

# KOL קול עמי AMI

## Food Festival to include Wholesale Klezmer Band

This year, in addition to enjoying the delights of the various food booths, and finding the hidden treasures at the Tschochke Shop, those attending the 9th Annual Jewish Food Festival will be entertained by The Wholesale Klezmer Band. The Band will play three different 30-minute sets throughout the course of the afternoon.

The Wholesale Klezmer Band, performing together since 1982, specializes in making Klezmer Music accessible to everyone through their translations, stories, explanations and visual aides and, of course the universal language of music that speaks to your feet and makes them want to dance.

Their credits include performances and workshops at the Conference on Judaism in Rural New England, a Celebration of Folk Music for the 100th Anniversary of Carnegie Hall and at the inauguration of President Clinton. Reviews of The Wholesale Klezmer Band are stunning. "Wonderfully entertaining and moving"—*Jewish Weekly News of Western Massachusetts*. "An unforgettable evening of comedy and drama and joy and sorrow"—Dee Sarno, *Saratoga County Arts Council*.

This project was made possible in part with public funds from NYSCA's Decentralization program, administered regionally through the Arts Council of the Southern Finger Lakes.

—Harriet Sweet



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## Helen Levinson to give Spiegler lecture

Helen Levinson will give the Meta and John Spiegler Memorial Holocaust Remembrance Lecture for 2017. The lecture is on Tuesday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Corning Museum of Glass auditorium.

She was born in Poland, where her father was the brew master in a Jewish-owned brewery in Lublin. When she was sent to the Majdanek concentration camp, a guard who had worked at the brewery gave her a Hitler Youth uniform and she slipped out with a visiting group.

She reunited with her family and they went into hiding in the brewery but were discovered. They split up with the hopes that someone would remain alive after the war. A priest gave her a fake birth certificate saying that she was Catholic, and she survived the rest of the war by working in disguise, sometimes for Nazi families. "The wrong word, the wrong move, or even the slightest sign of fright, could have meant a death sentence," she said.

The only survivor of her immediate family, Helen spent years looking for relatives in the United States and finally found an aunt in Rochester by placing a newspaper ad. She moved to the United States in 1947.



# Jewish Center and Federation



*from Executive Director Paul Solyn*

I suspect that many of us were barely aware of the Nativity scene in Wisner Park until it was vandalized last year.

I also suspect that our local Jewish community never protested it, even though Wisner Park is municipal property and a Nativity scene is obviously a Christian religious symbol. According to Jewish tradition, the Torah contains 613 *mitzvot*. Sometimes I think that, for us, there is a 614th: Thou shalt not offend the *goyim*.

I am not suggesting that we protest it now. Frankly, we have bigger things to worry about.

With the recent, huge increase in overt expressions of anti-Semitism, it makes no sense now to protest something that, although pro-Christian, is not directly anti-Jewish. Equally, however, it makes no sense to “hunker down” and try to escape public notice.

We obviously receive considerable notice and recognition from the Jewish Food Festival, which celebrates Jewish gastronomic culture. I think it is time for us to seek community and official recognition for a less pleasurable occasion: Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

First, we should strive to fill the CKA sanctuary for the Yom HaShoah

service. Our typical attendance is, frankly, puny. I would guess that’s because many of us expect it to be depressing, perhaps even gruesome. It isn’t.

Second, that full sanctuary should include non-Jews (there are seats for about 250). We’re expecting a group from the Marsh Creek Fellowship Baptist Church in Tioga County, Pa., which is sponsoring the speaker, and perhaps also from nearby churches to which it has ties. Let’s try to have representatives from many others, too.

Third, we should ask local governments—town, city, county—to issue proclamations about Yom HaShoah, and to have at least one of the leaders deliver them in person.

So here’s what I hope everyone will do: (1) Plan now to attend the Yom HaShoah commemoration and service at CKA on Sunday, April 23. (2) Invite your friends. (3) If you are close to local government leaders and could bring this to their attention, please call me.

When the dedication of Congregation B’nai Israel took place in 1863, a correspondent for *The New York Times* covered it. He wrote, “The Israelites here are not very numerous, but they form a valuable portion of the com-

munity, being industrious, hard-working, peaceful citizens. They preserve the peculiarity of the Jewish race, forming a community within themselves, but they do not manifest this clannish feeling in any objectionable way.”

We still don’t need to be objectionable. But we do need to be visible, and to rally community support. Certainly there is anti-Semitism in this area, but it’s not pervasive and we can help our neighbors to take a stand against it.

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## Mazal Tov

To Ann and Jeff Sigel on the birth of their granddaughter, Aiya Mira Sigel, on October 21, 2016. She joins her 3-year-old brother, Isaac Maxwell Sigel. Her parents are Adam Sigel and HuiTing Tsai. They reside in Koahsiung City, Taiwan.

To Andra & Richard Frank on the birth of their great grandchild, Grayson Gusefski-Bernal, born January 9 to parents Caryn Gusefski and J.R. Bernal of Riverdale, NY. Grandparents are Alyn and Joseph Gusefski, Jr.

To Myra & Jerry Stemerman on the birth of their granddaughter, Harper Avery Stemerman, on January 19. Parents are Tracey Norman and Marc Stemerman.

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## Anniversaries

- 6 Sheila & Jeffrey Katz
- 12 Michele Pavillard & James Freeman
- 12 Phyllis & Doug Holtgrewe
- 14 Phyllis & Paul Shore
- 19 Amanda Sharp & Steven Greenberg

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## JCF co-sponsors film *Before the Flood*

People for a Healthy Environment, Inc., will bring Leonardo DiCaprio’s *Before the Flood* to The Park Church, 208 West Gray Street, Elmira, NY, on Wednesday, April 19th for a 7:00 screening – an additional Meaningful Movie for April.

*Before the Flood* is an award-winning documentary, released last October. Leonardo DiCaprio, actor, environmentalist and the United Nations Messenger of Peace, travels the world to learn how climate change affects our environment and what society can do to prevent the demise of endangered species, ecosystems and native communities across the

planet. During his journey to five continents and the Arctic, DiCaprio speaks with President Barack Obama, Pope Francis, tech innovator Elon Musk, scientists, and activists.

Co-sponsored by The Park Church, the Jewish Center and Federation, and Catholic Charities, the evening will include light refreshments and the opportunity to discuss concerns raised and actions suggested by the film. The event is free and open to all. Please enter via the parking lot side door near Gray Street.

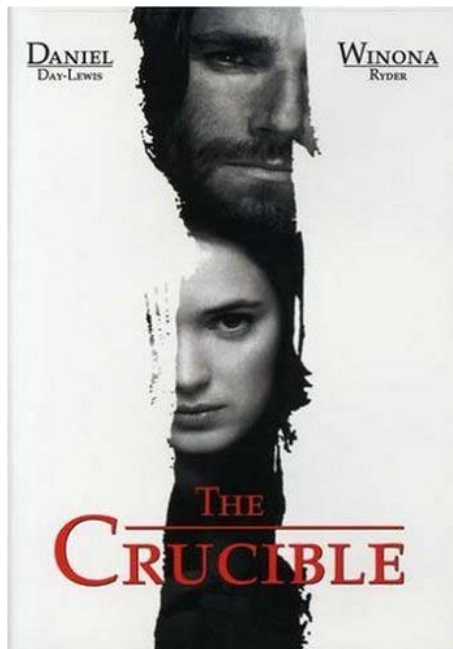
# Film tells of Salem witch trials

The JCF film for April is another playwright's response to the Hollywood "witch hunts" of the 1950s.

Arthur Miller, called to testify before the House Unamerican Activities Committee, said he was willing to testify about his own activities but not about those of anyone else, and was blacklisted in Hollywood.

He wrote two plays in response. *A View from the Bridge* was based on the same underlying story as our March film, *On the Waterfront*. *The Crucible*, now one of the world's most-performed plays, was based on the actual witch trials in Salem, Mass., in the 17th century. There is no satisfactory film of *A View from the Bridge*.

We'll show *The Crucible* on Sunday, April 2, at 3:00 p.m. There have been at least six different film and television adaptations of the play; we'll see the 1996 film version starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Winona Ryder, and Paul



Scofield, for which Miller himself wrote the screenplay.

## JCF Donations

### UJA Campaign

#### Supporter

☆ Marc Hample

### Membership

#### Gold Magen David

☆ John & Joanne Travers

## PRAYER FOR THE ILL OR ILL AT HEART

Adonai, You who blessed our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel, and Leah, send Your blessing to those who are ill of body and ill of spirit. Grant them Refuah Sh'lema, a complete recovery, and may healing come speedily. Amen.

## Birthdays

- 2 Abraham Golos
- 3 Paul Shore
- 5 John Massey
- 6 Faith Gray
- 6 Taylor Dobbs
- 7 Zachary Hempstead
- 7 Stephanie Mayer
- 13 Sandra Ashendorf
- 13 Elizabeth Lloyd
- 14 Madeline Hempstead
- 14 Elaine Short
- 16 Bennett Nast
- 16 Betty Santandrea
- 18 Beverly Dann
- 18 Phyllis Lares

- 20 Marisa Dolkart
- 20 Mindy Elzufon
- 20 Nancy Nicastro
- 23 Darryl Hoffman
- 23 Myra Stemerman
- 24 Marc Stemerman
- 25 David Massey
- 26 Linda Kaufman
- 27 Jeff Katz
- 28 Noah Kravitz
- 29 Barbara Luther

## Community Kitchen



Generous volunteers from CKA and JCF prepare and serve lunch at the Elmira Community Kitchen on the first Thursday of every month. Our next dates are April 6 and May 4. If you can help, contact Gil Sweet. Cooks, food-preparers, food-buyers, table-setters, servers... you name it, we need you! Cash donations may be made through the JCF.



### FREE BOOKS AND MUSIC FOR JEWISH CHILDREN

AGES 6 MONTHS-8 YEARS

<http://www.pjlibrary.org/communities/elmira-twin-tiers/317>

AGES 9-11 YEARS

<http://www.pjourway.org>

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All information for the May issue of the *Kol Ami* must be submitted to one of the organizational offices by **April 10**. Please be sure that all dates are on the JCF calendar prior to the *Kol Ami* deadline.

# Congregation Kol Ami – כל עמי



*from President Ed Braunstein*

The good news is we are almost three weeks into the wonderful weather of spring, which means bright sunny days of summer are right around the corner. With the light unfortunately comes darkness, such as antisemitism arising within our beloved United States. Numerous bomb threats, vandalism of cemeteries, and targeted religious buildings are becoming common occurrences around the country. We have been lucky here in the peaceful southern tier as we have been immune to such appalling events. Regrettably our immunity has run out since the discovery of a swastika symbol displayed on a bench along a popular walking trail.

It is apparent that the time for us to safeguard the CKA property has ar-

rived. The Board of Trustees has authorized the House Committee to upgrade and install new camera/recording systems. The decision has been made to purchase mobile panic buttons for the benefit of all personnel working in the building. Hopefully these are just proactive measures that won't necessarily need to be utilized other than for training exercises.

Further precautions have been discussed and the decision to have Jeffrey Rosenheck lead this project was undisputed. Given his background he's the most effective chairperson to initiate recommendations made by ADL/FBI. Fortunately he agreed and got right down to business calling a meeting for all stakeholders involved. I would like to extend a heartfelt

thank you to Jeff for swiftly and readily taking on such an important task. The safety of our entire community will be his reward.

If at any time there are persons of suspicious nature lurking on the property please don't hesitate to report this to any employee or the police department. Everyone being on the lookout will help to enhance our safety.

Speaking about volunteers, here I go again... The Jewish Food Festival and Cocktails and Knosh are creeping up on us quickly. Any and all contributions are more than welcomed, thank you in advance!!

From my family to yours,  
Shalom

## Shabbat Services

*except as noted below*

Shabbat Evening Service	7:30 PM	CKA Siddur
Shabbat Morning Service	8:00 AM	CKA Siddur
Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 AM	<i>Siddur Sim Shalom</i>

## Noteworthy Upcoming Religious Observances

### Saturday, April 1

Torah Yoga 9:00 AM  
Shabbat Ruach 10:00 AM

### Monday, April 10

Passover First Seder (at home)

### Tuesday, April 11

Pesach Morning Service 9:00 AM  
Community Passover Seder 6:00 PM

### Monday, April 17

Pesach Morning Service & Yizkor 9:00 AM

### Sunday, April 23

Yom HaShoah Commemoration & Service 7:00 PM

### Friday, April 21

Musical Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

## Weekly Torah/Haftarah Portions & Candle Lighting

<p><b>April 7–8</b> 7:22 PM <i>Tzav</i> Torah Leviticus 6:1–8:36 Pr. Malachi 3:4–24</p>	<p><b>April 14–15</b> 7:30 PM Third Day Chol Hamoed Pesach Torah Exodus 33:12–34:26; Leviticus Numbers 28:19–25 Pr. Ezekiel 37:1–14</p>	<p><b>April 21–22</b> 7:38 PM <i>Shemini</i> Torah Leviticus 9:1–11:47 Pr. II Samuel 6:1–7:17</p>	<p><b>April 28–29</b> 7:45 PM <i>Tazria–Metzora</i> Torah Leviticus 12:1–15:33 Pr. II Kings 7:3–20</p>
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from Rabbi Oren Steinitz



Purim has passed, which means that Passover is just around the corner! Unlike the two other pilgrimage festivals – Sukkot and Shavuot – Passover succeeded in remaining a significant holiday even amongst non-observant Jews. According to the latest Pew Report, analyzing the current state of American Jewry, 70% of American Jews participated in a Passover Seder last year. While the numbers are still significantly higher among Orthodox Jews (99%), they are still very high among those who identified as Reform (76%), and even among non-affiliated Jews (47%). In comparison, only 22% of American Jews keep kosher at home, 23% light Shabbat candles most weeks, and only 13% avoid handling money on Shabbat!

A similar survey conducted in Israel

revealed that 90% of Israeli Jews regularly celebrate a Passover Seder, and that 67% avoid eating Chametz.

The popularity of the Passover Seder may be attributed to the fact that it is a home festival, rather than one that is observed at the synagogue. This allows families and individuals to make their own choices regarding how much – if any – of the traditional Haggadah text will be used, and allows an easier adaptation of the ritual to fit the needs and wants of different families than other Jewish holidays

Passover does not only celebrate freedom. It also commemorates the formation of the Jewish People. Our tradition tells us that all of us went out of Egypt, and all of us stood at Sinai to receive the Torah. If that is the case, then all of us should have

the opportunity to celebrate the holiday. As you know, CKA is famous for its wonderful community second-night Seder. However, we need to make sure that everyone has a place to celebrate the first night as well.

If you are holding a Seder in your house, I urge you to see if there is anyone in the community who does not have a place to go for the first night, and invite them. They can be new members, people with no family in town, people who cannot afford to have a Seder of their own, or people who just never do anything special for Pesach. If you do not have a place to go to for the Seder, please let me know and we'll try and make a match.

Together, let's try and make sure that nobody is left behind, and we can all Enjoy the holiday!

## Yom HaShoah commemoration to include talk by survivor

The Yom HaShoah commemoration at Congregation Kol Ami on Sunday, April 23, will include a talk by Holocaust survivor Luna Kaufman. She will speak at 7:00 p.m. The Yom HaShoah service will immediately follow her talk.

Born in Poland in 1926, she and her family were interned in the Krakow ghetto before being deported to concentration camps; her sister and father would ultimately perish at Stutthof and Auschwitz, respectively.

Following the war and the completion of her studies, Kaufman immigrated to Israel. In the 1950s she moved to the United States, where she married and had three children.

She has spoken extensively at schools and universities about Jews' wartime experiences in Poland. She worked closely with Sister Rose Thering, a historian whose research on anti-Semitism in Catholic textbooks influenced the Vatican's 1965 policy paper "In Our Time" that reversed Church teaching holding Jews responsible for the death of Jesus.

Luna's own work was instrumental in New Jersey's adopting a statewide requirement for Holocaust education



in schools. Her memoir, *Luna's Life*, has received numerous awards, both for autobiography and for religion.

Her visit is sponsored by the Marsh Creek Fellowship Baptist Church in Wellsboro, some of whose members are expected to attend the service at CKA. The church's Pastor, Keith Williams, attended a seminar at Yad Vashem last year.

## CKA Book Club 2017

All meetings are in the Library on the 2nd Wednesdays of each month at NOON.

Our next meetings will be

**April 12**

*The Muralist*

by Barbara Shapiro

**May 10**

*The Undoing Project*

by Michael Lewis

**June 14**

*The Last Jew*

by Noah Gordon

Ask for these at the public library, or purchase them and join us, and don't forget to bring your lunch!

Congregation Kol Ami's  
Annual  
Second-Night Passover Seder  
Tuesday, April 11, 2017  
at 6:00 p.m.



Mark your calendars now and RESERVE a place for  
your family at our Seder table as we celebrate our people's historic deliverance  
from bondage to freedom!

Enjoy a delicious kosher meal!  
Individual Seder Plates - Chicken Soup with Matzo Balls (Knaidlach) - Charoset  
Chicken Provençal - Mushroom Onion Farfel Kugel  
Green Salad - Dessert

Adults: \$15.00  
Children (ages 5-13): \$10.00  
Maximum family charge (parents & children only) \$50.00  
All children under 5: no charge

RESERVATIONS are a MUST!!!  
RESERVATIONS ASSURED WHEN YOUR CHECK IS RECEIVED  
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# CKA Donations

## Flowers for the Bimah

- ✧ April 7: In appreciation of the teachings of Rambam, Spinoza, Hashem, and Rabbi Steinitz by John & Joanne Travers
- ✧ April 14: In memory of Irene Grandt by Dr. Edward Grandt
- ✧ April 21: In honor of our 60th wedding anniversary by Paul & Phyllis Shore
- ✧ April 28: In memory of Sally & David Solomon by the Madorsky & Felzensburg families

## Congregational Education Fund

- ✧ In memory of father, Paul Siskin, by Gail & Stewart Siskin & Family
- ✧ In memory of Tom Leyden by Charlotte & Marcus Kantz
- ✧ In memory of Frank Levine by Linda Fox & family
- ✧ In memory of Benjamin Malinowitz by Linda Fox & family

## General Fund

- ✧ In honor of sister, Doreen Staver Kress, by Robin Staver

- ✧ In honor of Jerry Stemerman by Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc.
- ✧ Mazel tov to Myra & Jerry Stemerman on the birth of granddaughter, Harper Stemerman, by Shari & Doug Reynolds and Mindy & Nick Misnick
- ✧ Mazel tov to Myra & Jerry Stemerman on the birth of granddaughter, Harper Stemerman, by Marcia & Terry Lenhardt
- ✧ In memory of mother, Sally Staver, by Robin Staver
- ✧ In memory of Rose Hoffman by Carole Hoffman
- ✧ In memory of Ann Hoffman by Carole Hoffman

## Jerome & Etkind Library Fund

- ✧ In memory of Solomon Horwitz by Leon Horwitz

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In appreciation of Rabbi Steinitz by John & Joanne Travers
- ✧ In honor of the marriage of

Lawrence and Miriam Greene by Loda & Abe Golos

- ✧ In memory of Fred DeCicco by Hon. & Mrs. Sidney S. Graubard

## Dr. David Wladis-Marc Rubino Memorial Youth Fund

- ✧ In memory of Marian Wladis by Beth Wladis
- ✧ In memory of Marc D. Rubino by Beth Wladis

## Air Conditioning Fund

- ✧ Jeffrey Rosenheck
- ✧ Edward Grandt
- ✧ Robin Staver
- ✧ Nanette Barcus
- ✧ James Perle
- ✧ Joan Featherman
- ✧ Terry & Marcia Lenhardt
- ✧ Gail & Richard Gerard
- ✧ Marian Solomon
- ✧ Nancy Nicastro
- ✧ Linda Kaufman
- ✧ Morton Sadinsky

## Accepting Nominations for the CKA Board of Directors

Dear Kol Ami Congregation,

It is the time of year where we search for Congregation members who would like to join the Board of Trustees.

This year we have several openings, including on the leadership team, and are hoping to attract motivated individuals who will help us drive the Congregation growth well into the future.

The open Board positions include:

- Second Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 3 Board of Trustee positions

The additional qualifications we are looking for include someone who:

- Has the time/commitment to be a *working* board member—not one who just shows up for a Board of Trustees' meeting the third Wednesday of the month
- Understands the importance of attracting and retaining members and believes he/she could make a difference
- Is a team player who can work together with others across multiple functions

If this is something you would like to find out more about, please e-mail the CKA office and we will be able to provide you with additional information.

*Please respond no later than Wednesday, April 12.*

We hope you are interested. We think it will be a great use of your time if you are committed to helping our Congregation grow!

Sincerely,

*Mike Lenzner*

Chair of Nominating Committee

ANNOUNCING  
THE NINTH ANNUAL  
**JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL!**

A trip back in time to the gastronomic delights  
of the Lower East Side of New York City

Congregation Kol Ami, 1008 West Water Street, Elmira  
Sunday, April 30, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Additional outdoor seating available on the front lawn under a tent

**THE WHOLESALE KLEZMER BAND**

New this year! Performing on the 26th anniversary of their appearance at Carnegie Hall

**DELICATESSEN**

KOSHER CORNED BEEF AND PASTRAMI SANDWICHES  
KOSHER HOT DOGS ☆ DELECTABLE CHOPPED LIVER  
POTATO KNISHES ☆ KOSHER PICKLES ☆ COLE SLAW

**SOUPS**

CHICKEN SOUP WITH MATZO BALLS ☆ MUSHROOM BARLEY SOUP

**DAIRY**

POTATO LATKES WITH HOMEMADE APPLE SAUCE  
NOODLE KUGEL ☆ CHEESE BLINTZES ☆ LOX AND CREAM CHEESE ON BAGELS  
HERRING AND SMOKED WHITEFISH WITH CRACKERS

**ISRAELI STREET FOOD**

FALAFEL SANDWICH IN A PITA WITH FIXINGS  
CHEESE, SPINACH, AND EGGPLANT BOUREKAS ☆ STUFFED GRAPE LEAVES  
A SELECTION OF SAVORY MIDDLE EASTERN SALADS

**BAKERY**

**ORIGINAL HOMEMADE RECIPES**

CHALLAH ☆ RUGELAH ☆ MANDELBROT WITH A FRUIT FILLING ☆ BAKLAVA ☆ HAMANTASHEN  
CHOCOLATE BABKA ☆ CRUMB BUNS ☆ CHOCOLATE-DIPPED MACAROONS

**BEVERAGES**

EGG CREAMS MADE TO ORDER AND A WIDE VARIETY OF DR. BROWN'S SODAS

**THE TCHOTCHKE SHOP**

STUFFED WITH SMALL TREASURES FOR SALE

**Admission: \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Includes \$3 in food tickets.**

Children under 13 admitted free with an adult.

Tickets available at Congregation Kol Ami, the Jewish Center and Federation,  
Gerould's (Hoffman St., South Main St., & Horseheads); Market Street Apothecary and  
Connors Mercantile in Corning; or call (607) 734-8122.

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# Yahrzeits

April	Nisan			April	Iyar
1 Annie E. Featherman	5	17 Robert Wiesner	21	27 David Horwitz	1
1 Benjamin Novidor	5	17 Samuel Chaitt	21	27 Karyn Gnaizda	1
1 George Wohl	5	18 Abraham David Epstein	22	27 Sophie Warshaw	1
1 Lena Nathenson	5	18 Abraham Jacobson	22	27 Mollie Burtnick	1
1 Louis Levine	5	18 Alan Solow	22	28 Adelaide Sternberg	2
1 Sidney Cimmet	5	19 Ava Volfman	23	28 Florence Schwartz	2
2 Anne Hesselson	6	19 Ella Jerome	23	28 Ada S. Rosenbloom	2
2 Robert Gerstel	6	19 Sally Solomon	23	28 Jack Gladke	2
3 Burton Blazar	7	19 Sigmund Graubard	23	28 Jerome Samuels	2
3 Frances Firestone	7	20 Bernhard Hirschfeld	24	29 Arthur Frank	3
3 Harold Awrich	7	20 Harry F. Markson	24	29 Arthur P. Baker	3
3 Harry Werner	7	21 Marian Gaieski	24	29 Julius Simon	3
3 Jacque Cohen	7	21 Jesse Green	25	29 Leah Stryzinski	3
3 Nathan Tanzman	7	21 Lester Poes	25	29 Solomon Goldman	3
3 Suzanne Levy	7	21 Sam Gimble	25	29 Mae Samuels	3
4 Esther Hobalt	8	22 Dora Yukelson	26	30 Alexander Olszowy Jr	4
4 Esther Malinowitz	8	22 Louis Hample	26	30 Benjamin Golden	4
4 Lena Karmann	8	22 Madeline Hersch	26	30 Harry Horwitz	4
5 Dora M. Shreibman	9	22 Morris Schechter	26	30 Max Eagle	4
5 Geraldine Johnson	9	22 Shirley Etkind	26	30 Maxine Markson	4
5 Jacob Schwalb	9	23 Harry Noble	27	30 Morris Fidelman	4
5 Minerva Sherman	9	24 Adolf Lorey	28	30 Shirley Kaplan	4
5 Mother of Max Berman	9	24 Jessie Hample	28		
6 Isabel Snowiss	10	24 Louis Barkus	28		
6 Jean Weisenfeld	10	24 Sandy Kaplan	28		
6 Jerome J. Gladke	10	25 Robert L. Fidelman	29		
6 Morris Karshen	10	26 LeRoy Stein	30		
7 Emanuel H. Cimmet	11	26 May Poes	30		
7 Harry Warshaw	11	26 Samuel Helman	30		
7 Howard Green	11				
7 Josephine R. Graubard	11				
8 Fannie Stemerman	12				
8 Leonard Linchuck	12				
9 Anthony Burtnick	13				
10 Andre Levy	14				
10 Dorothy Blume	14				
10 Irving Leibman	14				
10 Marian Wladis	14				
10 Milton Jacobson	14				
10 Phyllis Holtzman	14				
11 Esther H. Levine	15				
12 Benjamin Halperin	16				
12 Ike Samuels	16				
12 Joseph Cropp	16				
12 Samuel Cohen	16				
13 Martin Shafer	17				
14 Isidor Featherman	18				
14 Louis Schwaber	18				
15 Lena Eiges	19				
15 Lillian F. Kaufman	19				
15 Lillian Levine	19				
16 Leigh Kingdon-Wolfe	20				
16 Rebecca Wladis	20				
17 Anna H. Radin	21				
17 Irene Grandt	21				

*Names of Confederate soldiers buried in Woodlawn Cemetery are now included in the list above.*

SECOND ANNUAL  
**COCKTAILS & KNOSH AFFAIR**  
 SATURDAY, MAY 20  
 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM  
 Congregation Kol Ami  
 1008 West Water St., Elmira, NY 14905  
*An Evening Of*  
**Fabulous Food      Delicious Desserts**  
**Live Music & Dancing      Open Bar**  
**\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE**  
*\$13,800 Prize Pool – 50 Winning Tickets Drawn*  
 Your presence is not required to win cash prizes, but we hope you join the party! A maximum of 300 tickets will be sold.  
 Multiple tickets may be purchased to increase your winning chances.  
**Ticket Price is still Only \$100 and admits TWO ADULTS.**  
**To Purchase Tickets Call 607-734-7735 or visit the CKA Office.**

# Jewish Community School



from Director Jeff Rosenheck

The JCS had an extremely busy month of March, featuring several exciting events including the annual Purim Carnival, our Pre-K/K/1/2 dinner and our first ever open house. I would like to thank all of the parents, teachers and community members that helped make all these events such a success! A special thanks to Sharon Birdsall for her delicious cooking and to Tina Wise for putting it all together. I want to also thank the executive boards of CKA, JCF and JCS for all of their support with our first open house event.

Our classrooms continue to be a buzz of activity. Our March bulletin

board featured our sixth grade class teaching us about Jewish heroes and the values they teach or taught us. Our younger grades had an opportunity to bake hamantachen and the 8/9 class continues to study the environment and current events facing our country today.

April will feature our model Seder on April 2 for our younger grades. Students will have an opportunity to experience the Seder foods and enjoy a short service. Parents of students in grades 2 and under are welcome to join in the event, which will begin at 11:00 a.m. Family Services will be held on Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. On

April 23, our normal noon services will begin at 11:45 to hold a tribute for Yom Hashoah.

There will be no school April 9 or 16 and no virtual class on April 13 for Spring/Passover break. School will also dismiss at 10:45 on Sunday, April 30 to accommodate the annual Jewish Food Festival.

I thank the community for their continued support and invite you all to contact me with any questions or concerns.

## Class News

### **Kitot Alef & Bet (Grades 1 & 2):**

The Alef class made Hamentashen and Shlach Manot to take home with an attached Purim card. The students celebrated, sang songs and read stories about Purim. For Passover, the students made matzah, learned about the holiday through stories and made a seder plate. In addition to learning and celebrating the holidays, the students have enjoyed several dances. We are approaching the end of our Alef-bet text and will begin reviewing the letters next month.

Wishing Everyone the Best,

*Rivka Miran*

### **Kitot Dalet & Hay (Grades 4 & 5):**

Both Kitah Dalet and Kitah Hay were excited about Purim. Everyone loved to reread the story of Esther, Mordecai, King Ahasueras, and, of course, the evil Haman. This story always inspires wonderful discussions about the many lessons learned from the story, especially the idea of good conquering evil. We also make masks to help celebrate the holiday and enhance our enjoyment of the Purim carnival.

In Kitah Dalet, we learned about

Joshua and the Battle of Jericho and how Rahab's kindness saved her and her family. We also read the story of Deborah and the defeat of Sisera's army. In Kitah Hay, we learned about Purim as we read, discussed, and did the activities in *Jewish Holidays, Jewish Values*. This book enables students to delve deeper into the lessons of Purim. In *America: The Jewish Experience*, we learned about the hundreds of thousands of Jews who immigrated to the United States during the late 1800s and early 1900s. Immigration is a subject that the students are learning about on a daily basis in school from both a historic and present perspective.

*Donna Rothenberg*

**Grades 7 & 8:** I wanted to share a bit about the use of technology in Jewish learning. This year, through the Baker Memorial Fund, we were fortunate to receive small tablets for each student and myself as teacher for classroom use this year. We find them so valuable and use weekly to research timely current topics. They engage the students who are far more comfortable in a digital world than a paper one. Need to read a specific Torah verse? We can google it, get the exact wording, and see multiple commentaries. The students and I have benefited greatly from the generous donation that Ellen Wohl arranged for us. *Todah Rabbah!*

*Amanda Sharp*

## *Musical Shabbat Service*

*with Sue Amisano*

*Friday, April 21*

*7:30 p.m.*

# Jewish Community Calendar

# April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 CKA 9:00 am Torah Yoga 10:00 am Shabbat Ruach
2 JCS 9:00 am –12:15 pm Model Seder (PK–2) CKA 2:00 pm Ritual Committee Meeting JCF 3:00 pm Film <i>The Crucible</i>	3	4	5	6 Community Kitchen JCS Virtual Class  6:00 pm Five Faiths	7 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	8 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
9 No JCS	10  First Seder	11 All Offices Closed CKA 9:00 am Passover Service 6:00 pm Community Seder	12	13 No JCS Virtual Class	14 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	15 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
				Passover		
16 No JCS	17 All Offices Closed  CKA 9:00 am Pesach & Yizkor Service	18 JCF 6:30 pm Exec. Board 7:30 pm Board Mtg.	19 CKA 6:30 pm Exec. Board 7:30 pm Board Meeting	20 JCS Virtual Class	21 CKA 7:30 pm Musical Shabbat Service	22 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
	Passover					
23 JCS 9:00 am –12:15 pm CKA 7:00 pm Yom Hashoah Service  Yom Hashoah	24  Yom Hashoah (Israel)	25 Meta & John Spiegler Memorial Holocaust Lecture 7:00 pm CMOG Auditorium	26	27 JCS Virtual Class	28 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	29 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
30 JCS 9:00 am –10:45 am Early Release Day  Jewish Food Festival 11:00 am–3:00 pm						

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