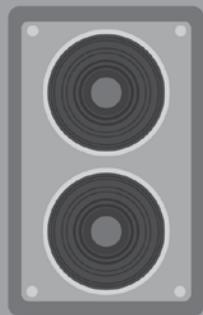
May their memories forever be blessings in the midst of our People. ■



KOL AMI SHUL-IN

**1/19-1/20
6:30PM-NOON**

friends



**WHO:
3 GRADE+
COST:\$20**

RSVP BY 1/14

Join your Kol Ami friends for our MLK Shul-In!
We will provide snacks on Sunday + breakfast
Monday morning. The event will take place at
Kol Ami with the exception of our Mitzvah
Project at AFS Monday morning



**QUESTIONS? CONTACT TARA: TARACHERWONY93@GMAIL.COM
TO REGISTER GO TO: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/KAYGSHULIN](https://tinyurl.com/kaygshulin)**

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (continued from page 3)

Students will participate in community-building games and activities, dinner, and a movie, and will finish the weekend with a Day of Service at Abington Friends School in honor of Martin Luther King Day. The cost for the event will include dinner and breakfast as well as a Kol Ami T-shirt. Please see the flyer in this Bulletin on page 4 for more information.

Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know about Judaism (But Were Afraid to Ask): A Wine-and-Cheese Event for Adults with Rabbi Berkowitz. Are you bringing your child(ren) to the *Shul*-In on Sunday, January 19? Stop in for a snack, a drink, and some learning before you go out for the night! From 6:30-8:00 p.m., Rabbi Berkowitz will be there to answer all your pressing questions about being part of a Jewish family and raising Jewish children. Submit your questions in advance to rabbi@kolamielkinspark.org, or come with your questions, and see if you can stump the rabbi. Brought to you by the Kol Ami Religious School Committee and the Interfaith Relationship Dialogue.

Here is what else we have coming up in January and February:

- **Sunday, January 5, at 10:00 a.m.:** Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2 Family Education Program
- **Sunday, January 12 and February 9, at 10:00 a.m.:** Grade 6 Family *B'nai Mitzvah* Family Program with Rabbi Berkowitz
- **Sunday, January 19, at 6:30 p.m. to Monday, January 20, at 12:00 p.m.:** Religious School *Shul*-In and Day of Service for Grades 3 and above
- **Tuesday, January 21, at 6:30 p.m.:** Confirmation Academy Teen Summit at Congregation Adath Jeshurun
- **Friday, January 24, at 7:00 p.m.:** Grades 3 and 4 Family *Shabbat* Service
- **Sunday, February 9, at 10:00 a.m.:** Grade 5 Family Education Program. ■



ABOVE: *Mitzvah* Day - Celebrating Kol Ami @ 25 with a day of upcycling! November 10th was packed with fun as our Religious School students created yummy dog and cat treats and toys, while pulling plastic bottles and gently used socks away from landfills. Our students designed cards in English and Hebrew to brighten someone's day, and the students and adult volunteers made more than 80 reusable totes from donated T-shirts. The toys and treats were appreciated by our local SPCA. The cloth totes are being provided to families that frequent the *Mitzvah* Food Pantry at Beth Shalom and the Share Food Program. This was a morning to reach out to those in need in our community and take care of our environment. And to keep things rolling, please donate used mascara wands to the Religious School office through February 2020. Wands will be sent to Wands for Wildlife, Appalachian Wildlife Refuge, for removing fly eggs and larva from fur and feathers of wild animals.

MAZAL TOV

Congratulations go to:

- **Rabbi Berkowitz**, who won the silver medal in the quiz show "Ask Me Another" tournament of champions.
- **Russell Cooke and Nancy Kirsh** on their December 8 wedding.



- **Ruben Honik** on the birth of his grandson, Noah Wesley Levine, to Ben and Grace Levine on December 6.



- **David Hyman** for being appointed to the Federation Committee for Jewish Life and Learning. ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Interfaith Relationship Dialogue
Tuesday, February 11, at 7:30 p.m.
Home of Vincent and Jane Pace in Lower Gwynedd (215-699-9497)

Interfaith Relationship Dialogue Subgroup
Thursday, January 9, at 7:30 p.m.
Home of Gary and Cheryl Turetsky in Elkins Park (267-346-1456)

Religious School Committee
Sunday, January 5 and February 2, at 12:15 p.m.
Chairs: Tamara Sniad, 215-782-3848, and Emily Stein, 215-375-4807 ■

JEWISH PERSPECTIVE ON MASS INCARCERATION PROGRAM A BIG SUCCESS



ABOVE (L-R): Laurie Jubelirer, Bob Lankin, John Pace, and Jane Tausig

On Sunday, November 3, the Social Action Committee presented a program pertaining to the troubling consequences that mass incarceration has caused to our society, as well as a Jewish perspective on this issue.

Laurie Jubelirer, Esquire, who also served as the moderator of the panel, and Jane Tausig spearheaded this program, which was very well received by the attendees. The panel also included John Pace, a former inmate and the current Reentry Coordinator for the Youth Sentencing and Reentry Project; Angus Love, Esquire, the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project; and Bob Lankin, JD, an accomplished spokesperson and advocate on this issue who educated the audience about the Jewish perspective on it.

The program was very interactive, and the audience walked away with a greater understanding of how the number of inmates in our prisons has continued to increase; the cost to our society of jailing so many of our citizens due to the unsuccessful war on drugs and mandatory minimum sentences that started in the 1980s; the problems that come from lack of treatment, education, and training of inmates in our prisons; the disproportional impact of mass incarceration on our African-American citizens; and legislation that is pending in our state and federal government to address these problems.

The Social Action Committee was very pleased with this program and hopes to sponsor similar presentations pertaining to important human rights issues in the future. ■



25 YEARS OF KOL AMI MEMORIES

- Kol Ami's first congregant-led *dvar Torah* was given at our *Shabbat* service on January 17, 2009.
- We held our first *Tuv Ha'Aretz Tu B'Shvat Seder* in January 2008.
- In January 2010, Founding Rabbi Elliot Holin's photographic exhibit "I Form the Light" (Isaiah 45:7) was featured in the synagogue lobby.
- In February 2010 (through 2017), Rabbi Holin commenced his monthly "Virtual Fasts" for people to support specific social justice causes; he embarked on three 24-hour fasts a month throughout the years to raise funds for organization that support these causes.
- We dedicated our *Yahrzeit* Wall in our sanctuary in January 2015.
- The American flag that flew over the remnant of the USS Arizona on May 29, 2006, was donated by members Chuck and Laurie Langman on January 5, 2007, and joins the Israeli flag on our *bimah*.
- Kol Ami introduced its new website in January 2017. ■



ABOVE: Rocky Weinstock, Rob Levin, and Jonathan Shandell manned the grill at our Pancake Breakfast on November 24 to support our Religious School.



ABOVE: This mighty group of Kol Ami volunteers packaged 618 two-pound bags of sweet potatoes in an afternoon at Share Food. The sweet potatoes were included in Thanksgiving food boxes provided to those in need. Join us on March 15 for our next volunteer afternoon (1:00-3:00 p.m.) at the Share Food Program.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: THE RUBIN-REYNOLDS FAMILY

Let's give a warm welcome to new members Harry Rubin-Reynolds; his mother, Cathy Rubin; and his father, Dan Reynolds who joined Kol Ami in September. Harry, who is 8 years old and a third grader at Myers Elementary School in Elkins Park, had been a preschooler at Adath Jeshurun, and then at Keneseth Israel. However, Cathy notes that years ago when she and Dan moved from Pittsburgh to the Philadelphia area and explored local synagogues, they liked the Kol Ami community for its intimate and down-to-earth feel. They still feel that way, and now they have officially joined our congregation.

Cathy is an assistant managing editor at the Philadelphia Inquirer, and Dan is the editor of Risk & Insurance magazine. Cathy is originally from Lafayette Hill, and Dan is from York, PA. Together, Cathy and Dan have lived previously in Pittsburgh before moving to Jenkintown and then Elkins Park. Individually, Cathy and Dan have lived in diverse and interesting locales. Cathy has resided in Burlington, Vermont; Chicago; Jerusalem; and Harrisburg. Dan has lived in Fontvielle, France; Los Angeles; San Francisco; and Mammoth Mountain, California.

On the side, Cathy sells her artwork at funnyserious.etsy.com. Dan has volunteered extensively in Cheltenham, serving as a coach in the Kehillah Soccer League for four seasons, as two-term president of the CreekSide Co-op Board, and as a volunteer in High School Park. Harry and his mother and father love the outdoors, including camping, hiking, biking, and fishing.

We are very happy to have Harry, Cathy, and Dan become part of the Kol Ami family. Welcome! ■

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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



Kol Ami Events

RAFFLE BASKETS NEEDED!

The Casino Night committee is looking for donations of all sized baskets to create our wonderful raffle baskets. If you have empty baskets with which you can part, please drop them off to Elaine Stevens in her office. We are also accepting donations of new goods, services, or gift cards to fill them! Have a regift shelf you would like to empty? A favorite restaurant you can hit up? All donations are much appreciated!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW CRAFT CLUB: BANGLES, BAUBLES, AND BEADS

**Come to our first meeting on Monday, January 6,
from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

If fiber arts or crafts are your *shnick*,
or you know *bubkas* about what makes crafters tick,
your closets aren't filled with *hazarat*? No fear.
A Kol Ami craft group will be starting here.

Please come and *kibbitz*, after you dine,
Knit one, purl one, whining assuaged with wine.
We'll *schmooze*, share *tsuris*, and occasionally *kvetch*,
About life's issues, help a charity, and discuss politics.

You don't have to be a *bubbe*,
Or a *baleboste* who makes clothes for her hubby.
Just a little *meshugina* about crafty art,
We'll try to help everyone off to a start.

RSVP by January 4 to Linda George (LindaSGeorge@gmail.com) or Shari Johnson (mommyone@aol.com).

NEW SUBGROUP OF INTERFAITH RELATIONSHIP DIALOGUE (IRD) IS FORMING

Meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 7:30 p.m.

For many years, Kol Ami's IRD group has provided an inclusive and open environment in meetings with our rabbi to discuss challenges unique to interfaith relationships. This year, the group is expanding its mission to provide support to all members, whether in interfaith relationships or not, who may nevertheless find that interfaith relationships within their families generate questions for which it would be good to seek answers while sharing experiences and resources.

If you are a parent of a child in an interfaith relationship, have grandchildren being raised in an interfaith family or in a different religion, are adoptive parents of a child born into a different religion, or if you are simply anticipating

being in one of those categories at some point and have questions or concerns, IRD is hoping you will consider joining our group for its initial get together.

The meeting will be at the home of Cheryl and Gary Turetsky (parents of a daughter in an interfaith marriage). Please RSVP to 267-346-1456 or gsturet@gmail.com. The Tureskys will have hot and cold beverages, and if you want to bring a dessert, that would be greatly appreciated.

A SWEET CLASS: HONEYBEES AND BEEKEEPING

A Hazon Seal of Sustainability Initiative presented
by the Congregation Kol Ami *Shomrei Adamah*
Environmental Stewardship Committee

**Honeybees and Beekeeping:
A three-part program on
Thursdays; January 16, 23 & 30
from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**



Honeybees are crucial pollinators and their numbers are critically low. Without enough bees to pollinate plants and crops, our environment and our food supply suffer. And honeybees are just plain fascinating! Want to learn more?

Over three weeks, we will explore the honeybee life cycle, life inside the hive, threats to honeybees' health, and what we can do to protect them. We will talk about how bees live in the wild and how a backyard beehive works. Mentoring is available to anyone wishing to become a backyard beekeeper. We hope you'll join us!

To register, please contact our instructor, Jane Tausig, at jetausig@gmail.com. Questions are welcome. Registration closes on January 10.

IT'S NEVER TOO SOON TO PLAN FOR SOFTBALL

Though the weather is cold and winter is here, spring is right around the corner. Kol Ami's softball team, the "Kol Amigos," welcomes additional players for our upcoming 2020 season. We play friendly matches against other synagogues in the area on Monday through Thursday evenings, one or two games per week between April and July. If you are interested in learning more about the team, please contact Jonathan Shandell at jonathan.shandell@aya.yale.edu.

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DENIM & *Diamonds*

*Join us as we celebrate Congregation Kol Ami's
25th Anniversary!*

*Saturday, February 1, 2020
7:00-11:00 p.m.*

WINNINGS PROVIDED AS RAFFLE TICKETS
FOR FANTASTIC PRIZES!

\$35/person in advance
\$45/person at the door

Tickets include \$25 in gaming chips, open bar, light fare and dessert

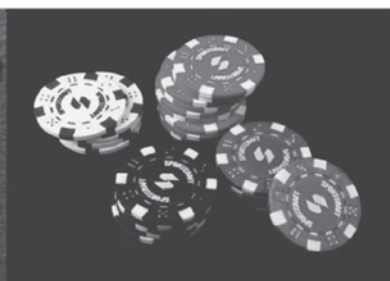
Four Sponsorship Levels Available

FOR TICKETS:

Send your check to Congregation Kol Ami, 8201 High School Road,
Elkins Park, PA 19027 with "Casino Night" on the memo line.
Payments can also be made via our website at www.kolamielkinspark.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Janine Pratt (215-384-6649 or jepratt2of5@gmail.com)



**The Hazon CSA and Religious School Students
at Congregation Kol Ami invite you to celebrate *Tu B'Shvat* at
the 13th Community Seder**

*Learn; be inspired; sing; taste the symbolic
biblical fruits, nuts, and wine; and enjoy a
delicious vegetarian dinner as we honor
and celebrate the New Year for Trees.*



Sunday, February 9, 2020

5:30 p.m. Doors open / 6:00 p.m. Seder and dinner

Congregation Kol Ami / 8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA

In respect for our earth:

- ◇ We ask that you bring reusable or bio-compostable place settings (dinner & dessert plates, soup bowl, drinking cup, wine glass, napkin, forks, spoon, and knife)
- ◇ Please bring red or white wine to share with your table; both are integral to our Seder service.
- ◇ Grape juice will be provided for the Religious School youth.



Do you like to cook?

We rely on the generosity and talent of cooks and bakers in our community. We need *kugels* and desserts containing fruits and/or nuts. Please let us know what you'd like to bring!

Would you like to help with setup or cleanup?

This is a community effort, and we appreciate your help as a volunteer. We generally need help from 4:00-5:30 p.m. and 8:00-8:45 p.m. Please indicate a preferred shift.

Registration required.

RSVP with number of adults and children by e-mail or phone by
February 2, 2020 to csa@kolami@gmail.com or 215-635-3110.

Cost:

\$5.00 for Elkins Park Hazon CSA members and members of Congregation Kol Ami,
Free for Congregation Kol Ami Religious School students, and \$10.00 for non-
members of CSA or Kol Ami.



FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

February 22, 2020

5:00-7:00 p.m.

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: _____ E-mail: _____

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

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

HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

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

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KOL AMI EVENTS (continued from page 8)

"STUDY AT THE SHUL" FOR ADULTS

Tuesday, February 4, at 7:30 p.m.

with Rabbi Shelly Barnathan

Parashat Behsallach – Crossing the Red Sea – *Torah*, Strength, and Song!

CALLING ALL LOCAs (AND MOCAs) TO SHARE DINNER FOLLOWED BY EREV SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, February 7, at 5:30 p.m. at Marco Polo (Elkins Park)

Please RSVP to Joan Greenberg at jgreenbe53@gmail.com or 215-530-1166 so she can make dinner reservations.

SAVE THE DATE: COOK FOR A FRIEND

Sunday, March 15, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Come help us prepare a nutritious meal for home-bound seniors. No cooking experience is needed, just a desire to do a *mitzvah* and have fun with Kol Ami friends in the kitchen!

BLOOD DRIVE A BIG SUCCESS

We had a great Red Cross blood drive this past November. Our goal was 30 productive pints, and we outdid ourselves by contributing 33 units! Thanks to all who donated and volunteered to help with the drive. The date of the next blood drive is November 9, 2020. ■



ABOVE: Very much in the festive spirit in December, Rabbi Berkowitz and Rachael Simon donned their *Hanukkah* attire to celebrate.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER ACTIVITIES

Our children participated in two *mitzvah* projects this week: 1) We sold pretzels to benefit the Israel Guide Dog Fund, and 2) we wore our pajamas to raise money for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Thank you to all our families for being so supportive as we teach our children about kindness and giving. ■



KOL AMI JANUARY 2020 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Early Learning Center CLOSED Religious School CLOSED	2	3 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 10:00 a.m. "Kol Ami @ 25" <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> celebrating the 25th anniversary of <i>Bat</i> <i>Mitzvah</i> of Rabbi Leah Berkowitz along with <i>Shir</i> Appeal, Jewish A Capella Group from Tufts University 7:30 p.m.	4 <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah</i> Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
5 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 10:00 a.m. - Grades K-1-2 Family Education Program 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. Religious School Committee Meeting 12:15 p.m.	6 Craft Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	8 Early Learning Center Storyteller, Bill Wood 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	9 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m. Interfaith Relationship Dialogue Subgroup 7:30 p.m. Home of Gary and Cheryl Turetsky	10 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 10:00 a.m. "Simcha" Second-Friday <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> 7:30 p.m.	11 "Fun-for-Kids" <i>Shabbat Service</i> 9:00 a.m. <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah</i> Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
12 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 10:00 a.m. - Grade 6 <i>B'nai Mitzvah</i> Family Program with Rabbi Berkowitz 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.	13 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	14 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	15 Religious School 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - Post- Confirmation	16 <i>Shomrei Adamah</i> Committee presents "Honeybees and Beekeeping" program with Jane Tausig 7:00 p.m.	17 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rabbi Berkowitz 10:00 a.m. <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> 7:30 p.m.	18 <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah</i> Dialogue with the <i>dvar Torah</i> presented by Carol Nemeroff 10:00 a.m.
19 Religious School CLOSED MLK <i>Shul</i> -in and Day of Service for Grades 3 & above 6:30 p.m. "Everything You Wanted to Know about Judaism (But Were Afraid to Ask)" Wine-and-Cheese Event for Adults with Rabbi Berkowitz 6:30 p.m.	20 Early Learning Center CLOSED MLK Day of Service at Abington Friends for Grades 3 & above	21 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Academy Teen Summit at Congregation Adath Jeshurun 6:30 p.m.	22 Religious School 4:30 p.m. No Confirmation Academy	23 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m. <i>Shomrei Adamah</i> Committee presents "Honeybees and Beekeeping" program with Jane Tausig 7:00 p.m.	24 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rachael Simon 10:00 a.m. <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Grades 3 and 4 participating 7:00 p.m.	25 <i>Shabbat Service</i> and <i>Torah</i> Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
26 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.	27 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	28	29 Religious School 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	30 <i>Shomrei Adamah</i> Committee presents "Honeybees and Beekeeping" program with Jane Tausig 7:00 p.m.	31 Early Learning Center <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 10:00 a.m. <i>erev Shabbat Service</i> 7:30 p.m.	

KOL AMI FEBRUARY 2020 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
RELIGIOUS-SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES... <i>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, contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110. Requests are handled confidentially.</i>						1 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Casino Night 7:00 p.m.
2 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. Religious School Committee Meeting 12:15 p.m.	3	4 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. "Study at the Shul" for Adults with Rabbi Shelly Barnathan 7:30 p.m.	5 Religious School 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	6 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.	7 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rebecca Schwartz 10:00 a.m. LOCA Dinner at Marco Polo 5:30 p.m. "Simcha" First-Friday erev Shabbat Shirah Service with Adult Choir 7:30 p.m.	8 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue with the dvar Torah presented by Carol Nemeroff 10:00 a.m.
9 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 10:00 a.m. - Grade 5 Family Education Program 10:00 a.m. - Grade 6 <i>B'nai Mitzvah</i> Family Program with Rabbi Berkowitz 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. Tu B'Shvat Seder 6:00 p.m.	10 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	11 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Interfaith Relationship Dialogue Meeting 7:30 p.m. Home of Vincent and Jane Pace	12 Religious School 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	13	14 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rabbi Berkowitz 10:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	15 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
16 Religious School CLOSED	17 Early Learning Center CLOSED	18	19 Religious School 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - Post-Confirmation	20 Early Learning Center Yoga 9:30 a.m.	21 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rebecca Schwartz 10:00 a.m. "Jewish Disability and Inclusion Awareness" erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	22 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Family Bingo Night 5:00 p.m.
23 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. Security Workshop 10:30 a.m.	24 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	25 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	28 Religious School 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	27	28 Early Learning Center erev Shabbat Service with Rachael Simon 10:00 p.m. Tisch erev Shabbat Service and Dinner 6:00 p.m.	29 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.

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