

CONGREGATION
Kol Ami
VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, April 3

This is the evening of the first *Seder*, hence no service tonight...celebrate *Shabbat* at your *Seder*!

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

Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, April 10

10:00 a.m. - Passover *Yizkor* Service

7:30 p.m. - I.M. Wise *erev Shabbat* Service to honor Rachel Baker and Zoe Long, our graduates of the Isaac Mayer Wise Reform Teaching Certificate Jewish Studies program plus "Second-Friday" birthday and anniversary blessings with the voices of our Adult choir

SATURDAY, April 11, at 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service with Grade 7 student participation when they'll share thoughts about their *Mitzvah* Projects: what they chose to do on behalf of others and what they learned in the process

FRIDAY, April 17

6:00 p.m. - "Fun-for-Kids" *erev Shabbat* Service on the Meadow; appropriate for all ages! It's a happy half hour with lots of music and our terrific Student Choir

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

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

Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Blower (see page 8)

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REJOICE WITH OUR 12TH-GRADE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT OUR I.M. WISE GRADUATE SERVICE

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE, FRIDAY, APRIL 10, AT 7:30 PM



PLEASE JOIN US at this special service to honor our 12th-grade graduates of the two-year Gratz College Isaac Mayer Wise Reform Teaching Certificate Jewish Studies program and to congratulate them for their devotion to continued Jewish study and as student teachers in our Religious School:

Rachel Baker David Baker and Irene Levy Baker
Zoe Long Ben and Jody Long ■

CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m., *Oneg* to follow

WORSHIP SERVICES (continued from page 1)

FRIDAY, April 24, at 8:00 p.m.

Honoring-our-Volunteers *erev Shabbat* Service (see page 13); preceded by a “thank-you” wine-and-cheese social at 7:00 p.m.

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

Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Sender (see page 9)

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

In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, Merle and Stanton Salkin sponsor “An Evening with **Sababa!**” – a spirited musical group to add soul to our *erev Shabbat* Service on an evening of “First-Friday” birthday and anniversary blessings and the voices of our Adult Choir (see next column) ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

April 4 - *chol ha'moed Pesach*
Exodus 12:21-51, Joshua 6:6-27

April 11 - *chol ha'moed Pesach*
Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17
Isaiah 10:32-12:6

April 18 - *Shemini*
Leviticus 9:1-11:47, I Samuel 20:18-42

April 25 - *Tazria-Metzora*
Leviticus 12:1-15:33, II Kings 7:3-20 ■

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving memory of:

Benham “Bud” Fuhrman

husband of June Fuhrman
father of Susan (Elliot) Holin and Judy Fuhrman
grandfather of Jonathan, David, and Joshua Holin and Zachary and Zoe Fuhrman

Gideon Holin

cousin of Elliot (Susan) Holin

Americo Pace

father of Vincent Pace (Jane Katzer Pace)
grandfather of Greg, Sarah, and Julia

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

SAVE THE DATE

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE, MAY 1, AT 7:30 P.M.

IN HONOR OF THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

MERLE & STANTON SALKIN SPONSOR ‘AN EVENING WITH SABABA!’



Sababa! (“cool” in Israeli vernacular) is an energetic, spirited musical group comprised of Steve Brodsky, Robbi Sherwin, and Scott Leader from Denver, Austin, and Phoenix, respectively.

Sababa!'s three CDs, “Pray for the Peace” (2008), “It’s All Good” (2010), and “*Shalosh*” (2013) have garnered rave reviews, featuring their signature tight harmonies; stellar production; and catchy, accessible melodies and lyrics. “Love Adonai,” based on the *V’ahavta* prayer, and “It’s All Good,” rocking and catchy, both won the finalist prizes in the Shalsholet Foundations’ Third & Fourth International Festivals of New Jewish Liturgical Music. The URJ Press’ “*Tot Shabbat Handbook*,” and Transcontinental Music’s *Shabbat* Anthology VI and their *Ruach* series CD have also published **Sababa!**'s music, which has been recorded and covered all over the world.

Individually, the members of **Sababa!** have been writing and performing contemporary Jewish music for many years. Leader and Sherwin have performed and recorded both as a duo and as solo artists, and Brodsky is both a well-known solo artist and a founding member of the critically acclaimed Jewish band *Mah Tovv*. Sherwin is the cantor and spiritual leader of B’nai Butte Congregation, in Crested Butte, Colorado; and Brodsky and Leader are both experienced, sought-after cantorial soloists. All have been music teachers and song leaders in Jewish schools and camps since their teens and have performed at synagogues, Jewish community centers, schools, festivals, and camps across North America as well as in England and Israel. ■

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin

The first *Seder* will be celebrated on *erev Shabbat*, April 3, so it is timely to reflect upon verses in Exodus 14:10-14 that depict the moments when the people were at the edge of the Sea of Reeds. They saw Egypt's chariots and soldiers bearing down upon them. They were frozen in fear, unable to move into the water, away from the rapidly advancing threat. Disaster was arriving.

When all seemed to be lost, Moses told the people: "God will make the impossible, possible. God will fight for you! Calm down." Of all the Biblical verses that give evidence to his ability to inspire the people, surely verse 14 must stand as one of Moses's finest moments. It was not just his bedrock assurance that "God will make the impossible, possible," it was also the way he conveyed that message to the people and to each person.

Try to imagine that moment. Many of the people were in shock. Many were crying and wailing in despair. Husbands and wives clung to their children. Friends called out to friends. People moaned in sheer panic. This teeming mass of humanity was moved inch by inch, by the relentless pressure of those at the outer edges who were closest to the arriving onslaught, the tips of spears and arrows flashing in the sun. Slowly, the people were pressed to the very place they did not want to be: at water's edge.

What did Moses tell them? "Calm down." I find that utterly remarkable and magnificent. He didn't have time for soaring oratory, so he said just two words, "Calm down."

Soon after, a man anonymous to the multitude entered the water. His name was Nachshon ben Aminadab. Everyone else followed. Moses led the way, but Nachshon seized the moment.

What messages we might derive from this narrative in the Book of Exodus?

- **Sometimes less is more:** Granted, Moses did not have much time to speak given the sight of Pharaoh's army bearing down upon them, causing panic among the people, but speak he did. Two words.
- **Not all leaders are elected:** Sometimes they rise from the midst of community at a time when they are most needed. Such people inspire others by their exemplary and, sometimes, courageous deeds. It is to their immense credit that they stand up when others stand down.
- **Faith is not always grounded in theology:** It is sometimes defined by the conviction that the attempt to effect change is worth the effort, or that placing faith in a leader might make a significant difference in many lives.

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MAZAL TOV

Mark Tino and Elaine Lotto on the birth of their granddaughter, Hannah Ruth Joyce, born on February 17, 2015, to Sarah and Vinnie Joyce. ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Interfaith Relationship Dialogue

Tuesday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Home of co-chairs Joel Edelstein and Betsy McKinstry, 215-782-1704

Membership Committee

Monday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Julie Cohen, 215-635-4716, and Robin Warsaw, 215-635-5839

Religious School Committee

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

Co-chairs: Sheryl Cohen, 215-885-2436, and Barbara Fink, 215-886-2297

Spiritual Growth Group

Monday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m.

Co-chairs: Janet Falon, 215-635-1698, and Meryle Gurmankin, 215-464-2466 ■

FACILITY ACCESS

There are many entrances to our building. For security reasons and the safety of our children, family, and guests, a facility access policy was created in years past and distributed to our members. Please adhere to the following entrance and exit plans for our building:

For Sunday (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) and Wednesday (4:00 to 8:00 p.m.), all access to the building is through the religious school entrance only. The lobby and executive office doors are not open during those hours. This includes members who are attending meetings.

At all other times, access to the building is through the main lobby doors.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elaine Stevens. ■

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send articles by the fifth of the previous month (for example, by April 5 for the May issue) to **Janet Falon** at jfalon@english.upenn.edu. Articles may be edited as needed. Photographs/images to be included should be at least 2x3" in size and 300 DPI resolution to ensure good reproduction. ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

GROWING MEMBERSHIP: LET'S ALL TAKE A ROLE

We've done some amazing work to help prospective members learn about our community and to feel a part of it and invited in to it. Much of the credit goes to our Membership Committee members and Julie Cohen and Robin Warsaw, our co-chairs. They've been thinking about how to reach out to our prospects, whether young families or empty nesters.

As an example, in February, Jill and Richard Goldstone, along with Ellen and I each hosted a *Shabbat* eve dinner for five families. After dinner, we went to the synagogue to worship and revel in our wonderful adult choir. *Kol Hakavod* to the committee and if you would like to do something meaningful to help Kol Ami grow, I'd encourage you to volunteer with Julie and Robin, whether joining the committee or just giving a bit of your time.

This year, I'd like to see April showers bring something new to our community and for that we need everyone's help. Could April showers bring forth new prospective members for the Membership Committee to work with? I know they can and here's how. As you are reading this bulletin, take a moment to think about your friends and neighbors who live within about 30 minutes of Kol Ami. Of those, write down the names of people who are unaffiliated who might find meaning and our wonderful sense of community welcoming? Resist the temptation to rationalize why so and so might not be interested and instead, consider how to invite them in. Invite them not to join, as that could well be premature. Instead, invite them to join you in something you are going to do at the synagogue and when you do, let Julie or Robin know who they are and they or another member of the Membership committee will offer a special welcome.

For example:

- Invite them to join you at our annual Second *Seder* on Saturday April 4th or at Friday night services on April 10th, for special blessings and a celebration of our I.M. Wise students.
- Have them join you on April 12th for a fun pancake breakfast and/or the Member-to-Member conversation with member and author Cheryl Rice Wohlstetter.
- Many of our friends enjoy rolling up their sleeves and doing community service, so invite a friend to join you later on April 12th to pack food at SHARE Food.
- Our synagogue has many great adult education programs so invite a friend to join you and we'll waive the fee for non-members.
- If you have a family with young children on your list, invite them to join you on April 17th for Fun-for-Kids *Shabbat* on our wonderful meadow.

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TIKUN OLAM RECEPTION FOR STEVEN SCOTT BRADLEY



ABOVE: Rabbi Elliot Holin and David Hyman presenting the award to Steven Scott Bradley at the *Tikun Olam* luncheon.

On Sunday, March 8, we hosted our Annual *Tikun Olam* reception at which we recognize a local outstanding citizen while raising funds for our Synagogue. This year's honoree was Steven Scott Bradley, President and CEO of Bradley and Bradley. Steven's community involvement spans 30 years, including leadership positions with Operation Understanding, WHY, the First African-American Baptist Church of Sharon Hill (FAABC), and the African-American Chamber of Commerce. The meaningful award program included messages from Rabbi Holin and Steven's Minister, Dr. Richard Dent. Also, the large and diverse audience was rendered breathless by inspirational singing performances by the FAABC Choir. We express our sincere appreciation to our generous sponsors and supporters:

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

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- The *Seder* is special: it is defined by group participation, teaching moments replete with questions, symbolic food, and the most oft-repeated refrain in the *Torah*: "Remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt." This is the imperative: that our liberation should impel us to strive for the liberation of all people who are shackled by poverty, those who are victims of discrimination, and those caught in the tentacles of terror.

May this season of Passover inspire us and propel us toward performing *mitzvot* that will touch the lives of many.

Shalom u'vrachab,
Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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- We have two wonderful *Bar Mitzvahs* this month so a family that has a child nearing the age to start Religious School and *bar* or *bat mitzvah* preparation might enjoy seeing what a warm and wonderful experience this is for our children.

This month's *Sh'lach'chaynee* (send me) request of you is to bring at least one non-affiliated family with you to a Kol Ami event and in advance, share their contact information with Julie and Robin.

Jeff Cohen
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YEDIDAY KOL AMI

We greatly appreciate the support of the following members of *Yedidday* Kol Ami, which raises funds to support our synagogue:

Ira and Robin Adelman
Anonymous
Bruce and Ellen Asam
David Baker and Irene Levy Baker
Nigel Blower and Julie Cohen
Barry and Allison Boise
David and Shelley Chamberlain
Michael and Sara Chernoff
Jeffrey Cohen and Ellen Friedman
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Erik and Jennifer Streitwieser
Mark Tino and Elaine Lotto
Bart Weiner and Nadine Liez-Weiner

For more information about *Yedidday* Kol Ami, please contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org ■

SPECIAL YEDIDAY MEMBER OUTING

WHYY STUDIOS: "NEWSWORKS TONIGHT" LIVE BROADCAST

On February 2, *Yedidday* Kol Ami members were invited to visit the studios of WHYY to observe a live broadcast of "NewsWorks Tonight." This small, but fortunate, Kol Ami group had the opportunity to *kibitz* with Station CEO Bill Marrazzo, watch producer Shai Ben Yaacov "live and in action," and meet the voice of "NewsWorks Tonight," Dave Heller.

This visit was one of a variety of *Yedidday* activities made available to this generous group of Synagogue supporters, which includes an annual reception at Rabbi and Susan Holin's home.

Please contact Elaine Stevens if you are interested in becoming a *Yedidday* member. ■



Continuing Jewish Education

Searching for Faithful Practice— The Place of “Commandment” in an Age of Autonomy

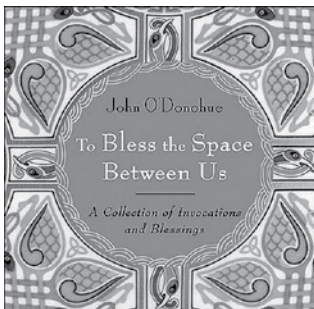
Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
April 16, 23 & 30 and May 7 (4 Sessions)
Instructor: Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom



In an age marked by radical autonomy, what is the place of *Mitzvah*? Can it ever be “commandment” or is it always, at best, a “suggestion” for doing good? Can community survive in an age of autonomy?

RSVP by April 10 to 215-635-3110.

Knowing Where to Find Blessings and How to Create Them



Tuesday evenings
from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
April 28, May 5 & 19
(3 Sessions)
Instructor:
Rabbi Elliot Holin

We will read and discuss how poet John O'Donohue's words in “To Bless the Space Between Us” are echoes of Jewish prayers and practices

- ‘A Morning Offering’ and ‘On Waking’
Prayer upon awakening
- ‘For a New Home’
Prayer for affixing a *mezuzah* to the to the doorposts of your home

- ‘A Blessing of Angels’
Divine messengers in the Jewish tradition and Biblical texts
- ‘For the Traveler’
Prayer for a journey about to be taken
- ‘For a Mother to Be’ and ‘For a New Father’
The responsibilities of parenthood
- ‘Suffering’ and ‘For a Nurse’
The meaning and power of prayers for healing:
MiShebbeirach
- ‘For Death,’ ‘For Grief,’ and ‘For the Dying’
Rituals attendant to burial and mourning
- ‘Grace before Meals’ and ‘Grace after Meals’
Blessings before partaking of food
- ‘For a Brother or a Sister’
Siblings: relationship, rivalry, and reconciliation in Biblical texts
- ‘At the End of the Day: A Mirror of Questions’
Liturgy, prayer, and meditation
- ‘For Solitude’
Toward inner awareness and the liberated mind
- ‘For One Who Has Power’ and ‘For a Leader’
The criteria of good leadership

Please bring a copy of “To Bless the Space Between Us” (Doubleday, 2008) to the classes and ponder the significance of the title.

RSVP by April 20 to 215-635-3110.

Non-member rate for either offering: \$50 per course. ■



Serving your community in Pennsylvania,
Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York

SOCIAL ACTION EVENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

FROM 1:00-3:00 P.M.

**Help Philadelphia Families
This Spring Season by Packing
Food Boxes for Those in Need**

**at SHARE Food Program
2901 W. Hunting Park Avenue
Philadelphia**

**SHARE provides food to over
20,000 low-income families
each month. This is a great
activity for the whole family,
ages 8 and up.**

MAP:

[http://sharefoodprogram.org/
contact](http://sharefoodprogram.org/contact)

DIRECTIONS TO SHARE:

Take Route 1 South to Fox Street exit. At top of the exit, turn left onto Fox Street. Follow Fox Street to Hunting Park Avenue (about 3 lights), then turn right. Take Hunting Park Avenue to 29th Street. Turn right into the SHARE parking lot.

RSVP TO ELAINE STEVENS AT

execdir@kolamielkinspark.org or
215-635-3110.

**The warehouse is often chilly,
so dress appropriately! ■**

BAR MITZVAH OF AARON BLOWER

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, AT 10:00 A.M.



Aaron is in the seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School. His favorite subject is math because there's only one "right" answer. Aaron's extracurricular activities include soccer and choir class, as well as Current Events, Hooked on Books, and Science Fair. Outside of school, he plays soccer and baseball; and he is adept at karate, having achieved his junior black belt last year.

"There are many reasons that I am proud to be Jewish," he says. "One reason is that it makes me different from lots of people because Jews are such a minority. Another reason I am proud to be Jewish is that it is my heritage, and continuing my ancestors' traditions makes me proud. I enjoy celebrating the Jewish holy days because I get to spend time with my family while going deeper into our tradition and appreciating why these holy days are so important to our people.

"My favorite Jewish holy day is Passover because it is one of the three times during the year that most of my family gets together. That is important because my family is spread out among the area so I don't get to see them together often. Sometimes my grandfather from England even comes. This upcoming Passover will be even more special because in addition to my American family, my British family will be there too. This is important because a lot of my British family hasn't been in the U.S. since 2008. I always look forward to the family competition of who can read more lines of *had gadya* without taking a second breath. I also love when we sing *daveinu* because everyone joins in.

"My favorite prayers are the *Avote v'Imabote* and the blessings over the *Torah*. I think that it is very important to remember those who came before us and how they helped our people get to this point in time. The *Avote v'Imabote* says that we need to think farther back than right now and remember the history of our people. It is in the worship service so we can remember our ancestors and try to be like them. I could apply the theme of this prayer to my life by always being a good person and not forgetting those who came before me.

"I chose the *Torah* blessings because I think it is very important to bless something that is sacred before we read from it. Saying this is a way we give thanks to God for the gift of *Torah*. I think it is part of the *Torah* service because if we did not say the blessing, it would almost be like we were taking advantage of our most important text. I could apply the theme of this prayer to my life by always respecting things that are older or more important than me.

"I chose to chant chapter 9, verses 1-6 and chapter 11, verses 2-7 from the Book of Leviticus—my *Torah* Portion—because they are very interesting to me. One of the themes is about the elders of Israel: "elder" did not just refer to age, but to experience and wisdom. I also found it meaningful when the *Torah* informs us about sacrifice, and from that I learned that actions speak louder than words, especially in showing someone that you love them."

We congratulate Aaron's parents, Julie Cohen and Nigel Blower. ■

BAR MITZVAH OF MATTHEW SENDER

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, AT 10:00 A.M.



Matthew is in the seventh grade at Germantown Academy. His favorite subjects are science and math. He enjoys asking questions and seeking answers in science, and he has always been in the advanced math group at school and finds doing complicated math problems to be fun. Outside of school, Matthew enjoys playing tennis, whether singles or doubles, as well as playing video games because they enable him to enter fantasy worlds. He also likes playing Monopoly.

His volunteer activities include a school program called CSO (Community Service Organization) that is devoted to helping poor people by collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, and shampoo. For his *Mitzvah* Project, Matthew volunteered at the Abramson Center for Jewish Life. It was significant for him to do so because part of his *Torah* Portion talks about how to care for people who have diseases or are handicapped.

“I am proud to be Jewish because I am different from my neighbors, my friends, and my teachers,” explains Matthew. “Jewish people have a long and proud heritage that I am part of. There are approximately 5.5 million Jews in the United States, about 1.7 percent of the population. I like being different because people are known because of their differences, and I am different from many of my friends and classmates, in a good way, and my difference is that I am Jewish and proud to be Jewish.

“I chose to chant chapter 12, verse 1, through chapter 13, verse 4, from the Book of Leviticus because I found them more interesting than the other verses: they are rules about how people with leprosy were cared for. We can apply this lesson to how we should take care of people to make the world a better and more peaceful place.

“One of my favorite prayers is the *Sh'ma* because even though it is short, it has a lot of meaning. It is saying that there is one G-d and nothing else, and the one G-d is the greatest G-d we could ever have.

“Another one of my favorite prayers is the *Avote v'Imahote* because it mentions our ancestors. One of reasons that I am proud to be Jewish is because of my grandparents'—my ancestors'—amazing story about their escape from the Holocaust.”

We congratulate Matthew's father, Gary, and his sister Jessica, who celebrated her *Bat Mitzvah* at Kol Ami on April 6, 2013, and is a student in our Confirmation Academy. ■



LEGACY SOCIETY

Congregation Kol Ami's Legacy Society continues to grow, but we are always looking to add more families.

The Legacy Society asks our members to think about the long-term future of our beloved synagogue. A gift through your estate or life insurance or co-ownership of stock supports our goals of long-term viability and recognizes the importance of the values of Kol Ami. No gift is too small, and everything you do is deeply appreciated.

Anyone who is interested in speaking further about the options can contact Ilene Schafer at 215-663-0228. If you have already remembered Kol Ami in some fashion in your estate planning, please let our executive director, Elaine Stevens, know. We have a very simple form that we ask you to fill out for our records.

We welcome and thank the following members for their commitment to the future of our synagogue.

David Baker and Irene Levy Baker
Michael and Sara Chernoff
Jeffrey Cohen and Ellen Friedman
Elizabeth Kapnek Grenald
Rabbi Elliot and Susan Holin
David Hyman
Lee Laden
Marshall and Ilene Schafer
Gary Sender
Elaine Stevens
Erik and Jennifer Streitwieser
The Wintroub Family ■



NEWS FROM THE FIFTH GRADE: BUILDING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

In recent months, the Jews of Jerusalem (AKA the fifth-grade students) have witnessed several epic events in Jewish history. First, under the aegis of King Solomon, artists and craftspeople built the First Holy Temple, hewing and setting the stones and decorative entry columns, carving the twin cherubim statues that stand in the Holy of Holies, and safeguarding the Ark of the Covenant. The Kohen Gadol, the High Priest, led the processional when the Ark was placed inside the Holy of Holies, the inner sanctum, and the Temple was the glory of Jerusalem.

Sadly, after Solomon's death, his kingdom split into two. Israel in the north fell to the Assyrian empire and its Jews,



the 10 tribes, vanished into history. Judah in the south has now been conquered by the Babylonian empire. The Temple lies in ruins, and many have been carried off to exile in Babylonia.

We Jews believe we will return, and rebuild the Temple. Time will tell. Meanwhile, we turn to the words of Psalm 137: "By the waters of Babylon, where we lay down, and there we wept when we remembered Zion." How can we sing our holy song in a strange land? ■



Kol Ami Events

FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT



Join Rabbi Holin in fast days—or virtual fast days—every month, no matter where you are, by sending funds that you would have spent on food to help men, women, and children in need:

CAMP HOMETOWN HEROES. Since September 11, 2001, almost 5,000 children have lost a parent who served in the U.S. Military. Their deaths have been the result

of combat, accident, illness, or suicide. Their children have been present during a gun salute and flag presentation by an Honor Guard, and many of them face depression, profound grief, isolation, and a sense of helplessness.

Camp Hometown Heroes began in 2013 in partnership with pediatric grief counselors to provide a free, week-long overnight summer camp for children and siblings between the ages of 7 and 17. The children participate in art- and music-therapy groups and have the opportunity to openly discuss their feelings through shared, common bonds of loss.

Since the camp opened in June 2013, 62 children from 14 states have participated free of charge. In 2014, Camp Hometown Heroes welcomed more than 100 children who came to Wisconsin all the way from Hawaii, Idaho, California, and Washington.

Their parents, no longer alive, served our nation. This is our opportunity to stand with their children.

Forthcoming fast days to benefit **Camp Hometown Heroes** will be on Tuesday, April 7, and Tuesday, May 5.

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

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

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

Forthcoming fast days on behalf of **NATAL** will be on Wednesday, April 14, and Wednesday, May 13.

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

Forthcoming **Phast for Philadelphia** fast days will be on Thursday, April 30, and Thursday, May 28.

Below are the mailing addresses for the three organizations listed above:

American Friends of NATAL

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

Camp Hometown Heroes

983 Badger Circle
Grafton, WI 53024

Unemployment Information Center

112 N. Broad Street, 11th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102
(make check payable to Unemployment Information Center with a memo note “Philadelphia Unemployment Office”)

CELEBRATING A SPECIAL DAY?

Join the growing band of members who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries Kol Ami Style with Rabbi Holin under the *Tallit* for a Special Blessing

Friday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m.;
erev *Shabbat* Service to follow at 7:30 p.m.

And now even better...bring your friends, families and loved ones for a special *Shabbat* meal prior to the April

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service. This special package includes a photo of your assembled group to commemorate the day as well as cake to follow the service. Make it a Kol-Ami-Style Event.

For information, contact Elaine Gershenson at gershlaw@comcast.net or Jill Goldstone at jillgoldstone1@gmail.com.

“SECOND-FRIDAY” EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

**for April Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
Friday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m.**



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

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

“TORAH HOME TALKS”

Saturday, April 11, at 2:00 p.m.

at the home of Bill and Betty Shapiro in Wyncote

Our *Torah* Scroll will travel to Bill and Betty’s home, where Rabbi Holin will unroll it, explain how it is written, and discuss a compelling narrative with our family and their friends from the synagogue and the community. This is a wonderful opportunity to see and hear how the “*Torah* talks” to us and how we can find ourselves—our values, dreams, and master stories—on its parchment.

Kol Ami -Pancake Breakfast

April 12, 2015, from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.
(before religious school)

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

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

**Individual advance -- \$5
Individual at door -- \$7
Family advance -- \$20
Family at door -- \$25**

Please RSVP to Elaine Stevens by Wednesday, April 8, 2015

8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027 • Phone 215-635-3110 • E-mail: execdir@kolamielkinspark.org

Name: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
of individuals advance: _____ @ \$ 5.00 **Total:** _____
of family advance: _____ @ \$20.00 **Total:** _____

Please make checks payable to: Congregation Kol Ami

Please call Elaine Stevens (215-635-3110) to let her know if you will attend this home dialogue so that plans can be made for seating and refreshments.



MEMBER-TO-MEMBER Conversations

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Sunday, April 12, at 11:00 a.m. with
Cheryl Rice Wohlstetter

Join congregant Cheryl Rice Wohlstetter as she shares her story of how she moved from grief to growth after the death of her beloved mother and emerged with a memoir, “Where Have I Been All My Life? A Journey Toward Love and Wholeness.” Cheryl will read a bit from her book and share how reading and writing helped her heal, as well as the essential theme of the book—coming home to oneself.

LEARN ABOUT WHAT MAKES A D’VAR TORAH

Monday, April 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Come to this special meeting of the Spiritual Growth Group when Rabbi Holin teaches us how to write a *d’var Torah*—maybe you’ll even be inspired to write one of your own. A *d’var Torah* (a word of *Torah*) is a talk or essay based on the *parashah* (the weekly *Torah* portion).

This program is open to anyone, not just members of the Spiritual Growth Group. For more information, contact Janet Falon at jfalon@english.upenn.edu or Meryle Gurmankin at meryleg1@gmail.com.

HONORING-OUR-VOLUNTEERS EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, April 24, at 8:00 p.m.; preceded by a
wine-and-cheese social at 7:00 p.m.

“The Eternal One spoke to Moses, saying, “Tell the people to bring Me gifts. You shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart is so moved” (Exodus 25:1-2).

We “gift” our Synagogue with our time, talent, and largesse. Our hearts are moved to do whatever we can to support and nurture our Congregation; and on this evening, we want to thank all of you who will allow us to honor you at this special service as our way of expressing gratitude to you for the gift you are to all of us.

We thank all of you who devote time to the well-being of our Congregation by inviting you to collectively bless the *Shabbat* candles and lead us in the *kiddush*.

Preceding the service, starting at 7:00 p.m., there will be complimentary wine and cheese as an additional “thank-you.” We hope you will join us.

“A TASTE OF SHABBAT”

Sunday, April 26, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Join this informal gathering in our chapel for an innovative approach to experiencing the meaning and joy of *Shabbat* (when it’s not *Shabbat*) through music and dialogues about “what matters, when, and why”



This is an invitation to religious school parents and all adults to join us for “A Taste of *Shabbat*” through song, guided by Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz’s selection of songs that we enjoy on *Shabbat* mornings, and with

Rabbi Holin and Jeff Wexler, a clinical psychologist and Kol Ami member, for our weather-delayed discussion about the family dynamic in the story about Abraham and Isaac, and how it relates to us as parents and children.

GREAT GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE FOR MOTHER’S DAY AND GRADUATION

Scrip orders received by Sunday April 26 will be
distributed on May 3

Looking for the Perfect Mother’s Day or Graduation Gift? Kol Ami has Starbucks and I-tunes gift cards in stock NOW! Stop by on Sunday, April 12, or Sunday, May 3, in the lobby with cash or a check to purchase in person from Deborah Poppel. Preorder specific Scrip cards now using the order forms available in the Religious School office or from Elaine Stevens.

COME CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO WITH “ISH”

Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m.

at the home of Julie Cohen and Nigel Blower



Congregation Kol Ami’s “ish” is a purely social gathering of young-ish or not-so-young-ish members. We gather for food, drink, and fun.

BYO Tequila or other beverage, and an appetizer or dessert to share. We will supply the limes and salt.

All are welcome. We hope you can join us. Please RSVP to Julie@JulieCohenCoaching.com if you would like to attend.

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THE HOLOCAUST AWARENESS MUSEUM AND EDUCATION CENTER PRESENTS...

"LIDA STEIN AND THE RIGHTEOUS GENTILE"

Wednesday, May 6, at 6:15 p.m. in the Kol Ami Sanctuary

Presented through our Religious School, and donated by the McKinstry/Edelstein Family, this play tells the story of the relationship of two teenaged girls in Germany at the outset of the Nuremberg Laws in Hitler's Germany. One girl, Lida Stein, is Jewish, and her best friend, Dora Krauss, is Gentile. Through the story, we see two families' journey through the changing and challenging times in the 1930s, just prior to World War II.

Presented free of charge to the Kol Ami Community and to the larger Elkins Park community and friends. Please plan to attend and feel free to bring a friend!

The running time for the show is approximately 50 minutes, and there will be a short discussion and talk-back with the actors following the performance.

Of particular note to our local community: The role of Lida Stein will be played by Arin Edelstein of Kol Ami, and the role of Papa Stein will be played by Evan Schwartz of Congregation Keneseth Israel. ■

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

LINDA DUBIN GARFIELD: APRIL 7 THROUGH MAY 11

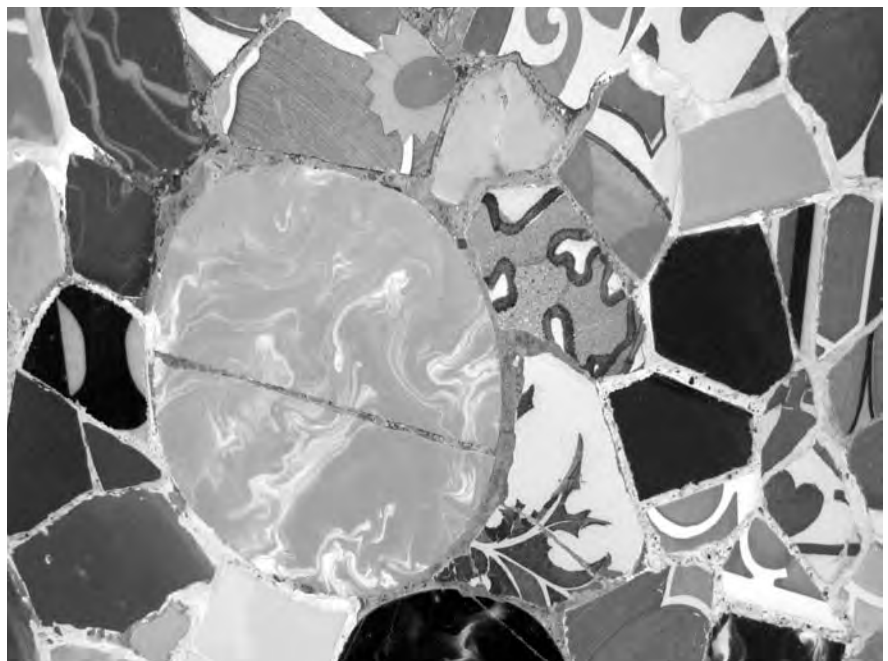
Linda Dubin Garfield, an award-winning printmaker and mixed-media artist, creates visual memoirs exploring the mystery of memory and the magic of place, using hand-pulled printmaking techniques, photography, collage, and digital imaging. She also creates installations that include public participatory art, especially when she is exploring themes relating to women in today's culture.

In 2005, Linda founded ARTsisters, a group of professional artists who empower each other and their community through art. In 2007, she started smART business consulting, helping emerging artists reach their goals and their audience, providing consulting and coaching on the business side of art through individual, small-group, and workshop experiences as well as providing opportunities to exhibit work. Today, she serves on several non-profit boards and appreciates her good fortune to be able to make art every chance she gets.

Linda combines elements of nature, texture, and design along with the magic of the press. She is intrigued by memory and what remains in our mind's eye. Her work reflects scenes from travel near and far. More than a report on how it was exactly, Linda is interested in an expressive and passionate response to the color and pattern of the landscape, experience, or image.

Join us at Linda's open house on **Sunday, April 19, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** The Kol Ami gallery hours are Wednesday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If the Religious School is closed on those days, the gallery is also closed. All of Linda's works are for sale, and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the Synagogue. See Elaine Stevens if interested in purchasing a piece.

www.lindadubingarfield.com / garf621@aol.com / 610.649.3174 ■



Social Action

MENTOR A COLLEGE STUDENT: CHANGE A LIFE

**Thursday, May 21, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
in the Congregation Kol Ami Board Room**

“My mentee is the first in her family to attend college. She likes being able to get advice from someone with college experience.” — Ellen Asam

“I give my mentee the same advice I give my son. But my mentee actually listens!” — Anonymous

“The mentorship program is a great way for me to use my experience to help a student navigate through the challenges she may face in college and helps her to have a more successful experience.” — Fran Surkin

More than a dozen Kol Ami members started mentoring students during the 2014-2015 school year. While their reasons for becoming mentors vary, their goals are the same: to help students successfully navigate college so they can go on to successful careers and to become successful citizens of the local community. The facts:

- Only 60% of Philadelphia public school students graduate from high school.
- Only 10% go on to college and graduate within six years.

But for those who do complete college, the results are inspiring. The average family income of these students is approximately \$19,000/year. Five years after graduation, students in this program have average incomes of \$47,000/year. The mentor program, run through the Philadelphia Education Fund, changes the direction of the lives of these students and their families.

How you can help:

Mentors are needed for the 2015-2016 school year. Here's what it takes:

- Desire to work one on one with a college student
- Attend a training session, then two group activities with your student, along with other students and mentors
- Periodic one-on-one discussions, check-ins, providing support and advising via phone, e-mail, or text
- Familiarity with topics such as choosing and registering for classes, declaring a major, study tips, purchasing textbooks, etc., and just being a “cheerleader” for your mentee
- Knowledge of how to text (this is the preferred communications vehicle for most students)

Want to learn more?

Attend an information session with Kol Ami's Social Action Committee and the Philadelphia Education Fund (PEF). Representatives from PEF will offer insights and answer your questions about what it takes to be a mentor and how you can change the course of a young person's life. Current students and mentors will be present to speak about their experience. Joining them will be Kol Ami's David Baker, who serves on the PEF's Board of Directors and started the mentoring program.

RSVP to Elaine Stevens at exccdir@kolamielkinspark.org or 215-635-3110. Attending the information session is NOT a commitment to become a mentor. For information about PEF, visit <http://philaedfund.org>.

INTER-FAITH HOUSING ALLIANCE

Inter-Faith Housing Alliance is a non-profit organization providing housing and supportive services for families experiencing homelessness in Montgomery County since 1982.

Inter-Faith Housing Alliance helps families in crisis to become financially stable and self-sufficient through community food banks and various housing programs. They operate an Emergency Shelter for stays of up to three months as well as an affordable transitional housing program for stays of up to two years.

All programs are designed to provide families with the tools they need to become successfully independent—and thus break the cycle of homelessness.

Our synagogue has been asked to become a BUDDY congregation for one week in June 2015. Our Host congregation is St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

What does this mean for us?

Dinner volunteer: Kol Ami volunteers will be responsible to prepare and deliver a dinner meal around 5:45 p.m. to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Volunteers join the family for a 6:15 p.m. meal. Together, we will cover the seven meals for the assigned week in June. The evening responsibility ends when the Overnight Volunteers arrive around 7:30 p.m.

Overnight Volunteer/Driving Opportunity: These volunteers will be responsible to arrive at 7:30 p.m. and spend

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Steven Scott Bradley, David Hyman, and Rev. Dr. Richard Dent stand before the members of the choir of the First African Baptist Church as they prepare to perform songs for our guests at the *Tikun Olam* celebration on March 8.

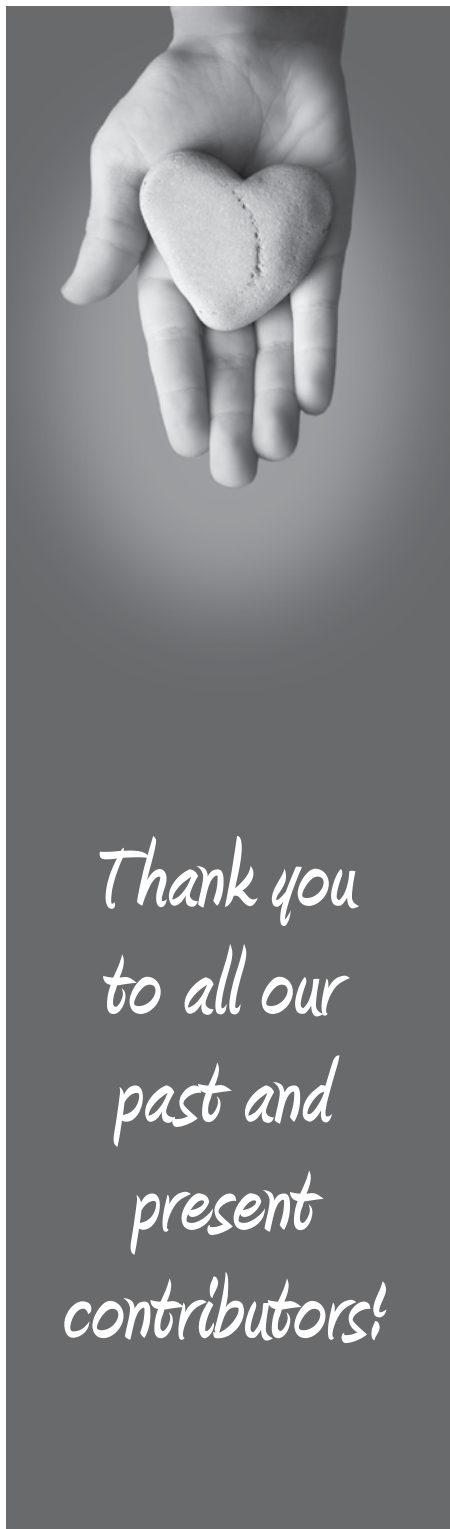
Results of the Congregation Kol Ami By-Laws Vote of March 8, 2015

On March 8, 63 of our 182 households in good standing participated in conversation and voted on the proposed by-laws. A total of 79 members voted as up to two adult members of each household were eligible to vote. As to the results, we far exceeded the 15% of member families participating so we had a quorum. All of the proposed changes have passed as per the counts below and, as a result, are immediately in effect.

Section	Description	Results
Article IV, Section 7	Allows for a limited number of non-Jewish Board members who have demonstrated sustained commitment to Kol Ami and its mission. Non-Jewish Board members would not be allowed to serve as an Officer of Kol Ami.	Approved - 75 Disapproved - 3 Abstained - 1
Article V, Section 1	Allows for a second member of a household to serve on the board for one overlapping year. Neither could be Officers in the overlap year.	Approved - 67 Disapproved - 12
Article V, Section 2	Allows for the appointment of a non-current board member to an Officer position if that person previously served as a board member.	Approved - 78 Disapproved - 1
Article V, Section 3	Allows for the Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary positions to be extended for a maximum of three 1-year terms, beyond two (2) 3-year terms of normal board service.	Approved - 75 Disapproved - 4
Article VI, Section 1	Ensures that the new Board Member terms coincide with the new fiscal year	Approved - 77 Disapproved - 1 Abstained - 1
Number 6 Multiple Articles	Ensures gender neutrality throughout the By-Laws	Approved - 74 Disapproved - 5
Article 7, Committees	Renames Adult Education Committee to Programming Committee; Deletes the need for an Operations Committee co-chair to be an Officer; Deletes Youth Activities Committee; Renames Public Relations/Marketing Committee to Marketing Committee; Adds "sexual orientation" to the Inclusion Committee; Adds both a Human Resources Committee and a Fund Development Committee	Approved - 78 Disapproved - 1
Number 8 Multiple Sections	Replaces Administrator with Executive Director; Changes the word "expect" to "except" in Article VII, Section 2; makes multiple formatting changes	Approved - Unanimous

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



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The meaningful erev Shabbat service following the killings in Paris

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time with the family until bed time. Volunteer(s) sleep at the HOST site, lock up, and remain at the church until the family returns to the Day Center at approximately 7:00 a.m. The Day Center provides support services for these families. This commitment is 7:30 p.m.-7:00 a.m. Occasionally there is transportation needed to drive adult family members to the Ambler Day Center.

What's our next step?

On Thursday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m., the Social Action Committee will host an orientation and informational meeting for those interested in participating in this program. Coordinators from the Inter-Faith Housing Alliance will lead the orientation and training, answering all questions and concerns about the various volunteer opportunities.

We made this commitment as a Congregation, following a pulse survey last summer, which showed a high level of interest and commitment in this program that helps others less fortunate to stabilize their lives.

What's YOUR next step?

Join us on May 14. If you cannot make this training, but would like to volunteer in June, please call Laurie Langman (610-608-4293) or Jody Long (215-512-3636) and they can share information.

These opportunities often lead to lasting bonds between volunteers and families as they spend time over dinner or during evening activities. Be a part of this exciting endeavour. ■



ABOVE: The Early Learning Center kids celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2; BELOW: the children also provided a little entertainment after their *erev Shabbat* dinner on February 27.



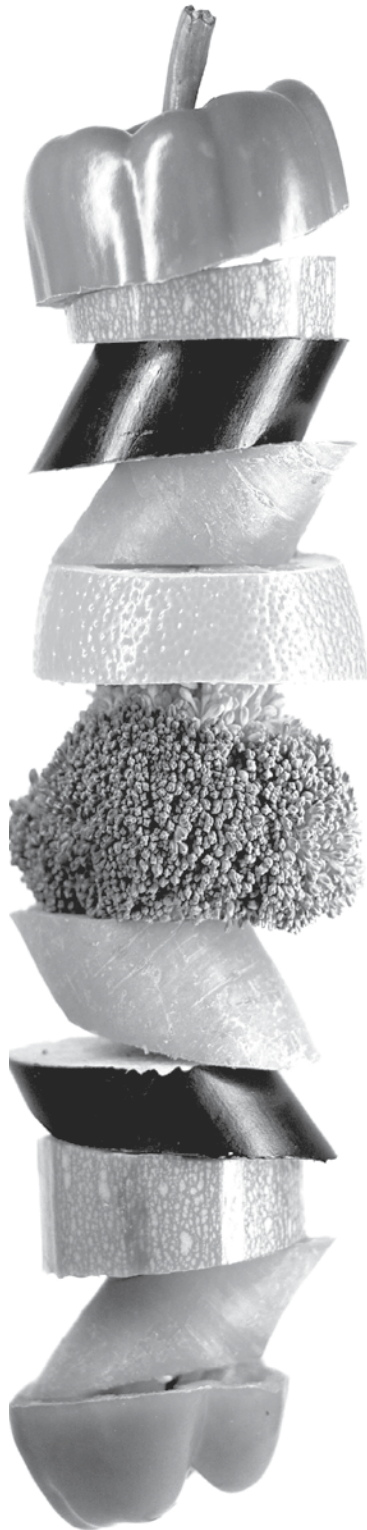
KOL AMI APRIL 2015 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	No Religious School Spring Break	6 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	7 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	8 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	9	10 No Early Learning Center Passover Yizkor Service 10:00 a.m. "Second-Friday" erev Shabbat Service with our Adult Choir honoring our I.M. Wise graduates 7:30 p.m.
1	No Religious School Spring Break	2	3 Early Learning Center Seder 11:00 a.m. First Seder No erev Shabbat Service	4 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. Second Seder 6:00 p.m.	11 Shabbat Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m. with Grade 7 participation "Torah Home Talks" 2:00 p.m. Home of Bill and Betty Shapiro	

KOL AMI APRIL 2015 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 Trope Class 9:00 a.m. Religious School PTO Pancake Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 10:00 a.m. - Gr 4 Family Education Program 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 p.m. Member-to-Member Conversations with Cheryl Rice Wohlstetter 11:00 a.m. Social Action Committee SHARE Food Program 1:00 p.m. (Philadelphia)	13 Early Learning Center Story House and Pajama Party 5:00 p.m. Open Book Bookstore Elkins Park, PA	14 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	15 Early Learning Center Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	16 Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom 7:30 p.m.	17 Early Learning Center erev <i>Shabbat Service</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. "Fun-for-Kids" erev <i>Shabbat Service</i> on the Meadow with Student Choir 6:00 p.m. erev <i>Shabbat Service</i> 7:30 p.m.	18 Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Blower 10:00 a.m.
19 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 p.m. Artist Open House 1:00 p.m. (Garfield)	20 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m. Spiritual Growth Group with Rabbi Holin 7:00 p.m.	21 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Interfaith Relationship Dialogue 7:30 p.m. Home of Joel Edelstein and Betsy McKinstry	22 Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	23 Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom 7:30 p.m.	24 Early Learning Center erev <i>Shabbat Service</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. erev <i>Shabbat Service</i> honoring our Volunteers 8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - Wine & Cheese	25 Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Sender 10:00 a.m.
26 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 p.m. "A Taste of <i>Shabbat</i> " with Rabbi Holin 10:00 a.m.	27 Membership Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	28 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Rabbi Elliot Holin 7:30 p.m.	29 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	30 Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom 7:30 p.m.		

Our CSA Is Back for the 2015 Season!



Let's Get Fresh!

Sign up NOW for the Elkins Park Hazon CSA 2015 season. Once again, Congregation Kol Ami is proudly the site host!

The 26-week season begins early May!

To sign up, visit:

<http://www.lancasterfarmfresh.com/csa/default>

Select host site:

PA: Elkins Park Hazon CSA at Kol Ami

Select the vegetable share size to meet your needs:
Large, medium, small or mini-custom

Additional shares are available for purchase
(detailed information is on the site):

Fruit, Eggs, Bread, Cheese, Meat, Medicine,
Flowers, Herbs

As always, Mark, Robin, or Shelley will help you
find a partner if you want to "share" a share.

Question about the CSA?

Stop by to see us in the lobby on Sunday, April 12,
at 9:30 a.m, and we'll be glad to assist you. Or,
you may e-mail us at csakolami@gmail.com. ■



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APRIL 2015

- **FRIDAY, APRIL 3** - First Night of Passover
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 4, at 6:00 p.m.**
Congregational Second *Seder*
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 7, at 7:30 p.m.**
Religious School Committee Meeting
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 10**
10:00 a.m. - Passover *Yizkor* Service
7:30 p.m. - "Second-Friday" *erev Shabbat* Service with Adult Choir honoring our I.M. Wise graduates
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 11**
10:00 a.m. - *Shabbat* Service and *Torah* Dialogue with Grade 7 participation
2:00 p.m. - "*Torah* Home Talks" at the home of Bill and Betty Shapiro
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 12**
9:30 a.m. - Religious School PTO "Pancake Breakfast"
10:00 a.m. - Grade 4 Family Education Program
11:00 a.m. - Member-to-Member Conversations with Cheryl Rice Wohlstetter
1:00 p.m. - Social Action Committee SHARE Food Program at SHARE Food
- **THURSDAYS; APRIL 16, 23 & 30, at 7:30 p.m.**
Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 17, at 6:00 p.m.**
"Fun-for-Kids" *erev Shabbat* Service on the Meadow with Student Choir
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 18, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Blower
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 19, at 1:00 p.m.**
Open House of Artist Linda Dubin Garfield
- **MONDAY, APRIL 20, at 7:00 p.m.**
Spiritual Growth Group with Rabbi Holin
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 21, at 7:30 p.m.**
Interfaith Relationship Dialogue at the home of Joel Edelstein and Betsy McKinstry
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 24, at 8:00 p.m.**
Volunteer *erev Shabbat* Service preceded by wine and cheese beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 25, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Sender
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 26, at 10:00 a.m.**
"A Taste of *Shabbat*" with Rabbi Holin
- **MONDAY, APRIL 27, at 7:30 p.m.**
Membership Committee Meeting
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 28, at 7:30 p.m.**
Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Rabbi Elliot Holin

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- **FRIDAY, MAY 1, at 7:30 p.m.**
Sababa! concert in honor of Merle and Stanton Salkin's 50th wedding anniversary plus "First-Friday" *erev Shabbat* Service with Adult Choir
- **SATURDAY, MAY 2, at 10:00 a.m.**
Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue with Grade 8-9 participation
- **SUNDAY, MAY 3**
9:30 a.m. - Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting
11:00 a.m. - Religious School PTO Meeting
- **TUESDAY, MAY 5 & 19, at 7:30 p.m.**
Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Rabbi Elliot Holin
- **THURSDAY, MAY 7, at 7:30 p.m.**
Continuing Jewish Education for Adults with Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom
- **FRIDAY, MAY 8, at 6:00 p.m.**
"Fun-for-Kids" *erev Shabbat* "Mother's Day" Service with Student Choir
- **MONDAY, MAY 11, at 7:00 p.m.**
Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff
- **FRIDAY, MAY 15, at 6:30 p.m.**
Kabbalat Shabbat followed by dinner and discussion at 7:00 p.m.
- **SATURDAY, MAY 16, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bar Mitzvah of Noah Mass
- **SUNDAY, MAY 17**
Last Day of Religious School and Awards Ceremony
2:00 p.m. - Open House of Artist Gillian Bedford
- **THURSDAY, MAY 21, at 7:00 p.m.**
Social Action Committee Mentorship Program
- **SUNDAY, MAY 24**
10:00 a.m. - *Shavuot Yizkor* Service
1:00 p.m. - *Shavuot* - Confirmation Service
- **TUESDAY, MAY 26, at 7:00 p.m.**
Congregation Annual Meeting
- **FRIDAY, MAY 29, at 6:30 p.m.**
erev Shabbat Services on the Meadow; commence with BYO Dinner at 5:45 p.m.
- **SATURDAY, MAY 30, at 5:30 p.m.**
Bar Mitzvah of Dori Spector ■