

KOL קול עמי AMI

Biologist to speak for Evolution Shabbat

Dr. Matthew Temple will speak during the Shabbat Ruach service on February 11, which is Evolution Shabbat.

He is a professor of biology at Nazareth College in Rochester. His specialties are human genetics, three-dimensional imaging of cells, and bioethics. He is a Catholic priest in the Carmelite Order, with an interest in the relationship between faith and science. He was a Fulbright Lecturer in Hungary in 2008, has lectured in Turkey and Portugal, and helped guide a college trip to the Middle East in 2011.



Evolution Shabbat—the Shabbat nearest the birthday of Charles Darwin—is a time for congregations to study the relationship between Judaism and science. It constitutes part of Evolution Weekend, along with commemoration by Muslims on Friday and Christians on Sunday. The Elmira Jewish community began celebrating it in 2010.

The Shabbat Ruach service will begin at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to the service and to a lunch after it.

February 11 is also Tu Bishvat, and following lunch there will be a seder for Tu Bishvat, with an evolutionary twist.

Distributions include Syrian relief

In December the JCF board approved distributions totaling \$49,927 from donations received for the 2015 UJA campaign, including contributions to three organizations helping refugees from Syria.

These are the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief, and IsraAID. The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), which received \$5,000, was founded in 1881 to assist Jews fleeing pogroms in Russia. It helped Jews arriving at Ellis Island, and then Jews escaping from Nazi Germany.

The Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief received \$5,000. It comprises 50 Jewish organizations and is currently helping refugees in Syria and Jordan.

IsraAID is an Israeli charity that sends Arabic-speaking Israeli doctors and nurses to Syrian refugee camps in Greece. It received \$1,000.

The Jewish Federations of North America received \$20,177 to divide between the Jewish Agency for Israel, for projects in Israel, and the Joint Distribution Committee, to help struggling Jews outside both Israel and North America, such as in the former Soviet Union.

The Anti-Defamation League and the Southern Poverty Law Center received \$500 each. The Food Bank of the Southern Tier received \$2,500, and the Community Kitchen received \$500. Other distributions went to Project Keshet (\$500), Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salaam (\$1,000), and the Israel Religious Action Center (\$1,000).

The Jewish Community School received \$9,600. The JCF reserved \$500 for emergency family aid, \$1,000 for disaster relief, and \$1,150 for campaign expenses. Liz Walton chaired the Allocations Committee; other members were Gloria Friedman, Marc Hample, Marcus Kantz, Ellen Wohl, and Paul Solyn.

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Congregation Kol Ami
Jewish Community School

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כל עמי–Congregation Kol Ami



from President Ed Braunstein

As I write this article we are in the midst of the coldest weather of the season. The temperature outside is freezing, the winds howling, and occasionally the snow is falling. When you read this in February hopefully mother nature will be kind to us and the weather will not be as severe.

The good news is CKA is a center of activity that is just beginning to really warm up. By the end of 2016 we not only added at least 11 new memberships, but we mastered operating in the black financially. Our spiritual being improved as witnessed by the spike in attendance at services and other special events. The beautification and building improvements are never ending including the growing fund for air conditioning to reach our goal. The Board of Trustees voted that in order to install AC/Heat ductless units that would encompass the small sanctuary, offices, library, and conference areas we need to collect the cost entirely by donated funds. This project would be beneficial to all the members and office personnel year round.

By adding this to our wonderful home the winter would be much more bearable and the summer would be comfortable. The best part is that it would be far more efficient thus saving utility costs. On the same note the heat for the community room is being aggressively worked towards completion. Lighting is being assessed with strong consideration for high efficiency LED fixture replacement.

The crux of all these projects is funding! Our building fund is currently at the lowest point in my tenure. We rely on donations and fundraisers' to bolster these accounts. Currently two very important events are on the horizon including the Jewish Food Festival and the Cocktails & Knosh. Both events are of high importance as they aid in our financial abilities, but also the dedication and time put in by all the volunteers involved. The Jewish Food Festival is sponsored by the Sisterhood whom always are generously supportive of CKA and the Cocktails & Knosh Affair, which is our singularly largest fundraiser for the

congregation. PLEASE be generous with your support of both events!

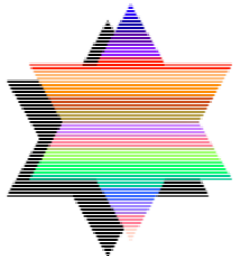
We need volunteers to help with planning, working (during and after the events), and selling tickets. This is the time to stand up and be active! What we accomplish this spring will help to propel a healthy future. Try to think of all friends and associates that we can invite to these events. The more the merrier!

My last ramble will be to encourage all of our members to invite anyone of Jewish lineage to come check us out. Not only are we a spiritual center, but also a center of Jewish heritage, which welcomes everyone of interest to come and experience what we have to offer. Our congregation is a modern evolving center of Judaism, which each and everyone of us should be incredibly proud. Our future depends on growth!

From my family to yours,
Shalom

Birthdays

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| 2 | Loda Golos | 13 | Rachel Peffer |
| 2 | Rebecca Lares | 16 | Joshua Filson |
| 2 | Theodore Weisman | 20 | Zachary Dolkart |
| 3 | Daniel Sporn | 20 | Julianna Sporn |
| 4 | Beverly Schwartz | 21 | Jerome Steinmetz |
| 4 | Robin Staver | 21 | Gloria Friedman |
| 8 | Amy Schwartz | 22 | Cheryl Miller |
| 9 | Ilan Reizes | 25 | Rebecca Gifeisman |
| 9 | Julia Samter | 25 | Kenneth Kadar |
| 9 | Herman Leibson | 27 | Ashley Holtzman |
| 10 | Steven Glantz | 28 | Joshua Berman |
| 11 | Scott Moore | 28 | Andrew Filson |
| 13 | Jacqueline Peffer | 28 | Emily Sporn |



Office hours

Congregation Kol Ami: Monday–Friday,
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Jewish Center and Federation: Monday–
Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and
by appointment.

Flowers for the Bimah



Let's make our Sanctuary a place of beauty and serenity, and honor or remember those whom we love and cherish. Please phone Susan King for information.

from Rabbi Oren Steinitz



One of the first things I was asked after settling in my job (can you believe it's been eighteen months already?) was "when are you going to organize a congregational trip to Israel?" Well, we now have a proposed date!

Over the past few months I have been researching different travel agencies and tour guides, talking to Israeli colleagues, and have finally settled with the Da'at travel agency. One of their representatives, a young Israeli man living in New Jersey and married to a Reform rabbi (an Israeli herself) explained the different options, suggested sites and activities,

and recommended speakers.

I can now say with certainty that we came up with a wonderful plan, that includes incredible sightseeing, fantastic restaurants, some of the best speakers the country has to offer, and a Shabbat dinner with a young, emerging liberal congregation that is hoping to become our 'sister community.'

While nothing is set in concrete yet, we are currently planning on having the trip at the end of October 2017, not long after the high holidays.

If you are interested in joining the trip, or would like more information first of all – please call the office ASAP

and give them your name. On Monday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m., we will be having an information session in which we will outline the trip plan and the costs involved (costs are obviously dependent on how many people register, and a minimum of 15 people is required for the trip to take place). We will have time for any questions that you may have.

This is an exciting opportunity for a trip that is not only enjoyable, but educational and eye opening. I hope many of you will join us for this unique experience.

Shabbat Services

except as noted below

Shabbat Evening Service	7:30 PM	<i>Mishkan T'filah</i>
Shabbat Morning Service	8:00 AM	<i>Mishkan T'filah</i>
Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 AM	<i>Siddur Sim Shalom</i>

Noteworthy Upcoming Religious Observances

Friday, February 3

Tot Shabbat	6:00 PM
JCS Dinner	6:30 PM
Family Shabbat Service	7:00 PM

Shabbat Ruach, Evolution Shabbat	10:00 AM
Lunch & Tu Bishvat Seder	

Saturday, February 4

Sisterhood Shabbat Service	10:00 am
Lunch	

Friday, February 24

Musical Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
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Saturday, February 11

Torah Yoga	9:00 AM
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Saturday, February 25

Shabbat Morning Service	8:00 AM
Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 AM

Weekly Torah/Haftarah Portions & Candle Lighting

Feb. 3–4 5:07 PM <i>Bo</i> Torah Exodus 10:1 – 13:16 Pr. Jeremiah 46:13-28	Feb. 10–11 5:16 PM <i>Beshallah</i> Torah Exodus 13:17 – 17:16 Pr. Judges 4:4 – 5:31	Feb. 17–18 5:25 PM <i>Yitro</i> Torah Exodus 18:1 – 20:23 Pr. Isaiah 6:1 – 7:6, 9:5-6	Feb. 24–25 5:34 PM <i>Mishpatim</i> Torah Exodus 21:1 – 24:18; Exodus 30:11-16 Pr. II Kings 12:1-17
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SAVE THE DATE
JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL
 SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Anniversaries

- 2 Mark & Nadya Gifeisman
- 3 Edwin & Rose Berman

CKA Donations

Flowers for the Bimah

- ✧ February 3: In memory of Morris Granowitz by Edward Grandt
- ✧ February 10: In memory of Sally & Sam Staver by Robin Staver
- ✧ February 17: by John & Joanne Travers. Because "A bimah without flowers is like a soup without salt."

Congregation Education Fund

- ✧ In memory of Vivian Graubard by Sid & Jo Graubard
- ✧ Wishing Charlotte Kantz good health by Myra & Jerry Stemerman
- ✧ In memory of Chet Fox & Fay Levine by Linda Fox
- ✧ In memory of Jeffrey Etkind by Esther Labovitz
- ✧ In memory of David Snowiss by

Myra & Jerry Stemerman

General Fund

- ✧ In memory of Abraham & Edith Rubin by Estelle & Herb Morris
- ✧ In honor of first grandchild, Harlow Sloan Levy, by Robin Staver

Prayer Book Fund

- ✧ In memory of Isadore "Izzy" Earle by Mike and Shelia (Earle) Madden

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In honor of Hope Baptist Church's 25th anniversary, Pastor David Ivy, by Abe & Loda Golos
- ✧ In memory of Mildred Schreiber & Gertrude Rosenwald by Leonard Schreiber
- ✧ In memory of William Sitrin by

Sharon Sitrin-Moore

- ✧ Wishing Abe & Loda Golos good health and a Happy New Year by Myra & Jerry Stemerman
- ✧ In honor of baby naming of granddaughter Maya Eloise Katz by Jeff & Sheila Katz
- ✧ In memory of Frank Tillotson by Irv Appel & Mary Ellen Hunter
- ✧ With special thanks to Rabbi Steinitz from Irv Appel & Mary Ellen Hunter

Seltzer Endowment

- ✧ In memory of Andrew Rosenbloom by Alan & Susan Seltzer
- ✧ In memory of Steven Novack by Alan & Susan Seltzer
- ✧ In honor of Rabbi Steinitz by Alan & Susan Seltzer

CKA Book Club 2017

Come join our 2017 Book Club!

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

February 8

Moonglow

by Michael Chabon

March 8

My Own Words

by Ruth Bader Ginsberg

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

Musical Shabbat Service

with Sue Amisano

*Friday
February 24
7:30 p.m.*

Visit Israel with Rabbi Steinitz in October 2017!

**Information Meeting
Monday, February 13
7:00 PM**

Please call the CKA office, (607) 732-7410, to register for the meeting.

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

CKA Cocktails & Knosh Affair 2017

The Winter Holidays are over, but you may celebrate numerous other occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, and Valentine's Day in the weeks ahead. With the upcoming community event; **Cocktails & Knosh Affair 2017** on Saturday May 20th, may we suggest you consider giving a ticket to this affair as a gift. Giving a ticket shows your appreciation and gratitude by passing to the recipient a great evening of Fun, Live Music, Dancing, and Food. One of the best presents one can give is an enjoyable time. This is a non-religious event and a \$100 ticket admits two persons. Remember, there is \$13,800 in cash prizes within 50 tickets drawn during the **Cocktails & Knosh Affair** along with many door prizes. Please attend this once a year party that benefits Congregation Kol Ami.

Tickets are available in the CKA Office

Sisterhood Shabbat

Saturday, February 4
10:00 AM

Join us for a luncheon
following the service.

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 February 2 and March 2. 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.

HELP US HELP YOU!

Do you know anyone:

- who needs a ride?
- who needs a friendly visitor?
- who wants someone to contact them about help?

Call or send an email to Gil Sweet (607) 742-8017 or call the CKA office at (607) 732-7410.

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.

Jewish Center and Federation



from President Marcus Kantz

So, a guy walks into the Diner and asks for an Egg Cream. The cook pauses and then almost shouts “A what?”. “What, you don’t know what an Egg Cream is? I thought you were a cook.” Yeah, well, I *am* a cook, but, (in a whisper) please tell me what is an Egg Cream.”

“Well”, the guy says, “it’s kind of a story.” “OK, so tell me the story. I’m kind of intrigued, but try to hurry up in case someone else comes in and orders real food.” “Fine, says the guy, here goes.”

“First, you gotta understand three things: 1. an Egg Cream has no egg. 2. An Egg Cream has no cream, and 3. A Real Egg Cream really can only be made in New York City, preferably in Brooklyn or the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Those, of course, are the traditional Jewish neighborhoods where they always knew how to make authentic Jewish food. In the Lower East Side, Hester Street was the place to get the very best Egg Creams.”

“OK,” the cook interjects, “so you’ve told me what it does NOT contain and where it is made, namely, NOT here. If you’re so smart, why are you here in my diner in the first place?”

“I’m here because I really want an Egg Cream, and, if you’d just give me a chance, I’ll tell you how to make me one, OK?” The cook didn’t exactly say anything at that point, but gave a look that seemed to say: Fine, go ahead, but get to the point.

“An Egg Cream has three ingredients: milk, chocolate syrup and seltzer water. Whole milk is certainly best, giving the impression of cream, and the colder the better. You’re probably OK there. Seltzer from the fountain or from an old fashioned seltzer bottle is next. Your fountain will do just fine. Seltzer from a store-bought bottle is OK too, but doesn’t provide as much fizz, which slightly decreases the glory of the final product, but it’s still fine. Then, comes chocolate syrup. Hershey’s is very good for this purpose,

but probably not quite as authentic of Fox’s U-Bet. I can see on your sign that you use Hershey’s. In other words, we’ll do very well with your ingredients, right here in Elmira, NY.”

“Great, some progress, now how do we make it?”

“As with most traditional Jewish delicacies, there is no real agreement on this (drawing a sort of knowing guffaw from the cook), but here’s the way I’d recommend.

First, in a 12-ounce glass, you put about three quarters of an inch of cold milk in the bottom. Then add about a quarter of an inch of chocolate, and stir with a spoon until it’s consistent. Now comes the important part, adding the seltzer. You have to stir constantly while adding the seltzer, till it fills the glass. It should foam up really well. Then serve right away. That’s it, an authentic New York City Egg Cream.”

Without a peep, the cook then collects the ingredients and starts the process. After all he’s a cook, and doesn’t need to write it down or ask for any more clarification. The milk, the chocolate, the stirring, and then the seltzer from the tap, with constant stirring, producing the promised foam. He hands it to the guy on the other side of the bar, raises his shoulders, holds out his hands, palms up in front of his body and asks “So?”

The guy takes a little sip, wipes the foam off his upper lip, and then takes a couple of good sips and puts down the glass. After again wiping the foam, he smiles broadly: “Perfect, I’m as happy as can be. Thank you, thank you, thank you.”

“You’re most welcome. And now I think I’ll make one for myself. While I’m doing that, wanna tell me what made you think of an Egg Cream here in Elmira in the middle of winter?”

“Sure. But it’ll require another little story.” Without waiting for a wise-crack he continued. “Here in Elmira, on Sunday April 30, the Jewish Center and Federation of the Twin Tiers – the

JCF – will be hosting its annual Jewish Food Festival at Congregation Kol Ami on West Water Street. The members of JCF and the Congregation turn the big room in the synagogue into Hester Street on the Lower East Side, with booths for all of the traditional foods that were made and sold there in the old days, from chicken soup, to deli sandwiches, to Middle Eastern delicacies, to dairy delights, some fish, and challah, rugelach and many other baked goods, and of course, desserts. And the *piece de resistance*, as far as I’m concerned, is the Egg Creams. It so happens that I’m one of the Egg Cream preparers. And to top it off, there will be Klezmer music, raffles and some Tshotchkas for sale. It’s one of the Elmira highlights of the year, whether you’re Jewish or not.

The JFF, as we call it, is open to the public for a nominal fee, and a very reasonable price for tickets to spend at each of the booths – especially the Egg Cream booth. And thinking about the JFF made me think about Egg Creams, and here I am.

But for me, even better than the food (and the Egg Creams), is all of the camaraderie and fun that goes into the hard work that makes it all happen: the planning, the baking, the cooking, the building of the booths, and the staffing of all of the booths during the Festival.”

“I have to admit, you make it sound mighty inviting, and, frankly, this Egg Cream is quite special indeed” the cook said as he wiped the foam off his upper lip. “You said April... ?” getting a nod from the guy. “I can probably get my nephew to cover for me here so the wife and I can go, as long as I don’t tell him where I’m going. Oh, and the Egg Cream is on the house, in exchange for the learning experience.”

“Thank you very much. It was my pleasure indeed. I’ll be back before then, for sure, and I’ll be looking forward to meeting your wife at the JFF. Bye bye.”

from Executive Director Paul Solyn



In Israel, it's common for Orthodox Jews to disparage other Orthodox Jews by calling them *reformi*. That's what I said: Orthodox Jews denouncing *other* Orthodox Jews as "Reform." Those would be Orthodox Jews, especially rabbis, who are not quite as rigid in their views as those doing the disparaging.

Until recently, it seems, that was the worst term they could think of.

Now some of them have begun calling each other *notzri*—"Christian." One person so denounced explained it as a form of inflation: when you call everyone Reform, it ceases to be sufficiently extreme. So when you become even angrier at someone, there's no place to go within the Jewish world, and you have to call the person a Christian.

In fact, some Orthodox Jews in Israel have genuine problems because

of not holding to the line drawn by *Haredi* (ultra-Orthodox Jews). Among them are Modern Orthodox women who want not only to pray at the *Kotel*, the Western Wall, but want to pray in the way they choose: audibly and with a Torah scroll.

Some of these women now call themselves the Original Women of the Wall. They distinguish themselves from the *other* Women of the Wall because the latter group has accepted the compromise reserving a section for egalitarian prayer.

They don't want to pray together with men, as the egalitarian section allows. They want to pray on their own, in the original women's section, without men telling them what to do or not do.

Meanwhile, the government still has not implemented the compromise, and promised improvements to

the egalitarian area have not been made. From time to time, in fact, groups of Orthodox men intrude into it in order to set up a *mechitzah*, a barrier between women and men.

The Women of the Wall (both factions) continue to try to read from the Torah every Rosh Chodesh. In December some women were body-searched by guards who suspected that they were trying to smuggle in a Torah scroll. In January, when they came to the Wall early because Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat would fall on Shabbat, guards demanded that they open their coats. Most refused and held their minyan outside the security checkpoint.

That same day, 27 Jewish community centers in America received bomb threats. The week before, there were bomb threats to 16. I guess it's a relief that in Israel, religion is the only thing Jews worry about.

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“Unforgettable Africa” set for Feb. 26

From Johannesburg, SA to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe and Botswana in between, Gil Sweet and Sandy Morris tracked and captured (in electrons) the Big Five wild animals of Southern Africa and many others.

Along the way they got a sense of the landscape, history and culture of Unforgettable Africa. Now, under sponsorship of the Jewish Center & Federation, they share this travelogue with you.



Sandy is an Adjunct Instructor of Biology at Monroe Community College. He is an incredibly talented and published photographer. He travels world wide conducting safari eco-photo tours of various cultures, landscapes and wildlife. Come join us as he shares his past adventures and his upcoming ones on Sunday, February 26, at 10:30am.

Jewish Community School

Friday, February 3

Tot Shabbat at 6:00 p.m.

Kosher spaghetti dinner at 6:30 p.m.

\$5 per adult, \$3 for children 6-12,
children 5 & under eat free



Family Shabbat service at 7:00 p.m.,
led by students in grades 4, 5 & 6

Reservations to the JCF office by **February 1**
607.734.8122 or email office@jewishelmira.org

Adult Education

Open to the entire community

Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.: Breakfast and discussion—topic determined by the participants. A \$3 donation is requested. Attend the brief Shabbat morning service at 8:00 a.m. and stay for breakfast, or come for breakfast and stay for the full Shabbat service at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 12 at 10:30 a.m.: Torah cantillation for beginners, with Paul Solyn. Limited to learners who attended classes in January.

Sunday, February 26 at 9:00 a.m.: Torah cantillation for beginners, with Paul Solyn. Limited to learners who attended classes in January.

Sunday, February 26, at 10:30 a.m.: “Unforgettable Africa” with Gil and Harriet Sweet and Sandy Morris.

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A very good year for Jazzy Junque

The Jewish Center and Federation's Jazzy Junque Sale had a very good year! Our figure of record for 2016 will be nine thousand dollars, a high for most of the 25+ years of the project's existence. This is a remarkable number, all the more so because, for a variety of reasons, the crew of Jazzy Junque volunteers was a bit smaller than usual this year. We're experienced, though, and we're dogged, and these things clearly counted for quite a lot.

This year, for only the second time, the Jazzy Junque Sale featured an "estate" section. Items displayed in our estate groupings on the stage included art glass, antique and vintage decorative items, exquisite vintage linens, paintings, rugs, and furniture. One hundred different shoppers spent a total of two thousand dollars as they stepped off stage! There is no other sale in the area that attracts both the kinds of donations we have been fortunate to see over the years, and the savvy shoppers to scoop up such treasures.

What happens after the sale ends is as important to the Jazzy Junque team as what comes before it. Department chair people carefully consider what remains on their tables. Some things returned to the Jazzy Junque storage room, to be offered for sale at the Jewish Food Festival. Menswear went off to North Presbyterian, whose

Food Pantry clients are also offered free clothing. CKA's Fran Jankowski saw to it that clothing, bedding, and cookware made its way to both a Methodist, and a Baptist church for give-away through their own programs, and to raise money to support an overseas orphanage. Our books will benefit the Chemung County Library District through its annual sale. Toddler books are in the hands of Head Start families. Some bedding and towels headed to the SPCA. Finally, the Northern Tier Children's Home brought a truck to our door to collect everything else.

With a small assortment of items of some value, we will try to raise additional funds through online auctions, through Vestal's Mapes Auctioneers, and in local and Philadelphia consignment clothing stores.

There will be a 2017 Jazzy Junque Sale, date to be decided. Meanwhile, we invite your donations for the Jewish Food Festival's Tchotchke Booth, and for the next Jazzy Junque Sale, weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., and by appointment. Call the JCF at 7 (607)734-8122 to arrange to drop your things in the basement-level Jazzy Junque storage room.

Although we do not sell clothing at the Tchotchke Booth, we want to encourage all our well-dressed women to inventory your closets and drawers.

We will be delighted with everything you no longer love. Contemporary women's clothing, shoes, and accessories in like-new condition will be sorted for consignment immediately. Children's clothing and books are equally consignable, and always welcome.

Our small team wants to stretch and grow! To do this, we need new people, with new ideas. If you want to try out a role with the Jazzy Junque project, please reach out to the JCF office, or to any of our department chair people, who are: Anita Adelsberg, Sharon DeHass, Terri Dobbs, Maddy Dolkart, Steve Etkind, Lisa Goldberg, Faith Gray, Marjorie Hamilton, Charlotte Kantz, Marcus Kantz, Barb Luther, Cynthia Massey, Sheila Rachlin, and Annie Werner. In the office, both Tina Wise and Paul Solyn play significant roles in the effort and are easy-to-find resources for your questions. It's a year-round project, so there's always something for someone to do.

Many thanks as always to CKA for generously allowing the Jazzy Junque Sale the use of the basement for the extended period this enormous project requires. Without year-round storage and access, the JCF could not sponsor this dependable fund-raising event.

And to donors, thank you. Don't stop! If it's like-new, but just not you, it's Jazzy Junque! —Sheila Rachlin

JCF film focuses on Holocaust denial

Deborah Lipstadt lived the quiet life of a scholar, conducting research on the Holocaust and how it was remembered or misremembered, until her book *Denying the Holocaust* was published in 1993.

Two years later, British historian David Irving, who specialized in writing about the Third Reich, filed a lawsuit against her for calling him a Holocaust denier. At one time, other historians had praised his work. More recently, his revisionist views about Hitler had grown increasingly extreme. Although he admitted that concentration camps had existed, he claimed that the Nazi regime had never ordered the murder of millions of Jews, and he insisted that there were no gas chambers at Auschwitz.



Irving filed the suit in the United Kingdom, where libel laws put the burden of proof on the defendant, not on the plaintiff. So Lipstadt had to

prove that the Holocaust actually took place. It was a huge risk, not only to Lipstadt's reputation, but also to the future of history.

The British court found that Lipstadt had not libeled Irving. It agreed that he was a Holocaust denier and that his comments during the trial confirmed he was an "antisemite" and a "racist."

Our February film, *Denial*, is a dramatization of Lipstadt's 2006 book *History on Trial*. It stars Rachel Weisz as Deborah Lipstadt, Timothy Spall as Irving, and Tom Wilkinson and Andrew Scott as her legal team.

The screening is on Sunday, February 12, at 2:30 p.m. It's free and open to the public.

Yahrzeits

February

1	Lenora H. Nast	5
1	Nettie Steinmetz	5
1	Rose Y. Hoffman	5
2	Bertha Singer Prell	5
3	Allan B. Golde	7
3	Betty C. Goldsmith	7
3	Harry Sandler	7
3	Arthur O. Varon	7
3	Karen Featherman	7
4	Jennie L. Yudkovsky	8
4	Rachel Rubinstein	8
4	Sarah Stemerman	8
4	Leon Braude	8
5	Anne Kohn	9
5	Anthony Rondinaro	9
5	Harry Hofrichter	9
5	Minerva Laskow	9
6	Irving S. Simon	10
6	Lewis Wolosky	10
6	Lillian Walter	10
6	Paul Levy	10
6	Rose Tondow	10
6	Herman S. Schindler	10
7	Constantia Brownfield	11
7	Marvin Wladis	11
8	Bernard Komer	12
8	Joe Kaplan	12
8	Samuel A. Rabinowitz	12
8	Laura M. Marlowe	12
9	Beatrice Perling	13
9	Lionel Sacks	13
9	Meier Weinrauch	13
9	Sally Staver	13
9	Milton Aronowitz	13
9	Morris B. Seamon	13
10	Albert Kaplan	14
10	Eva Cohen	14
10	J. Ralph Paltrowitz	14
10	Miriam Hoffman Jacobs	14
10	Sadie S. Schindler	14
10	Shirley Sherman Silver	14
12	Edith Treinin	16
12	James R. Clifton	16
13	Barbara Blazar	17
13	Rochelle Gordon	17
13	Sally Sorin	17
13	Mary Berinsein	17
14	Barbara (Gordon) Bacon	18
14	Bertha Winkelstein	18
14	Ella Spiegler	18
14	Irving Sandler	18
14	Samuel Allenstein	18
14	Saul Cadel	18

Shevat

15	Ann Hoffman	19
15	Ernest Rosenwald	19
15	George Buchsbaum	19
15	Gertrude Baim	19
15	Jay Featherman	19
15	Max Berman	19
15	Rhea Shadruff	19
15	Morris Berger	19
16	Bernard Louis Porter	20
16	George Plitt	20
16	Sanford L. Zalburg	20
16	Sally Aronowitz	20
17	Edward Rubinstein	21
17	Everett Gray	21
17	Philip Snowiss	21
17	Maude M. Pollak	21
18	Rhea Shulman	22
18	Sarah M. Friendly	22
19	Harry Seltzer	23
19	Jacob Adelson	23
20	Rev. Elmer Appel	24
21	Martha W. Spiegel	25
21	Etta Berman	25
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22	Bernard Kahn	26
22	Esther Sandler	26
22	Florence R. Berger	26
22	Harriet M. Levy	26
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22	Tessie Stemerman	26
22	Judith Stern	26
22	Pauline Cooper	26

22	Simon Glaser	26
23	Edward J. Hoffman	27
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23	Harry Stemerman	27
23	Joseph Rockman	27
23	Pauline Pollak	27
24	Virginia S. Friedman	28
25	David Finkelstein	29
25	Flora Seamon	29
25	Louis Levy	29
25	Robert B. Perling	29
26	Dora Baker	30
26	Dorothy C. Webber	30
26	Harriet Johnson	30
26	Montefiore Pollak	30
26	Rita Leveen	30

February

27	Anna S. Kaplan	1
27	Julius Pollak	1
28	Ada Pollak Locks	2
28	Benjamin Malinowtiz	2
28	Betty Ann Schooler	2
28	Irving Glass	2
28	Jacqueline N. Naron	2
28	Kate Stein	2
28	Lawrence Schooler	2
28	Shaul Yarkoni	2

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

20th Annual Shabbat Across America

On Friday night, March 3, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

CKA will join hundreds of synagogues across the continent to take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews — Shabbat!

Everyone is invited... Singles, couples, families — all ages.
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Jewish Community School



from Director Jeff Rosenheck

With the cold temperatures upon us, things are heating up inside the religious school classrooms! January marked the end of the first-semester marking period. Parents should expect to see report cards in their mailboxes in the coming weeks. The report cards highlight units of study and overall progress and performance.

February 3 offers our next school sponsored dinner. Tot Shabbat will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by a kosher spaghetti dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Students in grades 4, 5, 6 will then lead services, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Those wishing to come to dinner must reserve a seat by calling the JCF Office at 607-734-8122 no later than February 1.

Our school-wide Tu Bishvat Seder will be held on Sunday, February 5, at 11:15 a.m. Families are invited to come and celebrate the birthday of the trees with the staff and students.

Due to the public school mid winter break, there will be no school on Sun-

day, February 19, or Thursday, February 23. School will resume on Sunday, February 26.

The school would also like to thank CKA for having the classroom floors waxed. They look fantastic!

As always, thank you all for the support of the school. If anyone has any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 607-731-4217.

Class News

Ganon/Gan Yeladim (Pre-K & K):

In the month of January our lessons focused on Shabbat and beginning Hebrew. We are learning some new material as well as reviewing what we learned last year. Our friends at Shalom Sesame are helping us with our curriculum.

We have been lucky to share some of our music time with students in other classes. This really helps us learn new songs. Thanks to the other teachers and students!

Kathy Rosenheck

Kitah Alef (Grade 1): After the holiday break, students began the second half of the year. The class resumed studies by reading stories which tell of Jewish values. Each story gives the students an example of how we can build a better Jewish community and world. The students are half-way through their text on the Alef-Bet. The students continue to play games, sing, and complete art projects to reinforce what we have learned in class.

Rivka Miran

Kitot Dalet & Hay (Grades 4 & 5):

After our winter break, everyone is back and ready to work! Kitah Dalet has been having a lot of wonderful discussions about Israel as we continue our "journey" through the country.

As we read and discuss *Welcome to Israel* and *Passport to Israel*, we are able to combine the information from both to better understand Israel's culture and geography. Both books give us an excellent basis for comparison between our lives and the lives of those living in Israel. The students find the similarities and differences fascinating.

In Kitah Hay, the class is equally enjoying the information they are learning about the many Jewish scholars and heroes that have made an incredible impact on the United States throughout its history. As we read each chapter in *America: The Jewish Experience*, we are continually reminded of the numerous and amazing contributions made by Jewish citizens every day. Kitah Hay will also be designing the upstairs bulletin board for the month of February!

Donna Rothenberg

Kitot Hay & Vav (Grades 5 & 6):

Shalom. The 5th grade has been studying baby naming. We have looked at the significance of names and the importance of naming. Examples of naming after the deceased, naming after the living, and giving Biblical names were explored. You might have been asked how you picked your child's name. We are now moving on to consecration.

The 6th grade has been studying the mitzvah of Zionism with Golda Meier as the role model presented in their text, *Jewish Heroes Jewish Values*. We are going further in depth with each of the values we have studied so far, Jewish study and Jewish solidarity, as we prepare to decorate the bulletin board. We are also exploring the importance of seeds bearing plants and our responsibility to the earth. Your students have been sent home with questions for you. Thank you so much for your support.

Eileen Pollack

Tichon (High School): We will be continuing to explore how *Tikkun Olam* is both a Jewish way of thinking and, more important, a Jewish way of acting. Every time you drive less or slow down you practice *tikkun olam* by reducing your carbon footprint. Every time you sort your garbage before sending it out you are living *tikkun olam*. Every time you shorten your shower, use a water saving appliance you are living *tikkun olam*.

Amanda Sharp

10,000 Greeting Cards!

An unusual and generous gift to CKA
from Geoffrey Rubin
upon the closing of his venerable downtown store.

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You'll cry
You'll fress
You'll buy.
See you then. Bring a friend.

CKA is deeply grateful to Geoff Rubin for this amazing gift.

Dear Fellow Congregant,

It's a fundraiser and a Mitzvah, rolled into one!! And our Annual Purim Project involves everyone. What could be better? So join in on the fun and good will.

On the following pages you will find a list of congregants. Everyone will receive a Purim greeting card and local members will also receive Shalach Manot – a small gift of food. If you would like your name signed on a congregant's card, simply put a checkmark next to their name. Count up the checkmarks and make a donation equal to \$1.00 for each name, or greet the entire Congregation for \$100.00.

You can order additional gifts for local or out-of-town delivery for friends and family (grandchildren!). Just provide the mailing address and \$10.00 per bag, and we will do the rest. There is no charge for mailing to your children who attend college.

Please make your check payable to CKA and mail or bring it to the office by Friday, March 3, along with the list of members and you will have the satisfaction of helping breathe life into an old and honored tradition.

Please join in.

*Harriet Sweet
CKA Purim Committee*

PURIM GREETING 2017

Name _____

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	Lee & Anita	Adelsberg		Steven & Amanda Sharp	Greenberg
	Irv & Mary Ellen Hunter	Appel		Lawrence & Miriam	Greene
	Marina	Aptekman		Michael & Michelle	Halperin
	Robert & Sandy	Ashendorf		Marjorie	Hamilton
	Benzakina	Babayev		Marc	Hample
	Gloria	Baker		Martin & Debra Chesman	Hempstead
	Nanette	Barcus		Lee & Beth	Herbst
	Herman & Michelle	Berliss		Floriatt	Herman
	Ed & Rose	Berman		Ronald & Kathy	Herman
	Larry & Diane	Berman		Harriett	Hesselson
	Freyda	Black		Thomas & Suzanne	Hesselson
	Miriam	Biatch		Lenard & Marianne	Hirshman
	Brittany	Braunstein		Carole	Hoffman
	Edwin & Carol	Braunstein		Darryl & Maggie	Hoffman
	Sue	Braunstein		Sara	Holtzman
	Jeffrey & Susan	Cadel		Leon	Horwitz
	Herbert	Caplan		Dorothy	Jacobson
	Lea	Champion		Miriam	Jacobson
	Harvey & Linda	Chernosky		John A. & Eva	Kadar
	Larry & Kathy	Cohen		Kenneth W. & Zsuzsana	Kadar
	Robert & Carla	Cohen		Peter & Doreen-Oliver	Kadar
	Jeffrey & Beverly	Dann		Marcus & Charlotte	Kantz
	Sharon	DeHaas		Rhoda	Kaplan
	Terri	Dobbs		David & Denise	Kartzman
	Larry & Maddy	Dolkart		Jeffrey & Sheila	Katz
	Robert & Caren	Douenias		Linda	Kaufman
	Martha	Eden		Susan	King
	Steven	Etkind		Stuart & Judy	Komer
	Louis & Joan	Featherman		Steven & Lisa Goldberg	Koob
	Andrew & Polly	Filson		Anders M.	Korn
	Richard & Andra	Frank		Lee	Kosow
	Ronald & Gloria	Friedman		Jon & Debbie	Kravitz
	Mindy & Joe	Gaieski		Linda	Kruger
	Richard & Gail	Gerard		Michael & Malvina	Kushnir
	Michael & Susan	German		Phyllis & Michael	Lares
	Dian	Gerstel		Theodore & JoAnn	Lax
	Mark & Nadya	Gifeisman		Terence & Marcia	Lenhardt
	Maureen	Gladke		Michael & Lynnette	Lenzner
	Stephen	Glantz		Rachelle	Lerner
	John & Elizabeth Walton	Goldman		Herman & Galina	Liebson
	Mitchell & Theresa	Goldwater		Jerry & Harriette	Lindsey
	Ted & Maria	Goldwyn		Michael & Lynn	Lloyd
	Abraham & Loda	Golos		Norman	Lovitch
	Margo	Golos		Richard & Linda	Lubell
	Edward	Grandt		Edith	Lubin
	Clay	Granoff		Barbara	Luther
	Jim & Faith	Gray		Sheila	Madden

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	John & Cynthia	Massey		Marsha	Stemerman
	Susan	Messing		Shannon	Stemerman
	Cheryl	Miller		Peter	Strumpf
	Scott & Sharon	Moore		Gilbert & Harriett	Sweet
	Nancy	Nicastro		Tobi & Levi Clark	Thornton
	Ralph & June	Obler		Edyth	Tompkins
	Irene	Paltrowitz		Gertrude	Webber
	Lauren & Lloyd	Peffer		Marcia	Weber
	James & Kristine	Perle		Charles & Priscilla	Weinstein
	Richard & Felicia	Poes		Janice	Weisenfeld
	Alex & Trudi	Porter		Murray & Annie	Werner
	Judith	Prentice		Robert & Jill	White
	Alex & Marilyn	Rabinowitz		Rosalyn	Wladis
	Leslie & Sheila	Rachlin		Ellen	Wohl
	Herbert & Hilde	Robbins		David	Kingdon-Wolfe
	Richard	Rosenberg		Esther & Ofir	Yaloz
	Jeffrey	Rosenheck		Andrey & Marietta	Zaborsky
	Michael	Rosenthal		Jody	Zacker
	Arleigh	Rothenberg			
	Geoffrey	Rubin			
	Gregory	Rubin			
	Haskell	Rubin			
	Jeffrey & Andrea	Rubin			
	Marc & Penny	Rubin			
	Amy	Ruza			
	Alan	Sactor			
	Morton	Sadinsky			
	Steven & Mindy Elzufon	Salsburg			
	Richard & Heidi	Savin			
	Leonard	Schreiber			
	Jack & Beverly	Schwartz			
	Alan & Susan	Seltzer			
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	Paul & Phyllis	Shore			
	Ralph & Svetlana	Short			
	Jeffrey & Ann	Sigel			
	David & Doris	Siskin			
	Leona	Siskin			
	Marion	Solomon			
	Emily & Dorothy	Solow			
	Paul	Solyn			
	Daniel & Sharon	Sporn			
	Robin	Staver			
	Adar & Rabbi Oren	Steinitz			
	Jerome & Natalie	Steinmetz			
	Jerald & Myra	Stemerman			
	Marc	Stemerman			

- ___ \$1.00 for each name checked on list.
- ___ \$100.00 to greet all members of CKA
- ___ I prefer to pick up my bag rather than have it delivered
- ___ I won't be home. Please send Purim Card only

College Students – No charge for mailing. We **MUST** have a mailing address by **Weds. March 1**, or no bag will be prepared.

EXTRA BAGS for you to mail or deliver to family, friends or grad students @ \$10.00 each.
Need Name/s. _____

ALL BAGS WILL BE READY FOR PICK UP AT CKA ON SUNDAY, MARCH 12 11 AM to 1 PM
Purim Bag delivery between 3/12 and 3/17

ALL GREETINGS FORMS WITH CHECK MUST BE RETURNED BY Friday, March 3

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Jewish Community Calendar

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Community Kitchen JCS Virtual Class	3 CKA 6:00 pm Tot Shabbat 6:30 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Family Shabbat with Grades 4,5 & 6 leading	4 CKA 10:00 am Sisterhood Shabbat Lunch
5 JCS 9 am - 12:15 pm Tu Bishvat Seder CKA 10:00 am Sisterhood Breakfast & Greeting Card Sale	6	7	8	9 JCS Virtual Class	10 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	11 Evolution Shabbat CKA 9:00 am Torah Yoga 10:00 am Shabbat Ruach 12:00 Lunch & Tu Bishvat Seder
12 JCS 9 am - 12:15pm JCF 10:30 am Torah Cantillation Class JCF 2:30 pm film <i>Denial</i>	13 CKA 7:00 p.m. Israel Trip Meeting	14	15 CKA 6:30 pm Exec. Board 7:30 pm Board Meeting	16 JCS Virtual Class	17 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	18 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
19 No JCS	20 Washington's Birthday	21	22	23 No JCS Virtual Class	24 CKA 7:30 pm Musical Shabbat Service	25 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
26 JCS 9 am - 12:15p m JCF 9:00 am Torah Cantillation Class JCF 10:30 am Unforgettable Africa	27	28 JCF 6:30 pm Exec. Board 7:30 pm Board Mtg.				

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